

SUPPORTING Student Outcomes Using ESEA Funds

Overview of the 2013-14 Consolidated Application

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) funds are intended to assist districts achieve accelerated growth in those students most at-risk of not meeting academic standards. The improved consolidated application provides local education associations (LEAs) with an enhanced tool designed to identify and coordinate grant strategies leading to a greater impact on student achievement.

Improvements Connected with Consolidated Application

Needs Based Strategy Budgeting

The application is now organized by key strategies intentionally designed to improve student outcomes. Organizing by these strategies allows LEAs to leverage financial resources across ESEA (Title) programs to fund activities and build comprehensive programs.

Reduces Duplication

The new consolidated application merges the narrative descriptions and budget into one document. With robust descriptions of activities – action steps – embedded into the Excel document with the budgetary amounts required, the need to cross reference narrative to budget is eliminated and no additional narrative is necessary for funded items. Additionally, this online platform can also be used to collect data points and information on non-funded activities or requirements.

Promotes Coordination and Collaboration

The improved application is intended to facilitate intra-LEA coordination between program and fiscal staff as well as state and federal funded activities. Embedding action steps into the budget file will necessitate close collaboration between program and fiscal staff. The application can inform and support needs based strategy planning occurring in other departments as well.

Where can I learn more?

- Federal Programs website: www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/index.asp
- Consolidated application website: www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/consapp/index.asp
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Strategy Categories

- Tired Instruction and Support
 - Identify and prioritize students
 - Differentiated instruction and academic support
- Leadership and Educator Effectiveness
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Developing excellent leaders and teachers
 - Differentiated professional learning
- Continuum of Services
 - Parental engagement
 - Community partnerships