CCIP Note #572

Re: Update on Consolidated Application
Date: June 26, 2025
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

Important Update on Status of Consolidated Application
The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (Department) is providing regular updates through CCIP Notes and other communiques regarding the uniqueness and time sensitive rollout of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 federal grant allocations and the new grant applications being developed in the new One Funding Application (OFA). This note (CCIP Note 572) is the latest in a series of updates following CCIP Notes 570 and 571.

As detailed in CCIP Note 571, the Title I grant application was released in the OFA on June 18 which allowed the Department to load preliminary Title I, Part A allocations to eligible Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). Note 571 explained that the Department had yet to receive preliminary allocations from the U.S. Department of Education (USDoE) for most other ESEA grants. Therefore, the Department created placeholder allocation amounts for the LEAs (i.e. approximately 50% of the previous year allocations). The placeholder allocations should not be viewed as the actual preliminary LEA allocations but rather these placeholders serve two main purposes: 1) to assist the LEAs with basic planning for the new grant applications once the applications are released in the OFA and 2) to allow the LEAs to submit a "substantially approvable" application by July 1 while the state awaits preliminary allocations from USDoE. The substantial approval date (SAD) is the earliest date that an LEA may use the federal funds to cover allowable costs.

Furthermore, CCIP Note 571 explained how the Department would return all applications early in the new fiscal year for the LEAs to revise the application based on the correct allocations. Since the Department would be returning all the applications after July 1 (and not reviewing or approving any applications that were submitted) the Department recommended the LEAs solely submit their applications with only basic information.

Status Since Release of Title I application
Since the release of CCIP Note 571 and the initial Title I application in OFA, the Department has learned of significant application issues causing confusion and preventing many LEAs from completing their Title I application as smoothly as we would expect. It appears that some key features were miscoded and/or causing errors that prevent submitting the application. While the vendor is working to correct the Title I application features as quickly as possible, it is impacting the development and release of the other applications. Given the challenges noted above, the Department is revising the short-term recommendations for LEAs.

*******Revised Recommendation for LEA Application Submission**

Today (June 26) the Department released the remaining federal grant applications and the placeholder allocations to allow the LEAs to submit the applications prior to July 1. However, since the allocations and applications were released only a few days before the fiscal year and the potential for unknown coding issues with the other applications, the Department has directed the vendor developing the system to turn off all error messages for all application pages except for the assurances pages.

The Department is recommending the LEA solely complete the assurance pages by having both the superintendent and treasurer sign for each application and then submit accordingly. This will help provide the LEA with the maximum access to the period of availability of the grant funds (i.e. have a SAD for their grants at the beginning of the fiscal year)

What to Expect Next

After July 1, the Department will conduct a thorough review of the system and application features to ensure the functionality is as intended. We also anticipate receiving the preliminary allocations for those grants with placeholder amounts. Once completed, the Department will return the applications to the LEAs for revision. We anticipate returning the applications by early August. When the applications are returned, the LEAs should complete all the required fields. Throughout this process, the Department will provide regular updates and suggested tools to assist LEAs with completing an approval application.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact your Federal Program Specialist.