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REMINDER

One Plans were due April 30th for educational entities in ED STEPS Cohort 2. If you still haven't submitted, please do so as soon as possible and reach out to the ED STEPS inbox.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.

ONE FUNDING APPLICATION HARD LAUNCH

The One Funding Application was successfully soft launched on March 26th. Only competitive grants and continuation applications have been opened in the new system. Expect for additional grants to be made available under FY26 by the middle of June. To prepare for the hard launch, there are steps you can take:

- Confirm access to the One Funding Application by navigating to the new system through the ED STEPS tile.
- Check on OEDS roles to ensure that none on conflicting. This is critical with the Data View Funding- CCIP role and Data Entry Funding- CCIP role as the system will default to the lower level of access.
- Review your organization's One Plan to ensure that federal funds are attached to action steps for FY26.
- Review the One Funding Application User Manual.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

June webinar will cover the same content as those in April and May. The regional training sessions will be a live lab format to allow for assistance in completing grant applications.

Registration is available in STARS V2.0, through the OH|ID Portal under "Training and Registration." Search the keyword "ED STEPS."

June Dates

Wednesday, June 11 | One Funding Application Webinar
Monday, June 16 | Regional Training | Lake Erie West | 2275 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43620
Tuesday, June 17 | Regional Training | Columbus Metropolitan Library | 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215
Wednesday, June 18 | Regional Training | Hamilton County ESC | 11083 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45231
Friday, June 20 | Regional Training | ESC of Northeast Ohio | 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131
Tuesday, June 24 | Regional Training | Ross-Pike ESC | 475 Western Ave #E, Chillicothe, OH 45601

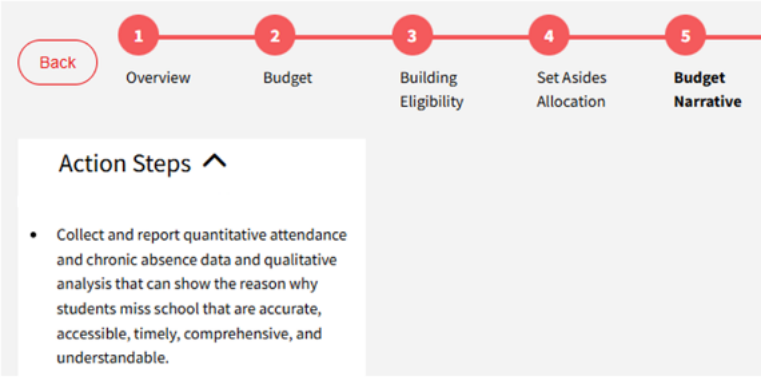
REMINDER OF FUNCTIONALITY

Within the One Plan, action steps are being tied to fiscal resources. With the opening of the One Funding Application, this process is critical as the One Funding Application will pull the action steps into the budget narrative page of applicable grant applications, showing intent to spend funding. Broad stroke action steps are not acceptable (e.g. attending PD); they need to be specific. The best way to prepare your action steps in the One Funding Application is to ensure your One Plan is cleaned up.

- **Cohort 2**: If you have just submitted, you should receive plan feedback to make changes.
- **Cohorts 1 and 3**: You should be able to edit your plan if it's "in progress" or "agency approved".

EXAMPLE

- **Action Step:** Collect and report quantitative attendance and chronic absence data and qualitative analysis that can show the reason why students miss school that are accurate, accessible, timely, comprehensive, and understandable.
  - **Fiscal Resources:** General Fund, Title I-A, Title I Non-Competitive School Improvement
  - **Populates over in the Title I-A Basic Programming Budget Narrative**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ROLES WILL I NEED TO HAVE FOR THE ONE FUNDING APPLICATION?

The One Funding Application will utilize the same OEDS roles as CCIP. See the OEDS Role document for more information.

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING IF MY ORGANIZATION IS IN ED STEPS COHORT 1 AND 3?

Make sure that data is being collected to support each student and adult measure within the One Plan to track plan implementation progress. Reflect on how well plan implementation is going across your organization.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IF MY ORGANIZATION IS IN ED STEPS COHORT 2 AND MY ONE PLAN WAS RETURNED?

The Department is in the process of reviewing One Plans with the goal of having reviews complete no later than June 20th. If your plan was returned, please incorporate the feedback and resubmit your One Plan by September 30th.

SHOUT OUTS

Thank you to everyone who participated as panelists at "How to Make ED STEPS Work for You" session at the Spring OAASFEP conference.