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CCIP Note # 376

Re: Eligibility for FY2018 Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Funds
Date: April 28, 2017
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Title I Directors/Coordinators and Consolidated Application Contacts

The FY 2018 Eligibility for Rural Low-Income School (RLIS) and Small Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA) spreadsheet for Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) is available at this link. A district may be eligible for REAP funds through the Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant and/or the Rural Low Income School (RLIS) grant. Please check your district's eligibility as the REAP program has changed in ESSA for the FY18 year. There are several options in which districts may be eligible.

1. SRSA grant only.
2. SRSA Hold Harmless - Previously eligible, but lost eligibility due to changes in locale code designation.
3. RLIS grant only
4. Dual Enrollment - Eligible for both SRSA or RLIS grant.

Below is a brief description of the process for each eligibility.

SRSA grant only districts - Districts receive funding directly through the U.S. Department of Education. Due to ESSA, a district must apply each year for the SRSA grant. Prior to ESSA, once a district completed their initial eligibility application, they did not have to apply each year. If they were eligible they received funding. Now, SRSA districts must apply annually through www.grants.gov to receive funding for this application. **The application period is May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.** The district DUNS number must be current and active to be able to apply in grants.gov. Districts must also register in www.grants.gov to complete the application. For directions on how to apply for the SRSA grant click here.

SRSA Hold Harmless - Districts that received SRSA funds in FY17, but no longer are eligible for SRSA funds due to changes in locale codes will receive partial funds in FY18 (75%), FY 19 (50%), and FY20 (25%). Hold Harmless SRSA districts must apply for funds through www.grants.gov. The district DUNS number must be current and active to be able to apply in grants.gov. For direction on how to apply for the SRSA Hold Harmless funds click here.

RLIS grant only - Districts that are eligible for the RLIS grant will apply for their grant through the Consolidated Application. To receive a substantially approved date of July 1, 2017, districts will need to complete their application by June 30, 2017.

Dual Enrollment - Districts that are eligible for both the SRSA or the RLIS grant must determine which grant they wish to apply for. Districts may only apply for one grant.
Dual Enrollment districts need to inform the REAP state coordinator, Diane Neal, which grant they have decided to apply for by **June 1, 2017**. To apply for the SRSA grant, districts will need to apply at www.grants.gov and will need to have a current and active DUNS number. Districts that decide to apply for the RLIS grant will apply through their consolidated application.
If you have any questions regarding the REAP program or this note, please contact the REAP state coordinator, Diane Neal, at 614-728-3483 or diane.neal@education.ohio.gov.

SRSA districts may also contact the SRSA contact for Ohio at the U.S. Department of Education, Jean Marchowsky, at 202-205-2161 or jean.marchowsky@ed.gov.