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**GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

<b>1</b>	<b>RECIPIENT NAME</b>  Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 75 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148	<b>2</b>	<b>WRD INFORMATION</b>  PR/AWARD NUMBER S425U210025 ACTION NUMBER 1 ACTION TYPE New WRD TYPE Formula																				
<b>3</b>	<b>PROJECT STAFF</b>  <b>RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR</b> William Bell (781) 338-6528 <a href="mailto:William.Bell@mass.gov">William.Bell@mass.gov</a> <b>EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT</b> Amy B Huber (202) 453-6634 <a href="mailto:amy.huber@ed.gov">amy.huber@ed.gov</a> <b>EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE</b> G5 PAYEE HELPDESK 888-336-8930 <a href="mailto:dcaps.user@ed.gov">dcaps.user@ed.gov</a>	<b>4</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>  84.425U American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER)																				
<b>5</b>	<b>KEY PERSONNEL</b>  N/A																						
<b>6</b>	<b>WRD PERIODS</b>  BUDGET PERIOD 03/24/2021 - 09/30/2023 FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD 03/24/2021 - 09/30/2023  <b>FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS</b>  N/A																						
	<b>AUTHORIZED FUNDING</b>  CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT \$1,220,085,382.00 PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT \$0.00 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT \$1,220,085,382.00																						
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION</b>  UNS/SSN 799538178 REGULATIONS EDGAR AS APPLICABLE 2 CFR AS APPLICABLE COMMENTS 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, ARPESSER-T, GE3, GE4, GE5																						
	<b>LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA</b>  AUTHORITY: PL PUBLIC LAW 117-2 N/A AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM TITLE: EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO: 84.425U  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FUND CODE</th> <th>FUNDING YEAR</th> <th>WR YEAR</th> <th>ORG. CODE</th> <th>CATEGORY</th> <th>LIMIT ION</th> <th>ACTIVITY</th> <th>CFDA</th> <th>OBJECT CLASS</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0251N</td> <td>2021</td> <td>2021</td> <td>ES000000</td> <td>B</td> <td>R6</td> <td>000</td> <td>425</td> <td>4101A</td> <td>\$1,220,085,382.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	WR YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMIT ION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT	0251N	2021	2021	ES000000	B	R6	000	425	4101A	\$1,220,085,382.00
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RECIPIENT NAME: MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

ERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number (FIN) to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/A WRD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FIN. If subawards are permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/WRD NUMBER (FIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this grant. The term subaward means:
  - 1. A legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient. (See 2 CFR 200.331(a))
  - 2. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) of the OMB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
  - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract. (See 2 CFR 200.1)
- (2) You are authorized, in carrying out this grant, to utilize the higher threshold set for micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds for federal assistance under this grant or under a contract you award under this grant established by recent statutory changes. These statutory changes raise the threshold for micro-purchases under Federal financial assistance awards to \$10,000 and raise the threshold for simplified acquisitions to \$250,000 for recipients. These higher thresholds are not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FR) at 48 CFR Subpart 2.1 (Definitions), which has not yet occurred. See 2 CFR 200.67 and 200.88. For FY 2018, OMB is granting an exception allowing recipients to use the higher thresholds in advance of changes to the FAR. Please refer to Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum 18-18 regarding the statutory changes. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the program officer identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
- (3) The negotiated indirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this GAN applies to this grant award.
- (4) RP-ESSER 1-5  
merican Rescue Plan ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ARP ESSER) BOX 10 of the Grant Award Notifications (GAN) for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund awards, as authorized in section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

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- (3) The negotiated indirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this GAN applies to this grant award.
- (4) Under the Tydings Amendment, Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act 20 U.S.C 1225(B), any funds that are not obligated at the end of the federal funding period specified in Block 6 shall remain available for obligation for an additional period of 12 months.
- (5) By drawing down funds made available under this GAN, the recipient agrees to the assurances attached as Attachment T which include relevant ARP ESSER provisions, including the requirements to demonstrate that the State has maintained effort and equity as required in section 2004 of the ARP.
- (5) RP-ESSER 6-9
- (6) A local educational agency (LEA) may use funds it receives under section 2001(d) of the ARP for any activity listed in section 2001(e) (applicable sections of the ARP are attached to Attachment T). Any activity that is an allowable use of Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER I) funds by an LEA under section 18003(d) of the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Security (CARES) Act or ESSER II funds by an LEA under section 313(d) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act is also an allowable use of ARP ESSER funds by an LEA under section 2001(d) of the ARP ESSER.
- (7) An LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds under this grant is not required to provide equitable services to non-public school students and teachers with the ARP ESSER funding.
- (8) Consistent with the ARP ESSER Grant Award Notification Enclosure 4 (E4) MEMORANDUM TO REMIND REPERENT OF EDUCATION (THE DEPERENT) GRANTEEES OF EXISTING CASH MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PAYMENTS, the SEA will follow applicable cash management requirements in the Cash Management Improvement Act and 2 C.F.R 200.305. If SEA provides advance payments to LEAs, the payments must be limited to the minimum amounts needed and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the non-Federal entity in carrying out the purpose of the approved program or project (i.e., to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19). The timing and amount of advance payments must be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the non-Federal entity for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.
- (9) The SEA will return to the Secretary any ARP ESSER funds that the SEA does not award within one year of the date the SEA receives each portion of its ARP ESSER funds (i.e., with respect to the first two-thirds of the SEA's allocation, one year from the date the SEA receives ARP ESSER funds under this GAN, and with respect to the remaining ARP ESSER funds that will be allocated to the SEA after submission of an application, one year from the date the SEA receives those funds). For purposes of this assurance, funds are awarded when they are subgranted to an LEA or, in the case of the funds the SEA reserves under section 2001(f) of the ARP, when the SEA awards a contract or subgrants the funds or retains the funds to provide direct services itself.



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## **GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Rosenblum".

**Ian Rosenblum**  
Acting Assistant Secretary

**03/24/2021**

**AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL**

**DATE**

## EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

**For Discretionary, Formula and Block Grants** (See Block 2 of the Notification)

- 1. RECIPIENT NAME** - The legal name of the recipient or name of the primary organizational unit that was identified in the application, state plan or other documents required to be submitted for funding by the grant program.
- 2. AWARD INFORMATION** - Unique items of information that identify this notification.
  - PR/AWARD NUMBER** - A unique, identifying number assigned by the Department to each application. On funded applications, this is commonly known as the "grant number" or "document number." The PR/Award Number is also known as the Federal Award Identifying Number, or FAIN.
  - ACTION NUMBER** - A numeral that represents the cumulative number of steps taken by the Department to date to establish or modify the award through fiscal or administrative means. Action number "01" will always be "NEW AWARD"
  - ACTION TYPE** - The nature of this notification (e.g., NEW AWARD, CONTINUATION, REVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE)
  - AWARD TYPE** - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK. If this award was made under a Research and Development grant program, the terms RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will appear under DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA OR BLOCK.
- 3. PROJECT STAFF** - This block contains the names and telephone numbers of the U.S. Department of Education and recipient staff who are responsible for project direction and oversight.
  - \*RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR** - The recipient staff person responsible for administering the project. This person represents the recipient to the U.S. Department of Education.
  - EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for the programmatic, administrative and business management concerns of the Department.
  - EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for payments or questions concerning electronic drawdown and financial expenditure reporting.
- 4. PROJECT TITLE AND CFDA NUMBER** - Identifies the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) subprogram title and the associated subprogram number.
- 5.\* KEY PERSONNEL** - Name, title and percentage (%) of effort the key personnel identified devotes to the project.
- 6. AWARD PERIODS** - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below:
  - BUDGET PERIOD** - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown.
  - PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The complete length of time the recipient is proposed to be funded to complete approved activities. A performance period may contain one or more budget periods.
  - \*FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS** - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures.
- 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING** - The dollar figures in this block refer to the Federal funds provided to a recipient during the award periods.
  - \*THIS ACTION** - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification.
  - \*BUDGET PERIOD** - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date.
  - \*PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date.
  - RECIPIENT COST SHARE** - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award.
  - RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT** - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the non-federal funds.
- 8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.

**DUNS/SSN** - A unique, identifying number assigned to each recipient for pay ent purposes. The number is based on either the recipient's assigned number from Dun and Bradstreet or the individual's social security number.

**\*REGULATIONS** - Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Part 200 as adopted at 2 CFR 3474; the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), specific program regulations (if any), and other titles of the CFR that govern the award and administration of this grant.

**\*ATTACHMENTS** - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.

**9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA** - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.

**FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG.CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS** -

The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) to track obligations by award.

**AMOUNT** - The amount of funds provided from a particular appropriation and project code. Some notifications authorize more than one amount from separate appropriations and/or project codes. The total of all amounts in this block equals the amount shown on the line, "THIS ACTION" (See "AUTHORIZED FUNDING" above (Block 7)).

**10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.

**\*PARTICIPANT NUMBER** - The number of eligible participants the grantee is required to serve during the budget year.

**\*GRANTEE NAME** - The entity name and address registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). This name and address is tied to the DUNS number registered in SAM under the name and address appearing in this field. This name, address and the associated DUNS is what is displayed in the SAM Public Search.

**\*PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE** - The type of indirect cost permitted under the program (i.e. Restricted, Unrestricted, or Training).

**\*PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE** - The indirect cost rate applicable to this grant.

**\*AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award

**FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:**

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

**3. PROJECT STAFF** - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.

**7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING**

**CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT** - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action.

**PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.

**CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant, this action included.

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\* This item differs or does not appear on formula and block grants.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
& CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

William Bell

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
75 Pleasant Street

Walden, MA 02148

SUBJECT: Payee Identification for Grant Award S425U210025

This is to inform you that the United States Department of Education does not have a payee and bank account of record designated for the above listed grant award. You will not be able to request funds for this grant award until a payee and bank account of record are established.

- 1) All SF-1199A, Direct Deposit and Fedwire Sign-Up forms must be mailed to the Department of Education. The SF-1199A must contain original signatures for both the recipient and bank officials.
- 2) First time recipients establishing a bank account for a new award must include a copy of the grant award document with the cover letter and SF-1199A, Direct Deposit or Fedwire Sign-Up forms.
- 3) The Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS) has been enhanced to produce an automated notification when bank account data has been changed or deleted. This automated notification is transmitted via e-mail to Payees having e-mail capacity or mailed to recipients without an e-mail address.
- 4) All banking information requests, including establishing a new bank account, modifying an existing bank account or deleting a bank account must be accompanied with a cover letter requesting the specific action. The cover letter must be on the letterhead of the requesting payee. The cover letter must contain the following information:

- DUNS Number
- e-mail address (if available) for the person to receive automated notification
- signature and phone number of the person requesting the bank information change

Mail Cover Letters and accompanying forms to:

U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave, SW, Rm. 4C146  
Washington, DC 20202-4110  
Attention: Financial Management Operations

If you have any questions or require assistance concerning establishing a payee record for a bank account please contact the G5 Hotline at 1-888-336-8930.

Dear G5 Payee:

To obtain your G5 Login ID, you will need to complete the G5 External User Access Request Form and return it notarized to the U.S. Department of Education. Attached are the instructions for accessing and completing the form. Upon receiving the notarized form, the Department will send you an email with your new G5 Login ID.

Please mail the form to:

U.S. Department of Education  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
Mail Stop - 4110  
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202  
Attention: Functional Applications Team

Thank you for your continued support of the U.S. Department of Education's G5 Grant Management System. Please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) if you have any

Sincerely  
G5 Administration

## Instructions for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form

To establish direct access to your U.S. Department of Education G5 Grant Management System account, please complete the G5 External User Access Request Form attached, have it notarized, and mail the completed form to the address below.

### Steps for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form -

1. Go to <http://www.g5.gov> and click on the link, "Not Registered? Sign up".
2. Complete each data element of the form including the following elements:
  - a. User Type (Select Payee unless you are specifically a Servicer)
    - . Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS)
    - . Desired Role (Select Full Access to enable you to continue to draw funds, or View Only if you will only need to review account activity).
3. Print the form and then Submit your online registration.
4. You will immediately receive an email asking you to activate your account.
5. Click on the link in the email and select your password and Secret Question and Answer.
6. Congratulations! You now have an active account. Only one more step!!
7. Sign the printed (from step 3) G5 External User Access Request Form as the Authorized Payee in the presence of a Notary Public.
8. Assure the G5 External User Access Request Form is notarized with appropriate seal and signature and expiration date.
9. Mail the completed, notarized G5 External User Access Request Form to the following address:

**U.S. Department of Education**  
**Office of the Chief Information Officer**  
**Mail Stop - 4110**  
**400 Maryland Avenue S.W.**  
**Washington DC 20202**  
**Attn: Functional Applications Team**
10. Allow two weeks for delivery and account updates.
11. You will receive Email notification that your G5 External User Access Request Form has been processed and your roles have been assigned.
12. Congratulations, You're now able to access G5 directly.

As always, please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) with any questions.

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ACH DIRECT DEPOSIT SIGN-UP FORM**  
**SF-1199A**

Recipients can obtain an SF-1199A (Figure D-1) from their financial institution. The preprinted instructions on the reverse side of the SF-1199A should be disregarded and the following instructions should be followed in completing the SF-1199A.

The recipient is to complete Sections 1 and 2 of the SF-1199A. The recipient's financial institution is to complete Section 3 and mail the completed form to the Department of Education. The financial institution will mail a copy of the completed SF-1199A to the recipient.

**INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 1**

ITEM A	Name of Payee Address	Enter the name and address of payee's organization. Enter telephone number of person authorized to certify the payment request.
ITEM B	Telephone Number	
ITEM B	Name of Person(s) Entitled to Payment	Leave Blank.
ITEM C	Claim or Payroll ID Number	Enter the following information Prefix: 9 digit D-U-N-S Number Suffix: 11 character Grant Award Number.
ITEM D	Type of Depositor	Place an "X" in the Appropriate Box.
ITEM E	Depositor Account	Enter the payee's account number at the financial institution in which funds are to be deposited. Include blanks or dashes when entering the account number.
ITEM F	Type of Payment	Enter "X" in the "Other" box.
ITEM G	Box for Allotment of Payment Only	Leave Blank.
Payee/Joint Certification		Authorized Certifying Official for the payee is to sign the form.

**INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 2**

Government Agency Name	Enter:	U.S. Department of Education
Government Agency Address	Enter:	400 Maryland Avenue, SW Room 4C138 Washington, DC 20202

**INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 3**

to be completed by financial institution.

Director, Financial Payment Group  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202 - 4331

Ref: PR/Award No. S425U210025

Dear Sir:

Please transfer FEDWIRE payments for MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to the following financial institution and depositor account beginning on this date: Month\_\_\_\_, Day\_\_\_\_, Year\_\_\_\_.

Information regarding the financial institution to which payments for D-U-N-S \_\_\_\_\_ are to be transferred is provided below.

Financial Institution

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Corresponding Bank (if applicable):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telegraphic Abbrev.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please update my account with the information as indicated above. If you have any questions, I may be reached at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Chief Financial Officer

## SPECIFIC GRANT CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENTS

### THE G5 PAYMENTS MODULE

Payments under this award will be made through the Payments module of the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) electronic grants system, G5. G5 is administered by the Office of Finance and Operations, Office of Business Support Services.

The internet address for G5 is <https://www.g5.gov>. To access the G5 Payments module, grantee representatives must have individual G5 accounts under their personal name and unique email address, with the Payee role assigned and associated to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)<sup>1</sup> of the grantee organization. The UEI number is identified in **Block 8** of the **Grant Award Notification (GAN)**.

To establish a G5 Payee account, go to the "*Not Registered? Sign Up*" link on the G5 Home Page and follow the prompts to create an account. When prompted to select a role, choose "Payee (Full Access)," enter the requested information, including the UEI of the grantee organization, and click "Submit." This will generate an External User Access Request Form, which must be printed out, signed by an authorizing official of the grantee organization, notarized (universities may use a university stamp), and mailed to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education  
Office of Finance and Operations  
Mail Stop 7062  
Attn: G5 Functional Application Team  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

In addition to establishing individual Payee account(s) in G5, new grantees are required to provide depositor account information via a completed SF1199A form. Multiple Payee users can be associated to a particular grantee institution in the G5 system, allowing for back-up Payee users to draw funds when a primary Payee user is away.

Payee users may begin requesting funds for the grantee once the award authorization is entered into G5, the award start date is reached, and a completed SF1199A is received and processed by the Department (if one does not already exist for a previous award).

The Department's On Demand Training can be found by clicking on the "Help" menu at <https://www.g5.gov>. The guide provides detailed instructions on all G5 processes. For additional assistance, grantees may contact the G5 Hotline at (888) 336-8930. The Hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time, except on Federal holidays.

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<sup>1</sup> ED currently uses the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, INC. to uniquely identify business entities, as the UEI.

### REQUESTING FUNDS USING THE G5 PAYMENTS MODULE

To access the G5 Payments module, payees need a web browser (such as Microsoft Internet Explorer) and Internet connectivity. Payees will request funds by award using **the PR/Award Number** found in **Block 5** of the **GAN**. Instructions for navigating through the G5 Payments screens to make a payment request are provided in the G5 On Demand training located under the “Help” link.

G5 users with the Payee role who are unable to access G5 may request funds by calling the G5 Hotline at (888)336-8930.

### AWARD INFORMATION

G5 users with the Payee role can view the following information in G5 on grant awards associated to the UEI on their account:

- Net authorization and authorization history;
- Net draws;
- Available balance;
- History of pending and completed payments;
- Award status; and
- Award history - including detailed transactions on drawdowns, returns, refunds, and adjustments.

## AN OVERVIEW OF SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS OF STATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

This GAN ATTACHMENT is **not** applicable to for-profit organizations. For-profit organizations comply with audit requirements specified in block 10 of their Grant Award Notification (GAN).

### Summary of Single Audit Requirements for States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations:

1. Single Audit. A non-Federal entity (a State, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education (IHE)<sup>1</sup>, or nonprofit organization) that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.501, "Audit Requirements," except when it elects to have a program specific audit conducted.
2. Program-specific audit election. When an auditee expends Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding research and development (R&D)), and the Federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the auditee, the auditee may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted. A program-specific audit may not be elected for R&D unless all of the Federal awards expended were received from the same Federal agency, or the same Federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that Federal agency, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.
3. Exemption when Federal awards expended are less than \$750,000. A non-Federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 2 CFR 200.503, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO). Generally, grant records must be maintained for a period of three years after the date of the final expenditure report ([2 CFR § 200.334](#))
4. Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC). Management of an auditee that owns or operates a FFRDC may elect to treat the FFRDC as a separate entity.
5. Report Submission. To meet audit requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), grantees must submit all audit documents required by Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.512, including Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form electronically to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at:

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<sup>1</sup> As defined under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) section 101.



<https://facides.census.gov/Account/Login.aspx>.

The audit must be completed, and the data collection form and reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the reporting package is due the next business day. Unless restricted by Federal statutes or regulations, the auditee must make copies available for public inspection. Auditees and auditors must ensure that their respective parts of the reporting package do not include protected personally identifiable information. (2 CFR 200.512)

Grantees are strongly urged to obtain the "OMB Compliance Supplement" and to contact their cognizant agency for single audit technical assistance.

The designated cognizant agency for single audit purposes is "the Federal awarding agency that provides the predominant amount of direct funding to the recipient." Grantees should obtain a copy of the OMB Compliance supplement. This supplement will be instructive to both grantees and their auditors. Appendix III of the supplement provides a list of Federal Agency Contacts for Single Audits, including addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for technical assistance.

For single audit-related questions, if the U.S. Department of Education is the cognizant agency, grantees should contact the Non-Federal Audit Team in the Department's Office of Inspector General, at [oignon-federalaudit@ed.gov](mailto:oignon-federalaudit@ed.gov). Additional resources for single audits are also available on the Non-Federal Audit Team's website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/nonfed/index.html>. For programmatic questions, grantees should contact the education program contact shown on the Department's GAN.

Grantees can obtain information on single audits from:

The OMB website at [www.omb.gov](http://www.omb.gov). Look under Office of Management and Budget (in right column) then click Office of Federal Financial Management (to obtain OMB Compliance Supplement). The SF-SAC: Data Collection Form can be found at the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at: <https://facides.census.gov/Files/2019-2021%20Checklist%20Instructions%20and%20Form.pdf>.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) has illustrative OMB Single Audit report examples that might be of interest to accountants, auditors, or financial staff at [www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org).

## **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

The Department of Education adopts the requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations at 2 CFR [175](#) and incorporates those requirements into this grant through this condition. The grant condition specified in 2 CFR [175.15\(b\)](#) is incorporated into this grant with the following changes. Paragraphs a.2.ii.B and b.2. ii. are revised to read as follows:

“a.2.ii.B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85.”

“b.2. ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85.”

Under this condition, the Secretary may terminate this grant without penalty for any violation of these provisions by the grantee, its employees, or its subrecipients.

**FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY ACT  
REPORTING SUBAWARDS AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) is designed to increase transparency and improve the public's access to Federal government information. To this end, FFATA requires that Department of Education (Department) grant recipients:

1. Report **first-tier subawards** made under Federal grants that are funded at \$30,000 or more that meet the reporting conditions as set forth in this grant award term;
2. Report their executives' compensation for all new Federal grants that are funded at \$30,000 and that meet the reporting conditions as set forth in this grant award term; and
3. Report executive compensation data for their **first-tier subrecipients** that meet the reporting conditions as set forth in this grant award term.

For FFATA reporting purposes, the Department grant recipient is the entity listed in box 1 of the Grant Award Notification.

Only **first-tier subawards** made by the Department grant recipient to its **first-tier subrecipients** and the **first-tier subrecipients'** executive compensation are required to be reported in accordance with FFATA.

*Subaward, Subrecipient, Recipient, Total Compensation, Executives*, and other key terms, are defined within item 5, Definitions, of this grant award term.

This grant award term is issued in accordance with [2 CFR Part 170—Reporting Subaward And Executive Compensation Information](#).

**1. Reporting of First-tier Subawards -**

a. *Applicability and what to report.*

Unless you are exempt as provided item 4, Exemptions, of this grant award term, you must report each obligation that **equals or exceeds \$30,000** in Federal funds for a first-tier subaward to a non-Federal entity or Federal agency.

You must report the information about each obligating action that are specified in the submission instructions posted at [FSRS](#).

b. *Where and when to report.*

The Department grant recipient must report each obligating action described in paragraph **1.a.** of this award term to [FSRS](#).

Report subaward information no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward obligation was made. For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2020, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2020.

**2. Reporting Total Compensation of the Department's Grant Recipients' Executives -**

a. *Applicability and what to report.*

You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if—

- i The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Federal award **equals or exceeds \$30,000**;
- ii In the preceding fiscal year, you received—
  - A. 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards), **and**
  - B. \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards); **and**,
  - C. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at [SEC Investor.gov Executive Compensation](#).)

b. *Where and when to report.*

You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph **2.a.** of this grant award term:

- i As part of your registration profile at [SAM.gov](#).
- ii By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made (for example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2020 the executive compensation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2020), and annually thereafter.

**3. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives –**

a. *Applicability and what to report.*

Unless you are exempt as provided in item 4, Exemptions, of this award term, for each first-tier **non-Federal entity** subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if—

- i In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received—

- A. 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards), **and**
  - B. \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards); **and**,
  - C. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at [SEC Investor.gov Executive Compensation](#).)
- b. *Where and when to report.*

You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph **3.a.** of this grant award term:

- i. In [FSRS](#). You must include a condition on subawards that requires the subrecipients to timely report the information required under paragraph **3.a.** to you the prime awardee, or in the [SAM.gov](#). Subrecipient executive compensation entered in [SAM.gov](#) by the subrecipient will pre-populate in [FSRS](#), so you do not have to report when subrecipients enter this information in [SAM.gov](#). Subrecipient executive compensation not entered in [SAM.gov](#) by the subrecipient is reported in [FSRS](#) by you the Department grant recipient.
- ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if the subaward obligation was made on November 7, 2020 the subrecipient’s executive compensation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2020.

**4. Exemptions –**

- a. If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:
  - i. Subawards, and
  - ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any **subrecipient**.

**5. Definitions -**

- a. For purposes of this award term:
  - i. Federal *Agency* means a Federal agency as defined at [5 U.S.C. 551\(1\)](#) and further clarified by [5 U.S.C. 552\(f\)](#).
  - ii. Non-Federal *Entity* means all of the following, as defined in [2 CFR part 25](#):

A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;

- A foreign public entity;
  - A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; and,
  - A domestic or foreign for-profit organization
- iii. *Executive* means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
- iv. *Obligation*, when used in connection with a non-Federal entity's utilization of funds under a Federal award, means orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions during a given period that require payment by the non-Federal entity during the same or a future period.
- v. *Subaward*:

This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.

The term does not include your procurement of property and services (such as payments to a contractor, small purchase agreements, vendor agreements, and consultant agreements) that are needed for the benefit of the prime awardee to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see [2 CFR 200.331](#)). For example, the following are not considered subawards:

*Cleaning Vendors*: Vendors that are hired by a grantee to clean its facility.

*Payroll Services Vendors*: Vendors that carryout payroll functions for the grantee.

*Information Technology Vendors*: Vendors that provide IT support to grant staff.

Payments to individuals that are beneficiaries of Federal programs are not considered subawards.

A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.

- v. *Subrecipient* means a non-Federal entity or Federal agency that:

Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and

Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

In accordance with its subaward, uses the Federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in authorizing statute, as opposed to providing goods or services for the benefit of the Department prime awardee.

- vii. *Recipient* means a non-Federal entity that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a Federal program. The term recipient does not include subrecipients. See also §200.69 Non-Federal entity.
- viii. *Total compensation* means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see [17 CFR 229.402\(c\)\(2\)](#)):

Salary and bonus.

Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.

Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization, or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives and are available generally to all salaried employees.

Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.

Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.

Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g., severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites, or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR DISCLOSING  
FEDERAL FUNDING IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, U.S. Department of Education grantees shall clearly state:

- 1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
- 2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and
- 3) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Division B, Title V, Section 505 of Public Law 115-245, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019.



**PROHIBITION OF TEXT MESSAGING AND EMAILING WHILE DRIVING  
DURING OFFICIAL FEDERAL GRANT BUSINESS**

Federal grant recipients, sub recipients and their grant personnel are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately-owned vehicle during official grant business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009.

## REGISTRATION OF UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) NUMBER AND TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) IN THE SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) Grants Management System (G5) disburses payments via the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury). The U.S. Treasury requires that we include your Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN) with each payment. Therefore, in order to do business with the Department you must have a registered Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)<sup>1</sup> and TIN number with the SAM, the U.S. Federal Government's primary registrant database. If the payee UEI number is different than your grantee UEI number, both numbers must be registered in the SAM. Failure to do so will delay the receipt of payments from the Department.

A TIN is an identification number used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the administration of tax laws. It is issued either by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by the IRS. A Social Security number (SSN) is issued by the SSA whereas all other TINs are issued by the IRS.

The following are all considered [TINs according to the IRS](#).

- Social Security Number "SSN"
- Employer Identification Number "EIN"
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number "ITIN"
- Taxpayer Identification Number for Pending U.S. Adoptions "ATIN"
- Preparer Taxpayer Identification Number "PTIN"

If your UEI number is not currently registered with the SAM, you can easily register by going to [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Please allow 3-5 business days to complete the registration process. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active. If you need assistance during the registration process, you may contact the SAM Federal Service Desk at 866-606-8220.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not have to make any changes. However, please take the time to validate that the TIN associated with your UEI is correct.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the G5 Hotline at 888-336-8930.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, ED uses the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, INC. to uniquely identify business entities, as the UEI.

## SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT AND UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you are, in accordance with your grant program's Notice Inviting Applications, required to maintain an active SAM registration with current information about your organization, including information on your immediate and highest level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or grant within the last three years, if applicable, at all times during which you have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. To remain registered in the SAM database after your initial registration, you are required to review and update your information in the SAM database on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate and complete.

### 2. Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)\* Numbers

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

1. Must notify potential subrecipients that they may not receive a subaward from you unless they provided their UEI number to you.
2. May not make a subaward to a subrecipient when the subrecipient fails to provide its UEI number to you.

### 3. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which a recipient must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM internet site (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).
2. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) means the identifier assigned by SAM registration to uniquely identify business entities. Currently the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B), is used to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
3. Recipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a Federal program. The term recipient does not include subrecipients. See 2 CFR 200.86.
4. Subaward means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include

payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract. See 2 CFR 200.92.

5. Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency. See 2 CFR 200.93.

\*Currently, the Department uses the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. to uniquely identify business entities, as the UEI.

## Attachment T: Grant Conditions

*Attachment T to Grant Award Notification (GAN) for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund award, as authorized in section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).*

### **PART A: PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES**

In order to make a significant portion of emergency relief funds under section 2001 of the ARP available as quickly as possible, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is issuing through this GAN an award equal to two-thirds of the State educational agency's (SEA's) ARP ESSER allocation. In accepting the funds made available under this GAN, the Chief State School Officer assures that the SEA will submit a plan (which will be required as part of the SEA's application for the remainder of its ARP ESSER allocation) that contains such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including on matters such as:

- How the SEA will support local educational agencies (LEAs) in safely returning to in-person instruction, maximizing in-person instruction time, and sustaining the safe operation of schools, consistent, to the extent practicable, with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance;
- How the SEA will use the funds that it must reserve for evidence-based activities to address learning loss, implement summer learning and enrichment programs, and implement comprehensive afterschool programs, and how those activities will respond to the academic, social, and emotional needs of students and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student groups most impacted by the pandemic and for whom the pandemic exacerbated pre-existing inequities;
- How the SEA will support LEAs in addressing learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student groups most impacted by the pandemic and for whom the pandemic exacerbated pre-existing inequities;
- How the SEA will support LEAs in building capacity to promote healthy and safe learning environments and support students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs; making evidence-based, equity-driven ARP ESSER spending decisions; engaging a diverse range of stakeholders, including students, families, and educators; tracking how resources are targeted and outcomes achieved; and ensuring appropriate fiscal monitoring and controls; and
- How the SEA consulted with stakeholders and the public, including students, families, civil rights organizations including disability rights organizations, school administrators, superintendents, and educators and their unions, and provided an opportunity for and incorporated, as appropriate, input in development of its ARP ESSER plan.

The plan will be submitted as part of the SEA's application for the remainder of its ARP ESSER allocation within the deadline established by the Secretary (e.g., within 45 days of the Department's issuance of the application).

The assurances below apply to the total amount of an SEA's ARP ESSER allocation.

*By the SEA's drawdown of funds under this GAN, the Chief State School Officer assures the following:*

1. The SEA will allocate not less than 90 percent, and not more than 93 percent, of its total ARP ESSER allocation to LEAs (including charter schools that are LEAs) in the State on the basis of their respective shares of funds received under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) in fiscal year 2020.
2. The SEA will allocate ARP ESSER funds to LEAs in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the SEA receives ARP ESSER funds (i.e., 60 days from the date the SEA receives each portion of its ARP ESSER funds). An SEA that is not able to allocate such funds within 60 days because it is not practicable (e.g., because of pre-existing State board approval requirements) will provide an explanation to the Department within 30 days of receiving each portion of its ARP ESSER funds, including a description of specific actions the SEA is taking to provide ARP ESSER funds to LEAs in an expedited and timely manner and the SEA's expected timeline for doing so.
3. When the SEA allocates ARP ESSER funds to an LEA from the funds awarded through this GAN, the SEA will communicate the LEA's total ARP ESSER allocation (i.e., the sum of the amount the LEA receives from funds awarded under this GAN and the additional amount that it will receive after the Department approves the SEA's application for the remainder of its allocation) to enable an LEA immediately to begin making plans for the use of ARP ESSER funds, including for the use of at least 20 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss.
4. The SEA will reserve not less than five percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to carry out, directly or through grants and contracts, activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such evidence-based interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care), including by providing additional support to LEAs to fully address such impacts.
5. The SEA will reserve not less than one percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to carry out, directly or through grants and contracts, the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs, and ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care).

6. The SEA will reserve not less than one percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to carry out, directly or through grants and contracts, the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive afterschool programs, and ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care).
7. The SEA will reserve no more than 1/2 of 1 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation for administrative costs and emergency needs as determined by the SEA to address issues related to COVID-19, which may be addressed through the use of grants or contracts or for direct use by the SEA.
8. The SEA will ensure that LEAs use ARP ESSER funds for activities allowable under section 2001(e) of the ARP.
9. The SEA will comply with the maintenance of effort provision in section 2004(a)(1) of the ARP absent a waiver by the Secretary pursuant to section 2004(b)(2).
10. The SEA will comply with the maintenance of equity provisions in section 2004(b) of the ARP and ensure its LEAs comply with the maintenance of equity provision in section 2004(c) of the ARP.
11. The SEA will ensure that each LEA will reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, extended school year programs, or other evidence-based interventions, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care).
12. The SEA will ensure that each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds either: (a) within 30 days of receipt of the funds, will develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a plan for the safe return of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP, or (b) developed and made publicly available on the LEA's website such a plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP. The SEA will also ensure that, as required in section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP, before making the plan publicly available, the LEA sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan.
13. The SEA will comply with, and ensure that LEAs comply with, all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including on matters such as:

- how the State is developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies and plans in line with the CDC guidance related to addressing COVID-19 in schools;
- overall plans and policies related to State support for return to in-person instruction and maximizing in-person instruction time, including how funds will support a return to and maximize in-person instruction time, and advance equity and inclusivity in participation in in-person instruction;
- data on each school's mode of instruction (remote, hybrid, in-person) and conditions;
- SEA and LEA uses of funds to meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs, including through summer enrichment programming and other evidence-based interventions, and how they advance equity for underserved students;
- SEA and LEA uses of funds to sustain and support access to early childhood education programs;
- impacts and outcomes (disaggregated by student subgroup) through use of ARP ESSER funding (e.g., quantitative and qualitative results of ARP ESSER funding, including on personnel, student learning, and budgeting at the school and district level);
- student data (disaggregated by student subgroup) related to how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected instruction and learning;
- requirements under the Federal Financial Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA); and
- additional reporting requirements as may be necessary to ensure accountability and transparency of ARP ESSER funds.

14. Records pertaining to the ARP ESSER award under 2 C.F.R. § 200.334 and 34 C.F.R. § 76.730, including financial records related to use of grant funds, will be retained separately from other grant funds, including funds that an SEA or LEA receives under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act). The SEA will ensure that it and every subrecipient of ARP ESSER funds will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the Department and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.
15. The SEA will return to the Secretary any ARP ESSER funds that the SEA does not award within one year of the date the SEA receives each portion of its ARP ESSER funds (i.e., with respect to the first two-thirds of the SEA's allocation, one year from the date the SEA receives ARP ESSER funds under this GAN, and with respect to the remaining ARP ESSER funds that will be allocated to the SEA after submission of an application, one year from the date the SEA receives those funds). For purposes of this assurance, funds are "awarded" when they are subgranted to an LEA or, in the case of the funds the SEA reserves under section 2001(f) of the ARP, when the SEA awards a contract or subgrants the funds or retains the funds to provide direct services itself.



## **PART B: OTHER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

*By the SEA's drawdown of funds under this GAN, the Chief State School Officer assures or certifies the following with respect to ARP ESSER Fund awards:*

1. The SEA will comply with all applicable assurances in OMB Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
2. With respect to the certification regarding lobbying in Department Form 80-0013, no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; the SEA will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 C.F.R. Part 82, Appendix B); and the SEA will require the full certification, as set forth in 34 C.F.R. Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers.
3. Any LEA receiving funding under this program will have on file with the SEA a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).
4. To the extent applicable, an LEA will include in its local application a description of how the LEA will comply with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a). The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program.
5. The SEA will comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) requirements in Subpart D—Post Federal Award Requirements (2 CFR §§200.300-345) and Subpart E—Cost Principles (2 CFR §§200.400-475) to ensure that LEAs, including charter schools that are LEAs, are using ARP ESSER funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the ARP.

The SEA and other entities will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

## THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

You are receiving this memorandum to remind you that grantees must take into account the following factors when considering the use of grant funds for conferences and meetings:

- Before deciding to use grant funds to attend or host a meeting or conference, a grantee should:
  - Ensure that attending or hosting a conference or meeting is consistent with its approved application and is reasonable and necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the grant;
  - Ensure that the primary purpose of the meeting or conference is to disseminate technical information, (e.g., provide information on specific programmatic requirements, best practices in a particular field, or theoretical, empirical, or methodological advances made in a particular field; conduct training or professional development; plan/coordinate the work being done under the grant); and
  - Consider whether there are more effective or efficient alternatives that can accomplish the desired results at a lower cost, for example, using webinars or video conferencing.
- Grantees must follow all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements in determining whether costs are reasonable and necessary, especially the Cost Principles for Federal grants set out at 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E of the, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.” In particular, remember that:
  - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for alcoholic beverages; and
  - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for entertainment, which includes costs for amusement, diversion, and social activities.
- Grant funds may be used to pay for the costs of attending a conference. Specifically, Federal grant funds may be used to pay for conference fees and travel expenses (transportation, per diem, and lodging) of grantee employees, consultants, or experts to attend a conference or meeting if those expenses are reasonable and necessary to achieve the purposes of the grant.
  - When planning to use grant funds for attending a meeting or conference, grantees should consider how many people should attend the meeting or conference on their behalf. The number of attendees should be reasonable and necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the grant.
- A grantee hosting a meeting or conference may not use grant funds to pay for food for conference attendees unless doing so is necessary to accomplish legitimate meeting or conference business.
  - A working lunch is an example of a cost for food that might be allowable under a Federal grant if attendance at the lunch is needed to ensure the full participation by conference attendees in essential discussions and speeches concerning the purpose of the conference and to achieve the goals and objectives of the project.
- A meeting or conference hosted by a grantee and charged to a Department grant must not be promoted as a U.S. Department of Education conference. This means that the seal of the U.S. Department of Education must not be used on conference materials or signage without Department approval.

- All meeting or conference materials paid for with grant funds must include appropriate disclaimers, such as the following:
  - The contents of this (insert type of publication; e.g., book, report, film) were developed under a grant from the Department of Education. However, those contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.
- Grantees are strongly encouraged to contact their project officer with any questions or concerns about whether using grant funds for a meeting or conference is allowable prior to committing grant funds for such purposes.
  - A short conversation could help avoid a costly and embarrassing mistake.
- Grantees are responsible for the proper use of their grant awards and may have to repay funds to the Department if they violate the rules on the use of grant funds, including the rules for meeting- and conference-related expenses.

## MEMORANDUM TO REMIND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTEEES OF EXISTING CASH MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PAYMENTS

The Department of Education (Department) requires that its grantees adhere to existing cash management requirements concerning payments and will ensure that their subgrantees are also aware of these policies by providing them relevant information. A grantee's failure to comply with cash management requirements may result in an improper payment determination by the Department in accordance with the [Payment Integrity Information Act \(PIIA\) of 2019](#).

There are three categories of payment requirements that apply to the drawdown of funds from grant accounts at the Department. The first two types of payments are subject to the requirements in the Treasury Department regulations implementing the Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) of 1990, 31 U.S.C.6513, and the third is subject to the requirements in the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) at 2 CFR part 200,<sup>1</sup> as follows:

1. Payments to a State under programs that are covered by a State's Treasury State Agreement (TSA);
2. Payments to States under programs that are not covered by a TSA; and
3. Payments to other non-Federal entities, including nonprofit organizations and local governments.

### CMIA Requirements Applicable to Programs included in a TSA

Generally, under the Treasury Department regulations implementing the CMIA, only major assistance programs (large-dollar programs meeting thresholds in 31 CFR § 205.5) are included in a State's written TSA. See 31 CFR § 205, subpart A. Programs included in a TSA must use approved funding techniques and both States and the Federal government are subject to interest liabilities for late payments. State interest liabilities accrue from the day federal funds are credited to a State account to the day the State pays out the federal funds for federal assistance program purposes. 31 CFR § 205.15. If a State makes a payment under a Federal assistance program before funds for that payment have been transferred to the State, Federal Government interest liabilities accrue from the date of the State payment until the Federal funds for that payment have been deposited to the State account. 31 CFR § 205.14.

### CMIA Requirements Applicable to Programs Not Included in a TSA

Payments to States under programs not covered by a State's TSA are subject to subpart B of Treasury's regulations in 31 CFR § 205. These regulations provide that a State must minimize the time between the drawdown of funds from the federal government and their disbursement for approved program activities. The timing and amount of funds transfers must be kept to a minimum and be as close as is administratively feasible to a State's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. 31 CFR § 205.33(a). States should exercise sound cash management in funds transfers to subgrantees.

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<sup>1</sup> The Department adopted the Uniform Guidance as regulations of the Department at 2 CFR part 3474.

Under subpart B, neither the States nor the Department owe interest to the other for late payments. 31 CFR § 205.33(b). However, if a State or a Federal agency is consistently late in making payments, Treasury can require the program to be included in the State's TSA. 31 CFR § 205.35.

### **Fund transfer requirements for grantees other than State governments and subgrantees**

The transfer of Federal program funds to grantees other than States and to subgrantees are subject to the payment and interest accrual requirements in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR § 200.305(b). These requirements are like those in subpart B of the Treasury Department regulations in 31 CFR part 205, requiring that "payments methods must minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the United States Treasury or the pass-through entity and the disbursement by the non-Federal entity." 2 CFR § 200.305(b) introduction.

The Federal Government and pass-through entities must make payments in advance of expenditures by grantees and subgrantees if these non-Federal entities maintain, or demonstrate the willingness to maintain, written procedures "that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the non-Federal entity, and financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control and accountability." 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(1). If a grantee or subgrantee cannot meet the criteria for advance payments, a Federal agency or pass-through entity can pay that entity through reimbursement. See 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(1) and (4) for more detailed description of the payment requirements and the standards for requiring that payments be made by reimbursement.

Non-Federal entities must maintain advance payments in interest bearing accounts unless certain conditions exist. See 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(8) for those conditions. The requirements regarding interest accrual and remittance follow:

Grantees and subgrantees must annually remit interest earned on federal advance payments except that interest earned amounts up to \$500 per year may be retained for administrative expense. Any additional interest earned on Federal advance payments deposited in interest-bearing accounts must be remitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS) through an electronic medium using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment. 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(9)(i) and (ii).

1. When returning interest through ACH Direct Deposit or Fedwire, grantees must include the following in their return transaction:
  - PMS Account Number (PAN). NOTE: The PAN is the same series of alpha-numeric characters used for payment request purposes (e.g.: C1234G1).
  - PMS document number.
  - The reason for the return (e.g., interest, part interest part other, etc.).
  - An explanation stating that the refund is for interest payable to the Department of Health and Human Services, and the grant number(s) for which the interest was earned.
- a. U.S. Department of Education grantees are generally located and operate domestically and return interest domestically. Below is PSC ACH account information for interest returned

domestically. For international ACH interest returned, account information is available at: Returning Funds/Interest.

- PSC ACH Routing Number is: 051036706
  - PSC DFI Accounting Number: 303000
  - Bank Name: Credit Gateway - ACH Receiver
  - Location: St. Paul, MN
- b. Service charges may be incurred from a grantee's financial institution when a Fedwire to return interest is initiated. For FedWire returns, Fedwire account information is as follows:
- Fedwire Routing Number: 021030004
  - Agency Location Code (ALC): 75010501
  - Bank Name: Federal Reserve Bank
  - Treas NYC/Funds Transfer Division
  - Location: New York, NY
2. Interest may be returned by check using only the U.S. Postal Service; however, returning interest via check may take 4-6 weeks for processing before a check payment may be applied to the appropriate PMS account.
- a. Interests returned by check are to be mailed (USPS only) to:
- HHS Program Support Center  
PO Box 979132  
St. Louis, MO 63197
- A brief statement explaining the nature of the return must be included.
- b. To return interest on a grant not paid through the PMS, make the check payable to the Department of Health and Human Services, and include the following with the check:
- An explanation stating that the refund is for interest
  - The name of the awarding agency
  - The grant number(s) for which the interest was earned
  - The return should be made payable to: Department of Health and Human Services.
3. For detailed information about how to return interest, visit the PSC Returning Funds/Interest page at: [Returning Funds/Interest](#)

Grantees, including grantees that act as pass-through entities and subgrantees have other responsibilities regarding the use of Federal funds. For example, all grantees and subgrantees must have procedures for determining the allowability of costs for their awards. We highlight the following practices related to the oversight of subgrantee compliance with the financial management requirements in the Uniform Guidance that will assist State grantees (pass-through entities) in meeting their monitoring responsibilities. Under 2 CFR § 200.332, pass-through entities must –

1. Evaluate each subrecipient's risk of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring.
2. Monitor the performance and fiscal activities of the subrecipient to ensure that the subaward is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward; and that subaward performance goals are achieved.

A small number of Department grant programs have program-specific cash management and payment requirements based on the authorizing legislation or program regulations. These program-specific requirements may supplement or override general cash management or payment requirements. If you have any questions about your specific grant, please contact the Education Program Contact listed in Block 3 of your Grant Award Notification.

**RECIPIENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON CASH MANAGEMENT**

**Q What are the Federal Laws and Regulations Regarding Payments to the States?**

**A** The *Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (CMIA)* establishes interest liabilities for the Federal and State governments when the Federal Government makes payments to the States. See 31 U.S.C. 3335 and 6503. The implementing regulations are in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 205, [https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title31/31cfr205\\_main\\_02.tpl](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title31/31cfr205_main_02.tpl). Non-Federal entities other than States follow the rules on Federal payments set out in 2 CFR 200.305.

**Q What is a Treasury-State Agreement (TSA)?**

**A** A TSA documents the accepted funding techniques and methods for calculating interest agreed upon by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and a State. It identifies the Federal assistance programs that are subject to interest liabilities under the CMIA. The CMIA regulations specify a number of different funding techniques that may be used by a State but a State can negotiate with the Treasury Department to establish a different funding technique for a particular program. A TSA is effective until terminated and, if a state does not have a TSA, payments to the State are subject to the default techniques in the regulations that Treasury determines are appropriate.

**Q What are the CMIA requirements for a program subject to a Treasury-State Agreement?**

**A** Payments to a State under a program of the Department are subject to the interest liability requirements of the CMIA if the program is included in the State's Treasury-State Agreement (TSA) with the Department of Treasury. If the Federal government is late in making a payment to a State, it owes interest to the State from the time the State spent its funds to pay for expenditure until the time the Federal government deposits funds to the State's account to pay for the expenditure. Conversely, if a State is late in making a payment under a program of the Department, the State owes interest to the Federal government from the time the Federal government deposited the funds to the State's account until the State uses those funds to make a payment. For more information, GAN Enclosure 4.

**Q What are the CMIA requirements for a program that is not subject to a Treasury-State Agreement?**

**A** If a program is not included in the State's TSA, neither the State nor the Federal government are liable for interest for making late payments. However, both the Federal government and the State must minimize the time elapsing between the date the State requests funds and the date that the funds are deposited to the State's accounts. The State is also required to minimize the time elapsed between the date it receives funds from the Federal government and the date it makes a payment under the program, Also, the Department must minimize the amount of funds transferred to a State to only that needed to meet the immediate cash needs of the State. The timing and amount of funds transferred must be as close as is administratively feasible to a State's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.

**Q What if there is no TSA?**



- A When a State does not have a TSA in effect, default procedures in 31 CFR, part 205 that the Treasury Department determines appropriate apply. The default procedures will prescribe efficient funds transfer procedures consistent with State and Federal law and identify the covered Federal assistance programs and designated funding techniques.
- Q Who is responsible for Cash Management?**
- A Grantees and subgrantees that receive grant funds under programs of the Department are responsible for maintaining internal controls regarding the management of Federal program funds under the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR 200.302 and 200.303. In addition, grantees are responsible for ensuring that subgrantees are aware of the cash management and requirements in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D.
- Q Who is responsible for monitoring cash drawdowns to ensure compliance with cash management policies?**
- A Recipients must monitor their own cash drawdowns **and** those of their subrecipients to assure substantial compliance to the standards of timing and amount of advances.
- Q How soon may I draw down funds from the G5 grants management system?**
- A Grantees are required to minimize the amount of time between the drawdown and the expenditure of funds from their bank accounts. (See 2 CFR 200.305(b).) Funds must be drawn only to meet a grantee's immediate cash needs for each individual grant. The G5 screen displays the following message:
- By submitting this payment request, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the request is based on true, complete, and accurate information. I further certify that the expenditures and disbursements made with these funds are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the applicable Federal award or program participation agreement, and that the organization on behalf of which this submission is being made is and will remain in compliance with the terms and conditions of that award or program participation agreement. I am aware that the provision of any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me, and the organization on behalf of which this submission is being made, to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims, or other violations. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001; Title 20, Section 1097; and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812)**
- Q How may I use Federal funds?**
- A Federal funds must be used as specified in the Grant Award Notification (GAN) and the approved application or State plan for allowable direct costs of the grant and an allocable portion of indirect costs, if authorized.
- Q What are the consequences to recipients/subrecipients for not complying with terms of the grant award?**
- A If a recipient or subrecipient materially fails to comply with any term of an award, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, including those in 2 CFR part 200, an assurance, the GAN, or elsewhere, the awarding agency may in accordance with 2 CFR 200.339 take one or more of the following actions:

1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the non-Federal entity or more severe enforcement action by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
2. Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity not in compliance.
3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Federal award.
4. Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and Federal award agency regulations (or in the case of a pass-through be initiated by a Federal awarding agency).
5. Withhold further Federal awards for the project or program.
6. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

**Q Who is responsible for determining the amount of interest owed to the Federal government?**

**A** As set forth in 31 CFR 205.9, the method used to calculate and document interest liabilities is included in the State's TSA. A non-State entity must maintain advances of Federal funds in interest-bearing accounts unless certain limited circumstance apply and remit interest earned on those funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management System annually. See 2 CFR 200.305.

**Q What information should accompany my interest payment?**

**A** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.305(b)(9), interest in excess of \$500.00 earned on Federal advance payments deposited in interest-bearing accounts must be remitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS) through an electronic medium using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment.

For returning interest on Federal awards paid through PMS, the refund should:

- (a) Provide an explanation stating that the refund is for interest;
- (b) List the PMS Payee Account Number(s) (PANs);
- (c) List the Federal award number(s) for which the interest was earned; and
- (d) Make returns payable to: Department of Health and Human Services.

For returning interest on Federal awards not paid through PMS, the refund should:

- (a) Provide an explanation stating that the refund is for interest;
- (b) Include the name of the awarding agency;
- (c) List the Federal award number(s) for which the interest was earned; and
- (d) Make returns payable to: Department of Health and Human Services.

For additional information about returning interest see GAN ATTACHMENT 4.

**Q Are grant recipients/subrecipients automatically permitted to draw funds in advance of the time they need to disburse funds in order to liquidate obligations?**

**A** The payment requirements in 2 CFR 200.305(b) authorize a grantee or subgrantee to request funds in advance of expenditures if certain conditions are met. However, if those conditions are not met, the Department and a pass-through agency may place a payee on reimbursement.

**Q For formula grant programs such as ESEA Title I, for which States distribute funds to LEAs, may States choose to pay LEAs on a reimbursement basis?**

**A** A subgrantee must be paid in advance if it meets the standards for advance payments in 2 CFR 200.305(b)(1) but if the subgrantee cannot meet those standards, the State may put the subgrantee on reimbursement payment. See 2 CFR 200.305(b).

**Q Will the Department issue special procedures in advance if G5 plans to shut down for 3 days or more?**

**A** Yes, before any shutdown of G5 lasting three days or more, the Department issues special guidance for drawing down funds during the shut down. The guidance will include cash management improvement act procedures for States and certain State institutions of higher education and procedures for grants (including Pell grants) that are not subject to CMIA.