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Agenda

- Federal Funding Types and Timelines
- Reimbursement Requests
- Managing Funds
- Documentation
- Common Errors
- Resources

Federal Funding Types and Timelines



Federal Funding Types

- Current Year Funds
 - Funds awarded in the current year allocation
- Carryover Funds
 - Unspent funds from the previous year added to the current year
- Excessive Carryover Funds
 - Carryover funds above the allowable carryover percentage
 - Reviewed in Level 2 and Level 3 monitoring
- Expiring Funds
 - Carryover funds that, if not obligated by the obligation deadline, revert to the awarding agency at the conclusion of the liquidation period

Federal Grant Timelines

- Year 1 Current Funds
 - July 1 September 30 of the following year
 - 15 months to budget and expend
- Year 2 Carryover Funds
 - Unexpended prior year funds
 - October 1 September 30 of the following year
 - Additional 12 months to budget and expend (Tydings Amendment, 20 U.S.C. § 1225)
- The availability period for discretionary grants may be adjusted by the department.

Federal Grant Timelines

- 90-day liquidation period for local education agencies (LEAs)
 - Must liquidate all financial obligations no later than 90 calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance (2 C.F.R. § 200.344).
 - An earlier date may be agreed upon by the pass-through entity and subrecipient.
 - Funds must have been obligated by September 30 (21 U.S.C. § 1102).
 - LEA cannot obligate funds during the liquidation period.
- 120-day liquidation period for state education agencies (SEAs)
 - Must liquidate all financial obligations no later than 120 calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance (2 C.F.R. § 200.344).



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- July 1 September 30: All funds
 - Request as normal during this three-month obligation period.
 - The request date should reflect the date of expenditures.
- October 1 December 29: Excessive carryover and expiring funds
 - Must be obligated on or before September 30
 - "Fiscal information As Of" date in request must be September 30
 - Example on next slide
 - Enter separate requests for expiring funds and current year funds.

• "Fiscal Information As Of" date in ePlan:

Request

FY 2025 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 3.0 Grant

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Payment Details	
General Information	
Project Number	25570000
C.F.D.A. Number	
Reimbursement Request #	5
Voucher Number	00762499

Fiscal Summary	
Allocation	\$12,583,096.09
Available Budget	\$12,583,096.09
Fiscal Information As Of	09/30/2024
Cash Received	\$6,106,040.22
Total Cash Basis Expenditures	\$6,667,346.66
Cash Balance On Hand	(\$561,306.44)
Cash Available	\$6,477,055.87
Total Amount Requested	\$561,306.44

End of Year Considerations

- Complete reimbursement requests by the following dates to receive funds by June 30, 2025.
 - **June 6:** Requests that require documentation
 - June 13: Requests that do not require documentation
 - Payments generally take seven to ten days at peak times.
- Accrue any current year reimbursement request that will not be received before June 30.
- Note: Accrued revenue not received within two (2) months after the end of the fiscal year could result in an audit finding.

Reimbursement Requests in the FER

- The FER cannot be started until any outstanding reimbursement request is marked "Paid" in ePlan for that grant.
- Reimbursement requests can be included in the FER for some grants.
 - Prioritize completing FERs that include reimbursement requests to ensure timely receipt of funds.
- Best Practice: To avoid a delay in payment, complete reimbursement requests prior to starting the FER.

Reimbursement Requests in the FER

- Reimbursement requests are **not** allowed in the following FERs:
 - Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
 - ESSER 3.0
 - ARP Homeless
 - These FERs will be returned if they include a reimbursement request.
- Reimbursement requests generated in the FER for grants that normally require supporting documentation (purchase orders, invoices, contracts, proof of payment, payroll ledgers, etc.) will require that same supporting documentation.
 - Upload as (FER) Additional Supporting Documents under Optional Documents.
 - Statement of Expenditures is not sufficient.

Managing Funds



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- ePlan Tools for managing grant funds
 - District Summary Report
 - ePlan Homepage > Reports > District Summary Report
 - A list of every grant the LEA is awarded
 - Details the award year, funding type, obligation date, amount remaining, and days remaining until final obligation



District Funding Summary

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District Funding Summary -

Grant	Award Year	Funding Type	Obligation Date	Allocation	Amount Paid	Amount Remaining	Days To Obligation
TISA - TN Investment in Student Achievement FY25	2025	State	6/30/2025	\$81,063,420.29	\$64,850,736.23	\$16,212,684.06	93
Voluntary Pre-K	2025	State	6/30/2025	\$1,696,963.86	\$1,322,320.09	\$374,643.77	93
Innovative School Models	2023	State	9/30/2025	\$9,883,858.19	\$3,815,000.42	\$6,068,857.77	185
State Special Education Preschool Grant	2024	State	9/30/2025	\$545,007.12	\$8,686.55	\$536,320.57	185
Title II, Part A	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$795,649.78	\$420,152.46	\$375,497.32	185
Learning Camps	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$1,223,600.45	\$1,087,733.63	\$135,866.82	185
Participant Literacy Network	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$103,000.00	\$0.00	\$103,000.00	185
State Special Education Preschool Grant	2025	State	9/30/2025	\$331,690.28	\$281,697.48	\$49,992.80	185
CTE Perkins Basic	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$257,380.74	\$212,973.22	\$44,407.52	185
Teaching All Students (TAS)	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$16,500.00	\$13,955.06	\$2,544.94	185
Secondary Transition Indicator 14 (1-14)	2025	Federal	9/30/2025	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	\$1,860.00	185
AALN Preschool Cohort 4	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$30,000.00	\$28,932.19	\$1,067.81	185
Title III	2024	Federal	9/30/2025	\$73,888.45	\$73,334.28	\$554.17	185

- ePlan Tools for managing grant funds
 - Project Summary
 - ePlan Homepage > Project Summary
 - Details a grant in a particular fiscal year
 - Details the budget, the funding sources and associated amounts, and any fiscal transactions (reimbursements) against those funding sources

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Project Summary View

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					Award Number	S010	A230042	
			Project Informa	tion	Speedchart	EDO	0002558	
Organization Nan	ne		Madis	son County	Original	\$7,22	2,906.12	
Organization Nun	nber		570		Incoming Carryover		\$0.00	
Fiscal Year			2025		Outgoing Carryover		\$0.00	
Funding Applicati	on		Cons	olidated	Reallocated		\$0.00	
Grant	nding Application ant vard Type oject Number dial Approval Date ost Recent Approval Date lirect Cost Rate vision Number DA Number vard Number eedchart		Title I	, Part A	Additional		\$0.00	
Award Type			Fede	al	Released		\$0.00	
Project Number			25-57	2-570000	Consortium		\$0.00	
Initial Approval Da	ate		7/1/2)24	Special Award		\$0.00	
Most Recent App	roval Date		3/6/2)25	FER Released		\$0.00	
Most Recent Approval Date Indirect Cost Rate			1.98%		Total Allocation	\$7,22	2,906.12	
Revision Number			5					
CFDA Number			84.01	0A	Туре	Date	Vouch	
Award Number			S010	A230042			Numb	
Speedchart			ED00	002558	Reimbursement Reguest	9/30/2024	007502	
Project Begin Dat	e		7/1/2)24	Request	10/14/2024	007514	
Project End Date		6/30/2025		Request	10/14/2024	007514		
Allow Carryover			True		Reimbursement	10/31/2024	007541	
Account	71100 -	72130 - Other	72210 - Suppo		Request			
Number	Regular Instruction Program	Student Support	Services/Regu Instruction Program	lar Transportation	Reimbursement Request	12/4/2024	007583	
Line Item Number	riogram		rrogram		Reimbursement Request	12/31/2024	007619	
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			Funding Sources				
Grant - Award Year	CFA Title	-A - 2025 (F)	CFA Title I-A - 2024 (F)	CFA	Title I-A - 2023 (F)		Total
Award Number	S010	A230042	S010A230042		S010A220042		
Speedchart	ED	00002558	ED00002380		ED00002228		
Original	\$7,22	22,906.12	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$7,222,906.12
Incoming Carryover		\$0.00	\$1,376,322.14		\$0.00		\$1,376,322.14
Outgoing Carryover		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Reallocated		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Additional		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Released		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Consortium		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$	
Special Award		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
FER Released		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	S S	
Total Allocation	\$7,22	22,906.12	\$1,376,322.14		\$0.00		\$8,599,228.26
			Fiscal Transactions				
Туре	Date	Vouche Numbe		A - 2025 (F)	CFA Title I-A	- 2024 (F)	Total
Reimbursement Request	9/30/2024	007502	72 \$60	6,104.37		\$0.00	\$606,104.37
Reimbursement Request	10/14/2024	007514	97 \$31	8,902.99		\$0.00	\$318,902.99
Reimbursement Request	10/31/2024	007541	83	\$0.00	\$451	,175.37	\$451,175.37
Reimbursement Request	12/4/2024	007583	79	\$0.00	\$482	,709.23	\$482,709.23
Reimbursement Request	12/31/2024	007619	75 \$27	5,905.97	\$342	,594.15	\$618,500.12

Documentation



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Documentation

- Not all reimbursement requests require documentation to be uploaded.
- Not all reimbursement requests that require documentation are monitored.
- Documentation should support the request to the penny.
- Improper documentation can lead to delays.

Documentation

- LEAs must maintain proper documentation for all reimbursement requests, even if it is not required to be uploaded to ePlan (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.334).
- Include payroll reports, purchase orders, invoices, check stubs, and any other documents to support expenditures.
 - Capital expenditures require a contract, payment applications or invoices, and certified payrolls, as applicable.
 - A Statement of Expenditures is not sufficient documentation.

Common Errors



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Common Errors

- Budget revisions are not fully approved
- Attempting to request more than the 10% allowance of a budgeted line
- Wrong "fiscal information as of date" for expiring funds
- Supporting documentation
 - Amount in documentation does not match requested amount
 - Insufficient documentation
 - Too much documentation
 - Poorly organized documentation

Common Errors

- Funds requested for unapproved expenditures
 - Example: Requesting funds for five FTE positions but only three FTE positions are in the approved budget
- Funds requested from the wrong budget line
- Funds not requested on a regular basis
- Funds requested in the CFA FER
- Funds requested too late after year ends to post to proper fiscal year

Resources



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Regional Finance Consultant District Map As of 4/22/25



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Northwest	Southwest	Mid Cumberland	Upper Cumberland	South Central	Southeast	East TN	First TN	
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- Reimbursement Requests Overview
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- <u>Local Finance Office Hours Link</u>
- Per Pupil Expenditure Reporting_FAQ FY20
- Dirich Period Expense Entries Journal Entries
- Property Record Template (Inventory and Disposition Listing)-Revised 3.13.25

Resources

- Tennessee Department of Education <u>Education (tn.gov)</u>
- Tennessee State Board of Education <u>Rules</u>, <u>Policies and Guidance (tn.gov</u>)
- ePlan TDOE Resources <u>eplan.tn.gov/</u>
- Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Comptroller of the Treasury -Comptroller.TN.gov; Manuals (tn.gov)
- Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System
 <u>https://treasury.tn.gov/Retirement/Information-and-Resources/TCRS-Overview-and-Self-Service</u>
- Tennessee General Assembly Legislation TN General Assembly
- County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) Record Retention https://www.ctas.tennessee.edu/eli/department-education-records
- Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <u>eCFR :: Home</u>
- Tennessee Code Annotated <u>Tennessee Code Unannotated Free Public Access</u> <u>Main Page (lexis.com)</u>

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