



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: ESEA Program Directors, Grant Directors, and School Business Administrators
From: Martin Egan, Director
Office of Grants Management
Deadline: July 31, 2026

Fiscal Year 2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Subgrant Application

The FY 2027 *ESEA* Consolidated Subgrant Application will be available on or about June 8, 2026. The application release will include ESEA Consolidated, Needs Assessment, Title IA, Title ID, Title I SIA, Title IIA, Title III, Title III Immigrant, Title IVA, and Title V. Applications will be available in the New Jersey Grants Management System (NJGMS) platform. NJGMS must be accessed through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (*EWEG*) system by clicking on the NJGMS bridge link. New users should contact their district web administrator for access and authorization.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) should create and submit their ESEA Consolidated Subgrant application no later than **July 31, 2026**.

FY 2027 *ESEA* Consolidated Subgrant Application

The NJDOE limits annual changes to the *ESEA* Consolidated Application to those required by federal regulations and guidance and those that will increase user-friendliness and accessibility for LEAs.

Reminders for FY 2027:

- NJ Grants Management System:** All LEAs must log into EWEG to access the NJGMS platform. LEAs will then create or open the application by selecting the ESEA tile on the Dashboard.
- Organization Profile:** All LEAs must agree to the Assurances found in the Organization Profile Application. The Assurances must be agreed upon before creating an application.
- UEI SAM:** LEAs only need to update this application if the UEI has been renewed through [Sam.gov](https://sam.gov) or if there is a change in the SAM Contact.
- TPAF/FICA Rates (All Titles):** The estimated combined TPAF/FICA rate is 64% (FICA=7.65% TPAF=56.35%). Please note that this is an estimated amount and will be adjusted when you file your FY27 ESEA Final Expenditure Report.
- Budget (All Titles):** All the Salaries and Benefits (Instructional/Non-Instructional) are on one page of the application. LEAs will use the drop-down menu on each budget line item to

indicate if the salary is 100-100, 200-100, or 200-200. In addition, all Instructional and Non-Instructional Expenditures are on a single page of the application.

Annual School Plan

As required by *ESEA*, LEAs serving schools identified as in need of Comprehensive, Targeted, or Additional Targeted support and improvement, as well as any school operating a Title I Schoolwide program in the 2026-2027 school year, must complete an Annual School Plan (ASP) no later than August 31, 2026, using the NJDOE's Annual School Plan System (ASPS) accessed through [NJDOE Homeroom](#). The ASP must reflect the evidence-based interventions mutually agreed upon by the school, LEA, and, for Level III schools, the NJDOE's Regional Support Team.

Equitable Services for Nonpublic Schools

LEAs are required to engage in timely and meaningful consultation with nonpublic school officials to determine their needs and the services the LEA will provide. The nonpublic equitable share is calculated in the *ESEA* application and varies by title. For Title I, Part A, LEAs are required to identify the number of students who reside in their district and attend nonpublic schools either inside or outside of their geographic area. The equitable share is calculated in Title I, Part A, Eligibility, based on information the LEA enters.

To ensure equitable services are provided in a timely manner, pursuant to requirements under *ESEA*, as amended by *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), a LEA must obligate all funds allocated for equitable services in the year for which they are appropriated.

Consortium/Refusals/Transfers

If an LEA's Title III allocation is less than \$10,000, they must either join a consortium with other LEAs to reach the \$10,000 threshold or refuse the funds. There is no minimum budget amount for any of the other titles, but districts may choose to form a consortium for Title II, Part A; Title III Immigrant; and Title IV, Part A. **All consortium applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on July 1, 2026.**

The FY27 Consortium Application links can be found on the NJGMS landing page. In addition, the [Office of Grants Management website](#) has a list of all approved FY26 Consortia districts in the event a district needs to find a lead district.

The Lead District is responsible for entering all programs and budget information on behalf of the Participant Districts. Participant Districts are required to communicate any expenditures to the Lead District by the 15th of every program month as per US Office of Management and Budget Guidelines (USOMB).

LEAs can refuse funds. This is found in the FY27 *ESEA* Original Application using the Navigation side panel and selecting Allocations. LEAs can then complete the Refused Funds checkboxes at the bottom of the page.

In the event an LEA wants to transfer funds, they can transfer using the *ESEA* Consolidated Allocation page and completing the chart for Transfers. LEAs may transfer funds from Title II, Part A or Title IV, Part A to other titles in which they already have an allocation, with the following restrictions:

- Title I Part D and Title I SIA Part A — No transfers are permitted.
- Title IA, Title III, Title III Immigrant, and Title V — Transfers in are only permitted.

Resources

Links to online resources will be posted on the [OGM Resources](#) website as they become available and will include the *ESEA Application Getting Started Guide*. The Office of Grants Management will be holding multiple technical assistance workshops, county-based trainings, webinars, and office hours throughout the months of June and July. Please check the [NJDOE Events Webpage](#) or contact your County Office for dates, times, locations, and registration.

Submission

When an LEA successfully submits an application, they receive an automatic email notification through the NJGMS system that the application has been submitted in “substantially approved form.” This is only a preliminary approval; the application will be reviewed and given final approval by the NJDOE staff. NJDOE staff will be available for support Monday through Friday during regular business hours. LEAs can also send an email to the [EWEG Help Desk](#).

Review and Approval

Section 8452(b)(2) and (4) of the *ESEA*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, imposes restrictions on the length of time available for the review and approval of applications. The NJDOE is required to approve an application within 120 days of submission. If the NJDOE returns an application for revision to the LEA, the LEA must revise and resubmit the application within 45 days, otherwise the application will be deemed disapproved. Therefore, it is important for the LEA to keep their contact information in the NJGMS system current, monitor email notifications, and respond to any revision requests for the NJDOE in a timely manner.

Contacts

For questions or additional information regarding the FY 2027 *ESEA* Allowable Uses or Programs, contact the NJDOE’s Office of Supplement Programs at [Title One Help Desk](#) or call (609) 376-9080. Questions regarding the allocation amounts can be sent to the [Office of Fiscal and Data Services Help Desk](#). For questions or additional information regarding the FY 2027 *ESEA* Consolidated Subgrant Application, contact the Office of Grants Management at [EWEG Help Desk](#) or call (609) 376-9089.