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Staying Current on the EL Program Funding Landscape

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More Money is on the Way!

Make sure your LEA is prepared to submit an FY 2023 Application Revision. Be proactive and revisit your site-level and LEA-level Integrated Action Plans to ensure your needs are still relevant. Monitor and evaluate, as needed, to ensure allocated funding is up-to-date with your LEA's needs.

More Money? Where is it coming from?

There are a few factors which make additional dollars available during a project period. Keep in mind that when grant applications opened on March 1, allocations were based on a preliminary amount of funding the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) *predicted* would be awarded by the US Department of Education (USDOE). Here are the reasons why allocation amounts can or may change:

- 1. On July 1, ADE received its Grant Award Notification (GAN) from USDOE. This award amount was slightly higher than the preliminary amount, so Title III awards increased for all LEAs. These dollars have already been added to GME.
- 2. After September 30, OELAS is able to determine the dollar amount of prior year funding that was not applied for and redistribute these dollars into current fiscal year projects. These dollars will be loaded into GME in November.
- 3. Upon approval of Title III Completion Reports, LEAs with a remaining balance will be able to carry over unspent dollars to their current year project.

What do LEAs need to do?

Always remember that it starts with a plan! Revisit your LIAP to evaluate if the needs your LEA identified in March are still applicable. If they are, you can choose to allocate your additional dollars to expenditures already approved in your Title III budget.

If your LEA has identified new needs, update your LIAP by adding new action steps and the update the Title III budget to show how grant funds will be used to support these new activities.

TIP FOR SUCCESS: OELAS has created a resource to assist LEAs with the Application Revision process. Please visit this link to find tips and guidance on submitting an efficient and effective Application Revision.