



STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Sorsha Anderson, Staff Associate
Date: July 21, 2020
Subject: Grant Request – JFO #3011

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration. **The Agency of Education has requested expedited review of this item.** Members will be contacted by July 27, 2020 for a decision unless the member has responded prior to that date.

JFO #3011 - \$31,148,360 from the U.S. Department of Education to the Vermont Agency of Education. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund was granted in the CARES Act and provides flexible funds to state education agencies and local education agencies (LEAs) for any activity authorized by ESEA, response to COVID19, and other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs. **The Agency of Education has requested expedited approval. This request reflects the full LEA amount spent in FY2021. \$200K of the amount will be spent in FY2020 and the remainder will be split between FY2021 and FY2022.** *This request stems from the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

[JFO received 7/16/20]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review.

**STATE OF VERMONT
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

Grant Summary:						The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund was granted in the CARES Act and provides flexible funds to state education agencies and local education agencies for any activity authorized by ESEA, response to COVID19, and other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs.
Date:						5/22/2020
Department:						Agency of Education
Legal Title of Grant:						Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
Federal Catalog #:						84.425D
Grant/Donor Name and Address:						U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C.
Grant Period:		From:	4/29/2020	To:	09/31/2021	
Grant/Donation						\$31,148,360
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments	
Grant Amount:	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	\$31,148,360	\$28,033,524 to LEAs \$3,114,836 to AOE	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments			
		0				
Additional Comments:			AOE has requested expedited approval. This requests reflects the full LEA amount spent in FY2021. \$200K of the AOE amount will be spent in FY2020 and the remainder will be split equally between FY2021 and FY2022.			
Department of Finance & Management						(Initial)
Secretary of Administration						(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office						Date



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STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Education			
2. Department:				
3. Program:				
4. Legal Title of Grant:	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund			
5. Federal Catalog #:	84.425D			
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C.				
7. Grant Period:	From:	4/29/2020	To:	9/30/2021
8. Purpose of Grant: The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund provides flexible funds to state education agencies and school districts to support the extra costs associated with their COVID19 preparation and response efforts, including efforts to protect public health while ensuring continuity of learning, with particular attention to the needs of the most vulnerable and at risk students.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: Without these COVID-relevant funds, school districts will not be able to afford the myriad costs of their required COVID19 preparation and response efforts. These efforts were/are put in place to protect public health and the funds will be used to best ensure that our most vulnerable students do not slip further behind both academically and socioemotionally.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	
Personal Services	\$	\$957,418	\$957,418	
Operating Expenses	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Grants	\$	\$28,033,524	\$	
Total	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
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Appropriation No:	5100070000		Amount:	\$31,148,360
				\$
				\$

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			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
		Total	\$

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: Daniel M. French Agreed by: _____ (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature:	Date:
	Title: Agency Secretary	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

 Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature)	Date:
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input type="checkbox"/> Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature)	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	

End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency,

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department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).

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Washington, D.C. 20202**

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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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PR/AWARD NUMBER: S425D200011
RECIPIENT NAME: Vermont Agency of Education

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) THE BUDGET PERIOD AND PERFORMANCE PERIOD FOR THIS PROJECT ARE CHANGED TO THE DATES IN BLOCK 6. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY THIS ACTION.

Frank Brogan
Assistant Secretary

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

05/01/2020

DATE

EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

For Discretionary, Formula and Block Grants (See Block 2 of the Notification)

- 1. RECIPIENT NAME** - The legal name of the recipient or name of the primary organizational unit that was identified in the application, state plan or other documents required to be submitted for funding by the grant program.
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 - AWARD TYPE** - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK. If this award was made under a Research and Development grant program, the terms RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will appear under DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA OR BLOCK.
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- 6. AWARD PERIODS** - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below:
 - BUDGET PERIOD** - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown.
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 - *FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS** - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures.
- 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING** - The dollar figures in this block refer to the Federal funds provided to a recipient during the award periods.
 - *THIS ACTION** - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification.
 - *BUDGET PERIOD** - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date.
 - *PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date.
 - RECIPIENT COST SHARE** - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award.
 - RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT** - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the non-federal funds.
- 8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.

DUNS/SSN - A unique, identifying number assigned to each recipient for payment purposes. The number is based on either the recipient's assigned number from Dun and Bradstreet or the individual's social security number.

***REGULATIONS** - Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Part 200 as adopted at 2 CFR 3474; the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), specific program regulations (if any), and other titles of the CFR that govern the award and administration of this grant.

***ATTACHMENTS** - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.

9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.

FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG.CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS -

The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) to track obligations by award.

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10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.

***PARTICIPANT NUMBER** - The number of eligible participants the grantee is required to serve during the budget year.

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***PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE** - The type of indirect cost permitted under the program (i.e. Restricted, Unrestricted, or Training).

***PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE** - The indirect cost rate applicable to this grant.

***AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award

FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

3. PROJECT STAFF - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.

7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING

CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action.

PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.

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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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3	PROJECT STAFF RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR Heather Bouchey (802) 828-1130 heather.bouchey@vermont.gov EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Amy B Huber (202) 453-6634 amy.huber@ed.gov EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDISK 888-336-8930 edcaps.user@ed.gov	4	PROJECT DESCRIPTION 84.425D Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund																				
5	KEY PERSONNEL N/A																						
6	AWARD PERIODS BUDGET PERIOD 04/29/2020 - 04/29/2021 FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD 04/29/2020 - 04/29/2021 FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS N/A																						
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8	ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION DUNS/SSN 884902701 REGULATIONS EDGAR AS APPLICABLE 2 CFR AS APPLICABLE ATTACHMENTS 1 , 3 , 8 , 9 , 11 , 12 , 13 , 14 , E-3 , E4 , E5 , ESSER-A-T																						
9	LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA AUTHORITY: PL PUBLIC LAW 116-136 THE CARES ACT THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), PUBLIC LAW 116-136 PROGRAM TITLE: EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO: 84.425D <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FUND CODE</th> <th>FUNDING YEAR</th> <th>AWARD YEAR</th> <th>ORG. CODE</th> <th>CATEGORY</th> <th>LIMITATION</th> <th>ACTIVITY</th> <th>CFDA</th> <th>OBJECT CLASS</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0251M</td> <td>2020</td> <td>2020</td> <td>ES000000</td> <td>B</td> <td>DV6</td> <td>000</td> <td>425</td> <td>4101A</td> <td>\$31,148,360.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	AWARD YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMITATION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT	0251M	2020	2020	ES000000	B	DV6	000	425	4101A	\$31,148,360.00
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number (FAIN) to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FAIN.

If subawards are permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/AWARD NUMBER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this grant. The term subaward means:

- 1. A legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
 - 2. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) of the OMB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
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- (2) You are authorized, in carrying out this grant, to utilize the higher threshold set for micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds for federal assistance under this grant or under a contract you award under this grant established by recent statutory changes. These statutory changes raise the threshold for micro-purchases under Federal financial assistance awards to \$10,000 and raise the threshold for simplified acquisitions to \$250,000 for recipients. These higher thresholds are not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) at 48 CFR Subpart 2.1 (Definitions), which has not yet occurred. See 2 CFR 200.67 and 200.88. For FY 2018, OMB is granting an exception allowing recipients to use the higher thresholds in advance of changes to the FAR. Please refer to Office of Management and Budget s Memorandum 18-18 regarding the statutory changes. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the program officer identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
- (3) The negotiated indirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this GAN applies to this grant award.

Frank Brogan
Assistant Secretary

04/29/2020

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
& CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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SUBJECT: Payee Verification for Grant Award S425D200011

This is to inform you of the payee for the above listed grant award issued by the United States Department of Education

Grantee DUNS/SSN: 884902701

Grantee Name: VERMONT STATE AGENCY OF EDUCATION

Payee DUNS/SSN: 884902701

Payee Name: VERMONT STATE AGENCY OF EDUCATION

If any of the above information is not correct, please contact a Payee Customer Support Representative at 1-888-336-8930. Please send all the correspondence relating to the payee or bank information changes to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education
550 12th Street, SW
Room 6087
Washington, DC 20202

Attn: Stephanie Barnes
Phone: 202-245-8006

SPECIFIC GRANT CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENTS

THE G5 PAYMENTS MODULE

Payments under this award will be made through the G5-Payments module of the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) electronic payments system. The G5 Payments module within the Education Central Automated Processing Systems (EDCAPS) is administered by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Financial Systems Services.

The internet address for G5 is <https://www.g5.gov>. To access the G5 Payments module, you must first have a G5 User Id and Password. You will need to request a G5 User Id and Password from the Department of Education by submitting an **External Access Security Form**. This form is electronically available during online registration under "*Not Registered? Sign Up*", when you access the website. The Department will issue G5 User IDs and Passwords to those individuals authorized by the payee to access G5 to request funds and report expenditures. User IDs and Passwords cannot be faxed or given over the phone, and may not be shared by multiple users. The External User Access Request Form must be completed and mailed to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education
Office of the Chief Information Officer
Mail Stop – 4138
Attn: G5 Functional Application Team
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

New grantees will be requested to provide pertinent information before they may begin requesting funds. Information to be provided includes:

- Designation of payee;
- Payee contacts and mailing addresses;
- Depositor account information; and
- Individuals authorized by the payee to access G5 to request funds - these individuals will be provided User IDs and passwords to access G5.

The payee is the entity identified by the grantee to handle the financial aspects of the grant (e.g., request payments, report expenditures, etc.). While a grantee may designate an entity to be its payee, alternatively, a grantee and payee may be the same entity.

Payees may begin requesting funds for the grantee once their award authorization is entered into G5 and the award start date is reached.

A copy of the Department of Education G5 Training Guide (*Guide*) is available on the G5 website at the "Help" link. The guide provides detailed instructions on all electronic payment processes. If you are not Internet capable, please contact the G5 Hotline at toll free 1 (888) 336-8930 to request a hard copy of the Guide.

REQUESTING FUNDS USING THE G5 MODULE

Payees can access the G5-Payments Module on-line to request funds. To access the G5 Payments Module, payees need a Web browser (such as Microsoft Internet Explorer) and Internet connectivity. Payees will request funds by award using **the PR/Award Number** found in **Block 5** of the **Grant Award Notification**. Instructions for navigating through the G5-Payments screens to make a payment request are given in the G5 Training Guide and in the G5 On Demand training located under the "Help" link. Instructions for modifying payment requests, adjusting drawdown amounts, and viewing award and authorization histories are also included in the Guide.

Those payees who do not have the technology to access G5-Payments on-line may request funds by calling ED's G5 Hotline by at 1-888-336-8930.

AWARD INFORMATION

Payees can get information on this award on-line, or by calling ED's G5 Hotline Staff at 1-888-336-8930.

➤ On-Line:

Payees may access G5 via the Internet at <https://www.G5.gov> to retrieve and view information on their awards, such as:

- Net authorization and authorization history;
- Net draws;
- Available balance;
- History of pending and completed payments;
- Award status; and
- Award history - including detailed transactions on drawdowns, returns, refunds, and adjustments.

➤ ED's G5 Hotline Staff:

Payees can contact a G5 Hotline Staff for information on any award. Because award information is organized in G5 by a unique identifier - the Dun & Bradstreet Number (DUNS Number) - payees should have their DUNS number, identified in **Block 8** of the **Grant Award Notification**, available when contacting a G5 Hotline Staff Representative.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

When a Payee requests a drawdown of funds by grant award, the Department records this drawdown as an expenditure against the specified grant award. This method of identifying expenditures, at the time of drawdown, and the capability to make adjustments on-line, eliminates the need for the submission of the Federal Cash Transactions Report Form 272. Thus, additional financial reporting generally will not be required, unless otherwise specified by ED.

**An Overview of Single Audit Requirements of States,
Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations**

To meet audit requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), grantees must submit all documents required by Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.512, including Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form, to:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132
(301) 763-1551 (voice)
(800) 253-0696 (toll free)
(301) 457-1540 (fax)

Below is a summary of the single audit requirements:

- (1) **Single Audit.** A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.514, "Scope of Audit," except when it elects to have a program specific audit conducted.
- (2) **Program-specific audit election.** When an auditee expends Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding R&D), and the Federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the auditee, the auditee may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted. A program-specific audit may not be elected for R&D unless all of the Federal awards expended were received from the same Federal agency, or the same Federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that Federal agency, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.
- (3) **Exemption when Federal awards expended are less than \$750,000.** A non-Federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 2 CFR 200.503, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO).

(4) Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC). Management of an auditee that owns or operates a FFRDC may elect to treat the FFRDC as a separate entity.

(5) Report Submission. The audit must be completed, and the data collection form and reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the reporting package is due the next business day. Unless restricted by Federal statutes or regulations, the auditee must make copies available for public inspection. Auditees and auditors must ensure that their respective parts of the reporting package do not include protected personally identifiable information. (2 CFR 200.512)

Grantees are strongly urged to obtain the "OMB Compliance Supplement" and to contact their cognizant agency for single audit technical assistance.

The designated cognizant agency for single audit purposes is "the Federal awarding agency that provides the predominant amount of direct funding to the recipient." Grantees should obtain a copy of the OMB Compliance supplement. This supplement will be instructive to both grantees and their auditors. Appendix III of the supplement provides a list of Federal Agency Contacts for Single Audits, including addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for technical assistance.

If the U.S. Department of Education is the cognizant agency, grantees should contact the Non-Federal Audit Team in the Department's Office of Inspector General, at the address, phone, or fax number provided on page 3 of this attachment.

Grantees can obtain information on single audits from:

The OMB Publications Service, (202) 395-7332. (To obtain OMB Compliance Supplement, and Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form)

The OMB web site. The Internet address is www.omb.gov. Look under OMB "Information for Agencies", then in OMB Circulars. (To obtain OMB Compliance Supplement, and Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form)

The Federal Audit Clearinghouse, 1-888-222-9907. (to obtain Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form), or

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). AICPA has illustrative OMB Single Audit report examples that might be of interest to accountants, auditors, or financial staff. The examples can be obtained by their fax hotline: (202) 938-3797, request document number 311; or from their Internet page. The Internet address is www.aicpa.org.

If the U.S. Department of Education is the cognizant agency for the grantee organization, the following shows, according to the location of the grantee entity, which location of the Office of Inspector General to contact for single audit-related questions. For programmatic questions, grantees should contact the Education Program Contact shown on the Department's Grant Award Notification.

U.S. Department of Education Non-Federal Audit Teams

Director, Non-Federal Audits
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Education
Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East, Suite 502
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: Voice (215) 656-6900
FAX (215) 656-6397

NATIONAL OFFICE CONTACT and audits in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Non-Federal Audit Team
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Education
1999 Bryan Street, Suite 2630
Dallas, TX 75201-6817
Phone: Voice (214) 880-3031
FAX (214) 880-2492

For audits in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Non-Federal Audit Team
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Education
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2401
Kansas City, MO 64114-3302
Phone: Voice (816) 268-0502
FAX (816) 823-1398

For audits in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Pacific Islands.

GRANT ATTACHMENT 8

Trafficking in Persons

The Department of Education adopts the requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations at 2 CFR 175 and incorporates those requirements into this grant through this condition. The grant condition specified in 2 CFR 175.15(b) is incorporated into this grant with the following changes. Paragraphs a.2.ii.B and b.2.ii. are revised to read as follows:

“a.2.ii.B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85.”

“b.2.ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85.”

Under this condition, the Secretary may terminate this grant without penalty for any violation of these provisions by the grantee, its employees, or its subrecipients.

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Reporting Prime Awardee Executive Compensation Data As Required under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) is designed to increase transparency and improve the public's access to Federal government information. To this end, FFATA requires that executive compensation data be reported for all new Federal grants funded at \$25,000 or more that meet the reporting conditions as set forth in this grant award term, and that are awarded on or after October 1, 2010. For FFATA reporting purposes, the prime awardee (i.e. the grantee) is the entity listed in box 1 of the Grant Award Notification.

a. Reporting Total Compensation of the Prime Awardee's Executives:

1. *Applicability and what to report.* The prime awardee must report total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if all of the following conditions are applicable: —

i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more; **and**

ii. in the preceding fiscal year, the prime awardee received--

(A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); **and**

(B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); **and**

iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)

2. *Where, what and when to report.* The prime awardee must report executive compensation described in paragraph **a.1.** of this grant award term as part of its registration profile in the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov).

i. The types of compensation that must be reported for each subrecipient are listed in the definition of "total compensation" appearing in item **b** of this grant award term. If this is the first award the prime awardee has received that is subject to the reporting requirements in paragraph **a.1.**, the prime awardee must report by the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and on each anniversary of this award.

b. Definitions. For purposes of this grant award term:

1. *Entity* means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25:

- i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
- ii. A foreign public entity;
- iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
- iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
- v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

2. *Executive* means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

3. *Total compensation* means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the prime awardee's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

- i. Salary and bonus.
- ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
- iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
- iv. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
- vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR DISCLOSING
FEDERAL FUNDING IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, U.S. Department of Education grantees shall clearly state :

- 1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
- 2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and
- 3) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Division H, Title V, Section 505 of Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

**PROHIBITION OF TEXT MESSAGING AND EMAILING WHILE
DRIVING DURING OFFICIAL FEDERAL GRANT BUSINESS**

Federal grant recipients, sub recipients and their grant personnel are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official grant business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009.

Registration of Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in the System for Award Management (SAM)

The U.S. Department of Education (Education) Grants Management System (G5) will begin disbursing payments via the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) rather than directly through the Federal Reserve as in the past. The U.S. Treasury requires that we include your Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN) with each payment. Therefore, in order to do business with Education you must have a registered DUNS and TIN number with the SAM, the U.S. Federal Government's primary registrant database. If the payee DUNS number is different than your grantee DUNS number, both numbers must be registered in the SAM. Failure to do so will delay the receipt of payments from Education.

A TIN is an identification number used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the administration of tax laws. It is issued either by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by the IRS. A Social Security number (SSN) is issued by the SSA whereas all other TINs are issued by the IRS.

The following are all considered TINs according to the IRS.

- Social Security Number "[SSN](#)"
- Employer Identification Number "[EIN](#)"
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number "[ITIN](#)"
- Taxpayer Identification Number for Pending U.S. Adoptions "[ATIN](#)"
- Preparer Taxpayer Identification Number "[PTIN](#)"

If your DUNS number is not currently registered with the SAM, you can easily register by going to www.sam.gov. Please allow 3-5 business days to complete the registration process. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active. If you need assistance during the registration process, you may contact the SAM Federal Service Desk at 866-606-8220.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not have to make any changes. However, please take the time to validate that the TIN associated with your DUNS is correct.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the G5 Hotline at 888-336-8930.

System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

1. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.

2. Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Numbers

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.
2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.

3. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at <http://www.sam.gov>).
2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
 - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
 - b. A foreign public entity;
 - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
 - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
 - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
4. Subaward:
 - a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
 - b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (see 2 CFR 200.501 of the OMB "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
 - c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.
5. Subrecipient means an entity that:
 - a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and
 - b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

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MEMORANDUM to ED GRANTEEES REGARDING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

You are receiving this memorandum to remind you that grantees must take into account the following factors when considering the use of grant funds for conferences and meetings:

- Before deciding to use grant funds to attend or host a meeting or conference, a grantee should:
 - Ensure that attending or hosting a conference or meeting is consistent with its approved application and is reasonable and necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the grant;
 - Ensure that the primary purpose of the meeting or conference is to disseminate technical information, (e.g., provide information on specific programmatic requirements, best practices in a particular field, or theoretical, empirical, or methodological advances made in a particular field; conduct training or professional development; plan/coordinate the work being done under the grant); and
 - Consider whether there are more effective or efficient alternatives that can accomplish the desired results at a lower cost, for example, using webinars or video conferencing.
- Grantees must follow all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements in determining whether costs are reasonable and necessary, especially the Cost Principles for Federal grants set out at 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E of the, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.” In particular, remember that:
 - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for alcoholic beverages; and
 - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for entertainment, which includes costs for amusement, diversion, and social activities.
- Grant funds may be used to pay for the costs of attending a conference. Specifically, Federal grant funds may be used to pay for conference fees and travel expenses (transportation, per diem, and lodging) of grantee employees, consultants, or experts to attend a conference or meeting if those expenses are reasonable and necessary to achieve the purposes of the grant.
 - When planning to use grant funds for attending a meeting or conference, grantees should consider how many people should attend the meeting or conference on their behalf. The number of attendees should be reasonable and necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the grant.
- A grantee hosting a meeting or conference may not use grant funds to pay for food for conference attendees unless doing so is necessary to accomplish legitimate meeting or conference business.
 - A working lunch is an example of a cost for food that might be allowable under a Federal grant if attendance at the lunch is needed to ensure the full participation by conference attendees in essential discussions and speeches concerning the purpose of the conference and to achieve the goals and objectives of the project.
- A meeting or conference hosted by a grantee and charged to a Department grant must not be promoted as a U.S. Department of Education conference. This means that the seal of the U.S. Department of Education must not be used on conference materials or signage without Department approval.

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- All meeting or conference materials paid for with grant funds must include appropriate disclaimers, such as the following:
 - The contents of this (insert type of publication; e.g., book, report, film) were developed under a grant from the Department of Education. However, those contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.
- Grantees are strongly encouraged to contact their project officer with any questions or concerns about whether using grant funds for a meeting or conference is allowable prior to committing grant funds for such purposes.
 - A short conversation could help avoid a costly and embarrassing mistake.
- Grantees are responsible for the proper use of their grant awards and may have to repay funds to the Department if they violate the rules on the use of grant funds, including the rules for meeting- and conference-related expenses.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

ENCLOSURE 4

DATE: July 12, 2016

TO: Recipients of grants and cooperative agreements

FROM: Tim Soltis 
Delegated the Authority to perform the Duties and Functions of the Chief
Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Department of Education Cash Management Policies for Grants and Cooperative
Agreements

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind the Department of Education's (the Department's) grant and cooperative agreement recipients (grantees) of existing cash management requirements regarding payments. The Department expects that grantees will ensure that their subgrantees are also aware of these policies by providing relevant information to them.

There are three categories of payment requirements that apply to the draw of funds from grant accounts at the Department. The first two types of payments are subject to the requirements in the Treasury Department regulations implementing the Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) of 1990, 31 U.S.C.6513, and the third is subject to the requirements in the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) at 2 CFR part 200,¹ as follows:

- (1) Payments to a State under programs that are covered by a State's Treasury State Agreement (TSA);
- (2) Payments to States under programs that are not covered by a TSA; and
- (3) Payments to other non-Federal entities, including nonprofit organizations and local governments.

CMIA Requirements Applicable to Programs included in a TSA

Generally, under the Treasury Department regulations implementing the CMIA, only major assistance programs (large-dollar programs) are included in a State's written TSA. See 31 CFR part 205, subpart A. Programs included in a TSA must use approved funding techniques and both States and the Federal government are subject to interest liabilities for late payments. State interest liabilities accrue from the day federal funds are credited to a State account to the day the State pays out the federal funds for federal assistance program purposes. 31 CFR 205.15. If a

¹ The Department adopted the Uniform Guidance as regulations of the Department at 2 CFR part 3474.

State makes a payment under a Federal assistance program before funds for that payment have been transferred to the State, Federal Government interest liabilities accrue from the date of the State payment until the Federal funds for that payment have been deposited to the State account. 31 CFR 205.14.

CMIA Requirements Applicable to Programs Not Included in a TSA

Payments to States under programs not covered by a State's TSA are subject to subpart B of Treasury's regulations in 31 CFR part 205. These regulations provide that a State must minimize the time between the drawdown of funds from the federal government and their disbursement for approved program activities. The timing and amount of funds transfers must be kept to a minimum and be as close as is administratively feasible to a State's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. 31 CFR 205.33(a). States should exercise sound cash management in funds transfers to subgrantees.

Under subpart B, neither the States nor the Department owe interest to the other for late payments. 31 CFR 205.33(b). However, if a State or a Federal agency is consistently late in making payments, Treasury can require the program to be included in the State's TSA. 31 CFR 205.35.

Fund transfer requirements for grantees other than State governments and subgrantees

The transfer of Federal program funds to grantees other than States and to subgrantees are subject to the payment and interest accrual requirements in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.305(b). These requirements are similar to those in subpart B of the Treasury Department regulations in 31 CFR part 205, requiring that "payments methods must minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the United States Treasury or the pass-through entity and the disbursement by the non-Federal entity." 2 CFR 200.305(b) introduction.

The Federal Government and pass-through entities must make payments in advance of expenditures by grantees and subgrantees if these non-Federal entities maintain, or demonstrates the willingness to maintain, written procedures "that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the non-Federal entity, and financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control and accountability as established in" 2 CFR 200.305(b). If a grantee or subgrantee cannot meet the criteria for advance payments, a Federal agency or pass-through entity can pay that entity through reimbursement. See 2 CFR 200.305(b)(1) and (4) for more detailed description of the payment requirements and the standards for requiring that payments be made by reimbursement.

Non-Federal entities other than States must maintain advance payments in interest bearing accounts unless certain conditions exist. See 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) for those conditions. The requirements regarding interest accrual and remittance follow:

- Grantees other than States and subgrantees must annually remit interest earned on federal advance payments except that the non-Federal entity may retain up to \$500 of interest earned on the account each year to pay for the costs of maintaining the account.
- Grantees other than States and subgrantees must remit interest earned on Federal advance payments to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management

System (PMS), through either Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) network or Fedwire. Detailed information about electronic remittance of funds via ACH or Fedwire are specified in 2 CFR 200.305(b)(9)(i) and (ii). For non-Federal entities that do not have electronic remittance capability, checks must be made payable to HHS and addressed to:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Program Support Services
P.O. Box 530231
Atlanta, GA 3035-0231

The remittance should be accompanied by a letter stating that the remittance is for “interest earned on Federal funds” and should include the DUNS number of the non-Federal entity making the payment.

Grantees, including grantees that act as pass-through entities and subgrantees have other responsibilities regarding the use of Federal funds. For example, all grantees and subgrantees must have procedures for determining the allowability of costs for their awards. We highlight the following practices related to the oversight of subgrantee compliance with the financial management requirements in the Uniform Guidance that will assist State grantees (pass-through entities) in meeting their monitoring responsibilities. Under 2 CFR 200.331, pass-through entities must –

- Establish monitoring priorities based on the risks posed by each subgrantee, including risks associated with the drawdown of grant funds and remittance of interest to the Federal Government;
- Monitor the fiscal activity of subgrantees as necessary to ensure that the subaward is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward; and that subaward performance goals are achieved.

A small number of ED grant programs have program-specific cash management and payment requirements based on the authorizing legislation or program regulations. These program-specific requirements may supplement or override general cash management or payment requirements. If you have any questions about your specific grant, please contact the program officer, whose contact information is on Block 3 of your Grant Award Notification (GAN).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Blanca Rodriguez at (202) 245-8153 or blanca.rodriguez@ed.gov

Attachment

**Recipients of ED Grants and Cooperative Agreements
Frequently Asked Questions on
Cash Management**

Q What are the Federal Laws and Regulations Regarding Payments to the States?

A The *Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (CMIA)* establishes interest liabilities for the Federal and State governments when the Federal Government makes payments to the States. See 31 U.S.C. 3335 and 6503. The implementing regulations are in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 205, <http://www.fms.treas.gov/fedreg/31cfr205final.pdf>.

Q What is a Treasury-State Agreement (TSA)?

A A TSA documents the accepted funding techniques and methods for calculating interest agreed upon by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and a State. It identifies the Federal assistance programs that are subject to interest liabilities under the CMIA. The CMIA regulations specify a number of different funding techniques that may be used by a State but a State can negotiate with the Treasury Department to establish a different funding technique for a particular program. A TSA is effective until terminated and, if a state does not have a TSA, payments to the State are subject to the default techniques in the regulations that Treasury determines are appropriate.

Q What are the CMIA requirements for a program subject to a Treasury-State Agreement?

A Payments to a State under a program of the Department are subject to the interest liability requirements of the CMIA if the program is included in the State's Treasury-State Agreement (TSA) with the Department of Treasury. If the Federal government is late in making a payment to a State, it owes interest to the State from the time the State spent its funds to pay for expenditure until the time the Federal government deposits funds to the State's account to pay for the expenditure. Conversely, if a State is late in making a payment under a program of the Department, the State owes interest to the Federal government from the time the Federal government deposited the funds to the State's account until the State uses those funds to make a payment. For more information, see the recently issued Memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer on Cash Management which is posted on the ed.gov "ED Memoranda to Grantees" page at:<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/gposbul/gposbul.html>

Q What are the CMIA requirements for a program that is not subject to a Treasury-State Agreement?

A If a program is not included in the State's TSA, neither the State nor the Federal government are liable for interest for making late payments. However, both the Federal government and the State must minimize the time elapsing between the date the State requests funds and the date that the funds are deposited to the State's accounts. The State is also required to minimize the time elapsed between the date it receives funds from the Federal government and the date it makes a payment under the program. Also, the Department must minimize the amount of funds transferred to a State to only that needed to meet the immediate cash needs of the State. The timing and amount of funds transferred must be as close as is administratively feasible to a State's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.

Q What if there is no TSA?

A When a State does not have a TSA in effect, default procedures in 31 CFR, part 205 that the Treasury Department determines appropriate apply. The default procedures will prescribe efficient funds transfer procedures consistent with State and Federal law and identify the covered Federal assistance programs and designated funding techniques.

Q Who is responsible for Cash Management?

A Grantees and subgrantees that receive grant funds under programs of the Department are responsible for maintaining internal controls regarding the management of Federal program funds under the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR 200.302 and 200.303. In addition, grantees are responsible for ensuring that subgrantees are aware of the cash management and requirements in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D.

Q Who is responsible for monitoring cash drawdowns to ensure compliance with cash management policies?

A Recipients must monitor their own cash drawdowns **and** those of their subrecipients to assure substantial compliance to the standards of timing and amount of advances.

Q How soon may I draw down funds from the G5 grants management system?

A Grantees are required to minimize the amount of time between the drawdown and the expenditure of funds from their bank accounts. (See 2 CFR 200.305(b).) Funds must be drawn only to meet a grantee's immediate cash needs for each individual grant. The G5 screen displays the following message:

By submitting this payment request, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the request is based on true, complete, and accurate information. I further certify that the expenditures and disbursements made with these funds are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the applicable Federal award or program participation agreement, and that the organization on behalf of which this submission is being made is and will remain in compliance with the terms and conditions of that award or program participation agreement. I am aware that the provision of any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me, and the organization on behalf of which this submission is being made, to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims, or other violations. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001; Title 20, Section 1097; and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812)

Q How may I use Federal funds?

A Federal funds must be used as specified in the Grant Award Notification (GAN) and the approved application or State plan for allowable direct costs of the grant and an allocable portion of indirect costs, if authorized.

Q What are the consequences to recipients/subrecipients for not complying with terms of the grant award?

A If a recipient or subrecipient materially fails to comply with any term of an award, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, including those in 2 CFR part 200, an assurance, the GAN, or elsewhere, the awarding agency may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the non-Federal entity or more severe enforcement action by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
2. Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity not in compliance.
3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Federal award.
4. Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and Federal award agency regulations (or in the case of a pass-through be initiated by a Federal awarding agency).
5. Withhold further Federal awards for the project or program.
6. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

Q Who is responsible for determining the amount of interest owed to the Federal government?

A As set forth in 31 CFR 205.9, the method used to calculate and document interest liabilities is included in the State's TSA. A non-State entity must maintain advances of Federal funds in interest-bearing accounts unless certain limited circumstance apply and remit interest earned on those funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management System annually. See 2 CFR 200.305. Also, see the July 6, 2016, memorandum from the Department's Chief Financial Officer on Department of Education Cash Management Policies for Grants and Cooperative Agreements posted at <http://ww2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/gposbul.html>

Q What information should accompany my interest payment?

A Remittances must include pertinent information of the payee and nature of payment in the memo area (often referred to as "addenda records" by Financial Institutions) as that will assist in the timely posting of interest earned on federal funds. Pertinent details include the Payee Account Number (PAN) if the payment originated from PMS, or Agency information if the payment originated from ASAP, NSF or another federal agency payment system. CFR 200.305(b)(9).

Q Are grant recipients/subrecipients automatically permitted to draw funds in advance of the time they need to disburse funds in order to liquidate obligations?

A The payment requirements in 2 CFR 200.305(b) authorize a grantee or subgrantee to request funds in advance of expenditures if certain conditions are met. However, if those conditions are not met, the Department and a pass-through agency may place a payee on reimbursement.

Q For formula grant programs such as ESEA Title I, for which States distribute funds to LEAs, may States choose to pay LEAs on a reimbursement basis?

A A subgrantee must be paid in advance if it meets the standards for advance payments in 2 CFR 200.305(b)(1) but if the subgrantee cannot meet those standards, the State may put the subgrantee on reimbursement payment. See 2 CFR 200.305(b)

Q Will the Department issue special procedures in advance if G5 plans to shut down for 3 days or more?

A Yes, before any shutdown of G5 lasting three days or more, the Department issues special guidance for drawing down funds during the shut down. The guidance will include cash management improvement act procedures for States and certain State institutions of higher education and procedures for grants (including Pell grants) that are not subject to CMIA.

Attachment T: Grant Conditions

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

- I. The State educational agency (SEA) must comply with the maintenance of effort provision in Section 18008(a) of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) absent waiver by the Secretary pursuant to Section 18008(b) thereof.
- II. The SEA must submit to the Department, within 60 days of receiving ESSER funds, an initial report detailing a budget for the SEA's reservation of funds that includes information about the up to ½ of 1 percent of the SEA's total grant for administrative costs and the uses of funds for emergency needs to address issues related to COVID-19.
- III. The SEA must submit to the Department, within 60 days of receiving ESSER funds:
 - i. An internal control plan that:
 - a. Identifies the management structure for implementing the ESSER Fund grant, including the key personnel responsible for managing and monitoring subrecipients;
 - b. Identifies risks, both internal and subrecipient risks, associated with implementing the program based on past performance and identifies strategies for mitigating such risks; and
 - c. Describes how the Grantee will ensure the existence of primary documentation necessary to support fiscal reviews, including audits (single audit and audits by the Office of the Inspector General) and Improper Payment assessments, as requested by the Department or the Department's contractor.
 - ii. A subrecipient monitoring plan that addresses the Grantee's:
 - a. Revised risk assessment and ranks and prioritizes LEAs with consideration for new criteria identified as a result of receiving ESSER funds;
 - b. Development and implementation of revised monitoring protocols; and
 - c. Schedule for subrecipient monitoring, including both programmatic and fiscal issues, based upon the Grantee's revised risk assessment.
- IV. The State must return to the Secretary any ESSER funds that the State does not award within 1 year of this Grant Award Notification (GAN).
- V. To the extent that the State charges, or authorizes eligible entities to charge, pre-award costs to the ESSER Fund, the State and eligible entities will only use funds for allowable costs incurred on or after March 13, 2020.
- VI. The State must comply with all reporting requirements including those in Section 15011(b)(2) of Division B of the CARES Act, Performance and Financial Monitoring and Reporting in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.327-329, and submit required quarterly reports to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require in the future.
 - *REPORTING ON USE OF FUNDS SEC. 15011. (a) In this section— (1) the terms “agency”, “appropriate congressional committees”, “Committee”, “covered funds”, and “Coronavirus response” have the meanings given those terms in section 15010; (2) the term “covered recipient” (A) means any entity that receives large covered funds; and (B) includes any State, the*

District of Columbia, and any territory or possession of the United States; and (3) the term ‘large covered funds’ means covered funds that amount to more than \$150,000... (b)(2) Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each covered recipient shall submit to the agency and the Committee a report that contains— (A) the total amount of large covered funds received from the agency; (B) the amount of large covered funds received that were expended or obligated for each project or activity; (C) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which large covered funds were expended or obligated, including— (i) the name of the project or activity; (ii) a description of the project or activity; and (iii) the estimated number of jobs created or retained by the project or activity, where applicable; and (D) detailed information on any level of subcontracts or subgrants awarded by the covered recipient or its subcontractors or subgrantees, to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$50,000 or to individuals, as prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. (3) Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Committee, in consultation with the agency that made large covered funds available to any covered recipient shall make the information in reports submitted under paragraph (2) publicly available by posting the information on the website established under section 15010(g). (4)(A) Each agency, in coordination with the Committee and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide user-friendly means for covered recipients to meet requirements of this subsection. (B) Federal agencies may use existing mechanisms to ensure that information under this subsection is reported accurately. (c)(1) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and the Chairperson of the Council of Economic Advisors, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and publicly release on the website established under section 15010(g) quarterly reports that detail the impact of programs funded through large covered funds on employment, estimated economic growth, and other key economic indicators, including information about impacted industries. (2)(A) The first report submitted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 45 days after the end of the first full quarter following the date of enactment of this Act. (B) The last report required to be submitted under paragraph (1) shall apply to the quarter in which the Committee terminates.

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BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:		Education		
2. Department:				
3. Program:				
4. Legal Title of Grant:		Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund		
5. Federal Catalog #:		84.425D		
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C.				
7. Grant Period:		From: 4/29/2020	To: 9/30/2021	
8. Purpose of Grant: The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund provides flexible funds to state education agencies and school districts to support the extra costs associated with their COVID19 preparation and response efforts, including efforts to protect public health while ensuring continuity of learning, with particular attention to the needs of the most vulnerable and at risk students.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: Without these COVID-relevant funds, school districts will not be able to afford the myriad costs of their required COVID19 preparation and response efforts. These efforts were/are put in place to protect public health and the funds will be used to best ensure that our most vulnerable students do not slip further behind both academically and socioemotionally.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	
Personal Services	\$	\$957,418	\$957,418	
Operating Expenses	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Grants	\$	\$28,033,524	\$	
Total	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$200,000	\$29,490,942	\$1,457,418	
Appropriation No:	5100070000	Amount:	\$31,148,360	
			\$	
			\$	

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		\$
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		\$
	Total	\$

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: Daniel M. French Agreed by: D.F. (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.


13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature: E-SIGNED by Daniel French May 13, 2020 on 2020-05-13 20:48:28 GMT	Date:
	Title: Agency Secretary	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

	Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) Susanne R. Young	Digitally signed by Susanne R. Young Date: 2020.06.12 11:18:15 -0400	Date:
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted	 (Governor's signature)	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected		7/14/20

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
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End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency.

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department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).