CCIP Note #570

Re: FY26 Consolidated Application Preparation and Next Steps
Date: June 5, 2025
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

FY26 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The Department of Education and Workforce (Department) has received the preliminary allocations from the US Department of Education (USED) for the following grants and will release the Local Education Agency (LEA) preliminary allocations in mid-June:

- Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part D Subpart 1: State Agency
- Title I, Part D Subpart 2: Neglected
- Title I, Part D Subpart 2: Delinquent
- Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA-B Special Education
- IDEA Early Childhood Special Education

The following preliminary allocations will also soon be released under the School Improvement and Support Grants application:

- Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive
- Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement

The Department has not received preliminary allocations from USED for the following grants:

- Title I, Part C: Migrant Education
- Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A: Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students
- Title V, Part B: Rural Education Achievement Program

In mid-June, the Department plans to release the preliminary allocations for the grants we received and "placeholder" allocation amounts (i.e. 50 percent of last year's award) within the One Funding Application (OFA). This is intended to assist LEA for planning purposes and enable the LEA to fill out the application. It is important to note that the amounts are not actual grant award amounts, and the Department will provide the actual preliminary allocations once the Department receives the grant awards. Subsequently, the LEAs should update and submit an application revision reflecting the updated allocation amounts. If the Department does not receive an award for one or more of the ESEA grants by July 1, the Department will inform LEAs and provide any additional instructions in a future CCIP Note.

To prepare for your FY26 Consolidated application, please see the Consolidated Application Template.

This template is intended as a helpful tool to start planning to complete the Consolidated application when the grants load in mid-June. The Department will also provide a version of this document with example answers, as well as an FY26 Consolidated Application Checklist in the weeks ahead.

Special Note: Due to the timing of allocations and the switch to a new grant system, Federal Programs will update the FY26 Consolidated ESEA Grant Risk Factor to not adversely penalize districts that submit the Consolidated application after July 1. This change applies to the Consolidated ESEA grants but may not apply to risk factors for other grants in the agency depending on their grant requirements. LEAs that submit their application after July 1 will not have a Substantially Approved Date until the LEA submits the application in Authorized Representative Approved status. Any applications that the LEA submits after July 1 will reflect a Substantially Approved Date of that is the date the application was submitted.

If you have questions, please contact your assigned Federal Program Specialist.

FY26 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION MOVING INTO THE ONE FUNDING APPLICATION

The Department is excited to announce the launch of the One Funding Application (OFA). Please see CCIP Note 567 for information. The FY26 Consolidated application, as well as the Department's other FY26 grants, will be in the One Funding Application. In preparation for this change, please ensure all appropriate staff within the LEA sign up for trainings on the new system.

Regional Trainings

The Department's ED STEPS unit is hosting in-person training sessions in June. The regional training will be a live lab session format providing participants with real-time support as they complete their grant applications.

Session Format

The session will include a presentation or demonstration followed by live lab working session with assistance from Department representatives. Each location will provide morning and afternoon sessions. Please remember to bring a laptop to the session.

Registration

Registration is available in STARS V2.0, which can be accessed through the OH|ID Portal under "Training and Registration." To find the session information, search the keyword "ED STEPS."

Event Name: ED STEPS Training - One Funding Application

Keywords for the Trainings: ED STEPS

June Dates

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

In addition, please ensure your LEA staff have the appropriate roles for the One Funding Application. The LEA'S OEDS- R administrator should assign one of the following roles for accessing the One Funding Application:

- Treasurer or Fiscal Representative
- Superintendent or Authorized Representative
- Data Entry Funding- CCIP
- Data View Funding- CCIP

It is important to note that if a user is assigned the Fiscal Representative or Authorized Representative role and they have previously had a Data View or Data Entry role, the Data Entry and/or Data View roles should be removed because the new system automatically reverts to the lowest access role.

Please see CCIP Note 567 or the One Funding Application website for more information. For questions about this transition or the trainings, contact EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.