**School Support and Improvement Grant FAQs (4/25/2020)**

1. What if I cannot spend my FY20 funds by June 30?
   1. The FY20 school improvement grants run through September 30th. Review your grant allocations to determine what can be spent in July, August, and September.
2. We do not have sufficient data to make SMART goals for FY21. Are there any flexibilities?
   1. Yes, academic SMART goals are not due until the end of first quarter. Other process goals should still be developed and included in your application and IAP.
3. Will FY20 funds carryover?
   1. Unexpended FY20 funds will carry over after the completion report submission if you apply for FY21 funds.
4. Will FY20 carryover apply to SIG cohort 5 grants as well?
   1. Yes, unexpended FY20 funds will carry over after the completion report submission.
5. Are TSI grants school level or district level?
   1. For FY21 all allocations will be kept in district level programs. In the budget narrative please indicate if any funds for that line item will be used at the school level. Please see the FY21 TSI grant webinar and PDF for an example.
6. Do I add each school in the TSI grant or do I put it in district level programs?
   1. In order to create a budget for TSI activities, using the drop-down arrow, you will need to create a new ‘School’ labeled as your District name (it’s considered a ‘School Level’ budget in the system). For example: Arizona Unified School District - District Level Program(s), then you will be able to enter the budget
7. Will the grant funds that are carried over affect decisions on grant requests made in FY21?
   1. No, these are two separate items.
8. I currently have a SIG grant. Can I request an increase in my allocation?
   1. No, allocations for SIG were determined by your original SIG application.
9. When is the revision due date for FY20 grants?
   1. August 15
10. Will electronic signatures for the grant application suffice?
    1. Yes
11. I currently have an FY20 CSI grant and exited CSI status this year. I am also identified TSI. Can my CSI funds roll over to FY21?
    1. Since you are not eligible for an FY21 CSI grant, your FY20 funds will not roll over. If you are a TSI school, you can apply for the FY21 TSI grant.
12. An LEA decides that remaining CSI/TSI grant funds will just carryover to SY2021. Should the LEA undertake a grant amendment to show what budget items have been cancelled or not achieved due to COVID-19?
    1. Not if you are not reallocating those funds. The completion report will take care of it.
13. Can I use school improvement grant funds for COVID-19 related strategies and actions?
    1. Yes, additional fishbone diagrams are not required for COVID-19 related actions. However, evidence-based requirements remain.
14. An LEA has TSI funds for FY20 that will be unused, and the LEA determines that they do not want to apply for FY21 TSI funding. Will the FY20 carryover funds still be available?
    1. No because they won't have an FY21 grant to roll it into.
15. An LEA with multiple TSI schools has a current FY20 TSI grant. In this grant funding was requested for 15 out of the 20 TSI schools in the district. For FY21, the LEA would like to include all 20 of the schools in the TSI grant. Will they have to complete the full grant application due to this change?
    1. Yes, the full application will need to be submitted if they want additional funds for those schools. However, if the funds received in FY20 are sufficient, they can allocate to the additional schools without a full new application.
16. I currently have an FY20 CSI grant and know we will be receiving the same allocation for FY21. What if I don’t need all of the funds allocated?
    1. Budget for what you do need, and we will adjust the allocation later.
17. Can I leave a portion of my FY21 budget “to be determined?”
    1. No, budget items must be in the Integrated Action Plan and aligned to identified needs and root causes.
18. Will the MTSS Cohort 2 number of meeting days remain the same?
    1. Yes, that is the current plan

We acknowledge that we are in unprecedented times. We will face some knowns and some unknowns when we return to school. We know that attending to student and adult social-emotional needs and recognizing the trauma that has occurred as a result of the COVIS-19 crisis, will be essential to academic recovery and achievement. Rebuilding a culture of safety and trust will need intentional planning and action. We know that collaboration and planning will be more essential than ever. We also know that some students, maybe more than typical, will need both academic and social-emotional intervention and acceleration to achieve their potential. These things we can plan for now.

Please contact your specialist or the Leadership Team with any questions.

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