Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

New Directors Curriculum

Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

The *Consolidated Funding Application* (CFA) is a federal funding application that includes Title I, Part A; Title I, Part A Neglected; Title I, Part D; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; Title V, Part B; IDEA, Part B, Section 611; and IDEA, Part B, Section 619. The CFA must be completed annually by each local educational agency (LEA). The initial CFA and all revisions must be reviewed and approved by the Tennessee Department of Education (department). Access to the CFA is provided through the department's online funding and planning portal, ePlan (https://ePlan.tn.gov).

Timeline & Recommended Action Steps

February-March	• Attend regional training hosted by the division of federal programs and oversight (FPO).
	• Start compiling necessary data sources and information to complete an accurate CFA. These data sources may include but are not limited to:
	  ○ Special education student enrollment per disability
	  ○ Student enrollment per school (during the current school year)
	  ○ Staff benefits and assignments

March	• **FY27 CFA opens in ePlan.**
March-April	• Meet with school-level staff to discuss student needs. ○ Discussions should focus on return on investment in staffing, instruction materials/supplies, and changes to supplemental programming.

	• Remind school-level leadership teams that items paid for with federal dollars must be outlined in the school improvement plan.
April	• Start reviewing and compiling documents to accurately complete the FY27 CFA • Attend regional work sessions and collaborate with your FPO IDEA oversight coordinator.
May	• **Submit the completed FY27 CFA in ePlan.**
May-June	• Revise the FY27 CFA based on the department's feedback and recommendations.
July 1	• **Initial FY27 CFA must be approved (LEA Authorized Representative Approved).**

Available Resources

- FY27 CFA Spring Regional Trainings (Feb.–March)
- FY27 CFA Spring Regional Work Sessions (April)
- FPO IDEA Oversight Coordinator
- ePlan > *TDOE Resources* > *ESSA/IDEA* Consolidated *Funding Application Reference Documents* > *Consolidated Funding Application Training Materials*:
    - Technical Application Guide: FY27 CFA
    - FY27 Federal Spending Hanbook