



State of Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Services



Date: July 15, 2020
To: Special Education Directors and Business Managers
From: ESS Program Management
Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 IDEA Consolidated Grant Funding Update

The fiscal year (FY) 2021 IDEA Consolidated – Entitlement Grant project period began on July 1, 2020. Public education agencies (PEAs) began reaching out to the ESS Program Management team to find out when the PEA applications will receive substantial approval. The IDEA requires that all PEAs are subjected to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility testing before we can establish substantial approval for your funding applications.

FY 2021 IDEA Consolidated – Entitlement Grant Timeline

- July 1 – FY21 project period begins
- July 15 – FY21 budgets due to School Finance
- July 16 – FY21 MOE Eligibility Testing window opens. Please review MOE [Eligibility testing handout](#).
- August 1 – Notifications for New/Expanding Charters due to the [Program Management inbox](#). Criteria for Significant Expansion can be found on the ESS [Program Management website](#).
- August 15 – FY21 MOE Eligibility Testing window closes
- September 30 – Project Period for FY2020 IDEA Consolidated – Entitlement ends

If your PEA passes the MOE Eligibility test, the application will be approved on July 16, 2020, and the substantial approval date will be reverted to July 1, 2020. If the PEA fails the MOE Eligibility test, the application will be returned and the PEA will be notified of the next steps to take to meet the Eligibility standard.

The FY 2020 Completion Report is available for the IDEA Consolidated – Entitlement grant. The due date for this Completion Report is December 30, 2020. You may continue to submit reimbursement requests until September 30, 2020, at the end of our project period.



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Please note that the contact method for ADE Grants Management has changed and they can now be contacted through their [help desk system](#) or through their main phone number at 602-542-3901.

The ESS Program Management team has established a listserv for SPED Directors, Business Managers, and other PEA Administrators. Please encourage your colleagues to [sign up for this listserv](#).

The FY21 preliminary allocations, proportionate share obligations, and Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) values have been posted to [our website](#). For any questions or further guidance, please contact essprogmgmt@azed.gov.