



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route to: School Business Administrators
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Fiscal Year 2023 Reimbursement Payments – ESEA, IDEA, Perkins and ESSERF

Please be advised that the Office of Grants Management has reviewed the payment records for the following FY 2023 grants:

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA);
- Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
- Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins);
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (CRRSAA-ESSERF); and
- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSERF) grant programs.

As of January 10, 2023, payments to LEAs totaling approximately \$4.8 million have been paid in Perkins funding; \$99 million in IDEA funding; \$69.987 million in ESSA funding; \$681 million in CRSSA-ESSERF; and \$432 million in ARP-ESSERF. While these figures confirm that many districts have submitted regular reimbursement requests and received their funds, our records show that a significant number of districts have not submitted regular reimbursement requests and, as a result, a substantial amount of funds remain in each grant program.

In addition to federal requirements, NJQSAC fiscal management indicator 14 requires that school districts' *"Reimbursement requests for Federal grant awards are submitted in a timely manner for the actual amount of incurred expenditures."* If your district has not already done so, please submit any outstanding reimbursement requests as soon as possible to ensure that your district is reimbursed for FY 2023 grant expenditures in a timely manner. Please note that, as required by the federal Uniform Grant Guidance (2 CFR 200), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has established a risk assessment process that includes timely submission of reimbursement requests as a key-criteria in determining a grantee's risk status.

Reimbursement requests for the ESEA, IDEA, Perkins and ESSERF grants are submitted through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system. For additional information on the reimbursement process, please refer to the [FY 2023 ESEA Application Quick Start Guide](#) and the [NJDOE Policies and Procedures for Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures](#).

If you have questions, please contact the NJDOE Office of Grants Management at (609) 376-9089.

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