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The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has reapplied unused funds from School Improvement by Section 1003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to eligible local education agencies (LEAs). For LEAs that accepted these funds through communication with the Title I unit, reallocated funds will be loaded into the LEAs fiscal year (FY) 2025 ESEA Consolidated funding application as an **incoming carryover** from the FY 2024 Title I, Part A (Title I) award year.

FY 2025 ESEA Consolidated Funding Application Amounts

Once the reallocated amounts are loaded into each LEA allocation, the incoming carry over value will update only for FY 2025 ESEA Consolidated funding application and will not affect LEAs FY 2024 ESEA Consolidated funding application. Approximately 15 LEAs will have additional steps the LEA must do regarding waivers and completion reports (see waiver section below). Once the revised amounts are posted into the FY 2025 application, LEAs must go into the Grants Management Enterprise system and revise their application appropriately. If the LEAs FY 2025 ESEA Consolidated funding application is approved, the funding application will automatically be opened to a revision status. Approximately 9 LEAs that do not have an FY 2025 application will be contacted by ADE to guide them through the process. These 9 LEAs will take extra time to load the grant logistics to load in Title I funds from FY 2024 and FY 2025 into a newly created FY 2025 ESEA Consolidated funding application.

Waiver for Title I, Part A Carryover Limitation

Reallocated funds will not require a carry over waiver if the additional funds now put the LEA over the 15% carry over limitation. LEAs who released funds from the FY 2024 ESEA Consolidated application due to exceeding the 15% carry over and are now accepting reallocated funds must follow additional steps. Each of those respective LEAs will be required to apply for a waiver to obtain the carry over released, and then the reallocated funds will be loaded appropriately. This affects approximately 15 LEAs, and ADE will follow up with those specific LEAs to guide the LEA through the process.

Required Reservations

LEAs taking additional funds from FY 2024 Title I to be applied into the FY 2025 funding application must reconcile any required reservations (i.e., equitable services, family and parent engagement, etc.) based on the final allocation from the FY 2024 funds.

Example

If an LEA originally had a \$490,000 allocation from FY 2024 and accepted an additional \$50,000, the final allocation would be \$540,000. Additionally, the LEA's FY 2024 equitable services requirement was 5%. In this circumstance, the LEA must earmark \$2,500 from additional funds loaded into the FY 2025 ESEA Consolidated application for equitable services.

ADE has generated a workbook with instructions to guide the LEAs on how much needs to be accounted for respective reservations.

ADE appreciates LEAs' flexibility and patience in this endeavor to ensure that federal funds are fully used for the state of Arizona. LEAs that have questions about this process should contact their Title I specialist. This document and future updates to this document may be found in the Fiscal Year 2024 section residing on the Title I Allocations web page (<u>https://www.azed.gov/titlei/allocations</u>).