CCIP Note # 529

Re: Federal Programs Updates and Clarifications of CCIP Notes 527 and 528
Date: June 28, 2023
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts, Nonpublic School Principals

Federal Programs Updates and Clarifications
Please refer to CCIP Note 527 and CCIP Note 528 for important announcements regarding end-of-year closeout of Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) grants and preparation for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24).

Clarification on ARP ESSER Obligation Deadline
The Ohio Department of Education (Department) has received some questions about the obligation period for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund listed in CCIP Note 528. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) have until 9/30/24 to obligate ARP ESSER funds but the district must submit a Final Expenditure Report (FER) each year for ARP ESSER. CCIP Note 528 is meant to assist with understanding the close out for the grant spending for FY23 and the last day to obligate for allocations provided in FY23. Unspent ARP ESSER funds will carry over into the FY24 application after the FER is finalized. Here is a chart to reference for the final dates for the ESSER and GEER grants.

Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Grant
The Non-competitive Supplemental School Improvement Grant (NCSSI) has an additional requirement this year to complete building-level budgets for schools receiving NCSSI funds. Some LEAs may have received a validation error message within this grant that required a budget upload to remove the error. The validation error has been removed to ensure LEAs are able to submit their Consolidated application by June 30, 2023 to establish a July 1, 2023 Substantially Approved Date. It is important to note that LEAs must provide building-level budget data for the NCSSI grant during FY24, preferably by the first revision to the application. LEAs may upload building level budgets on the Upload Documents button in the NCSSI Grant within the FY24 Consolidated application. More information can be found in the FY24 NCSSI Grant Funding Guidance.

Allocations Update
The Department released CCIP Note 527 regarding FY24 Consolidated ESEA allocations. The following grants were allocated to Local Education Agencies on June 15, 2023:

- Title I-A Improving Basic Programs
- Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title III Immigrant
- Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Achievement
- IDEA-B Special Education

The following grants have recently been loaded or will load as soon as possible:

- Title I-C Migrant Education Program
- Title I-D Neglected and Delinquent
- Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement
- Title V-B Rural Low-Income Schools
- Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive
- IDEA Early Childhood Special Education

The Department understands that there are certain deadlines and other factors associated with allocations that may need to be adjusted upon state discretion, such as risk factors associated with Consolidated ESEA Grants

subrecipient monitoring. The Ohio Department of Education may adjust these factors as necessary to ensure LEAs are not adversely impacted by delays to allocations within associated grants.

Grant Award Notice Dates
When the Department allocates subawards in the CCIP, the LEA receives a grant award notice in the CCIP History Log. LEAs that have received a grant allocation for FY24 have a provision under the "The Application Submission and Substantial Approval Date" section of the grant award notice stating that the grant must be submitted by June 30, 2022 for a Substantially Approved Date of July 1, 2022. Please note that these dates are incorrect. The section should state that the grant must be submitted by June 30, 2023 for a Substantially Approved Date of July 1, 2023. The Department is correcting this language and will send a corrected grant award notice in the coming days for any grants that have been allocated. If the LEA has any questions, please reach out to the federal programs consultant listed in the CCIP Address Book.

Building Eligibility Data
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Section 1113 requires Local Education Agencies to determine an accurate count of low-income students and rank order their schools. Each year, as a courtesy to our LEAs, the Ohio Department of Education pre-populates the Adjusted Enrollment, Low Income Student data and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) data (for CEP participating schools) on the Building Eligibility page with data collected from the Office of Child Nutrition's Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System (CRRS) system. The CRRS data is reported by the LEA's Food Service Director. Ultimately, it is the LEA's responsibility to ensure it has determined an accurate count of low-income students and reports this count within its Consolidated application. The Local Education Agency may utilize the pre-loaded school lunch data or several other methods to determine an accurate count of low-income students. In most cases, the LEA should use the pre-loaded data, however if the data does not accurately reflect low-income counts, the LEA may use several other data methods. See the Building Eligibility Guidance for more information. For the last two years, the Department has used pre-COVID school lunch data from October 2018 to pre-populate the Building Eligibility page. The Department took this step to ensure the pre-populated data would be as accurate as possible for LEAs during the pandemic. LEAs are now collecting school lunch data following the pandemic. The Office of Federal Programs pre-populated the FY24 Consolidated application, Building Eligibility page with school lunch data from October of 2022. If an LEA needs assistance to complete the Building Eligibility page, please reach out to the federal programs consultant listed in the CCIP Address Book.

If you have any questions, please contact your federal programs consultant or email federalprograms@education.ohio.gov.