



## Arizona Department of Education Office of English Language Acquisition Services

February 23, 2026

Dear Superintendent / Charter Representative / EL Coordinator / EL Main Contact:

**Subject: FY 2027 SEI Budget - Comprehensive Application Notification**

This is a formal notification that the application window for the FY 2027 SEI Budget - Comprehensive Application will open on March 1, 2026. This semi-competitive state-funded grant has a limited submission window and will only be open from March 1 – May 1, 2026.

The SEI Budget - Comprehensive project period for FY 2027 is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

**PURPOSE OF AWARD:** Per Arizona Revised Statute 15-756.01 F, SEI Budget funds are awarded to LEAs for the incremental costs for implementation of the research-based models of structured English immersion developed by the state board of education. Approved budget requests include salaries and benefits for incremental teachers required to meet the state board of education approved model requirements [ARS 15-756.01] for the delivery of Targeted ELD Instructional minutes. The maximum amount of a Local Education Agency's (LEA's) budget request shall be the incremental costs of the models reduced by approved offsets of EL percentage of Desegregation funding and Group B weight [ARS 15-756.01 G].

**ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS:** LEAs interested in applying for this grant can do so in the Grants Management Enterprise (GME) system. Funding Applications for the FY 2027 grant cycle must be submitted between March 1 and May 1, 2026. LEAs who submit after the submission window closes on May 1, 2026, will not be considered for funding nor will appeals be allowed. Applications will be reviewed by the OELAS Grants Team to determine if requested amounts are approvable. Final award amounts to LEAs will be relative to the total amount of available funding.

For more information about this funding source and tips on how to navigate the Funding Application in GME, please visit the [SEI webpage](#).

For questions regarding submission of the fiscal application in the GME System or general SEI Budget questions, please contact Cristina Brownfield at [Cristina.Brownfield@azed.gov](mailto:Cristina.Brownfield@azed.gov) or 602-542-3389.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adela Santa Cruz".

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