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Grant Cycles, Carryover, and Expiring Funds

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Agenda

- Grant Cycle Overview
- Carryover
- Waivers
- Expiring Funds
- How to Keep Track?
- ***New:*** Carryover and Expiring Funds Review

Poll: Which of these topics are you most curious about?

- Grant Cycle Overview
- Carryover
- Waivers
- Reallocations
- Expiring Funds

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Grant Cycle Overview

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FY25 Grant Cycle Overview

	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024			FY25 CFA opens **FY25**	TDOE calculates FY25 Preliminary Allocations			FY25 Funds Awarded	2	3	4	5	6
2025	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	FER due. FY25 Funds become Carryover (Tydings Period)	17.	18.
2026	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27.	***Funds can be liquidated if obligated prior to Sept. 30, 2026.***	29.	***All Requests submitted by Dec. 15.***
2027	**TDOE closes out FY24 grant.**	**Goal = do not revert funds that could have benefited TN Students**										

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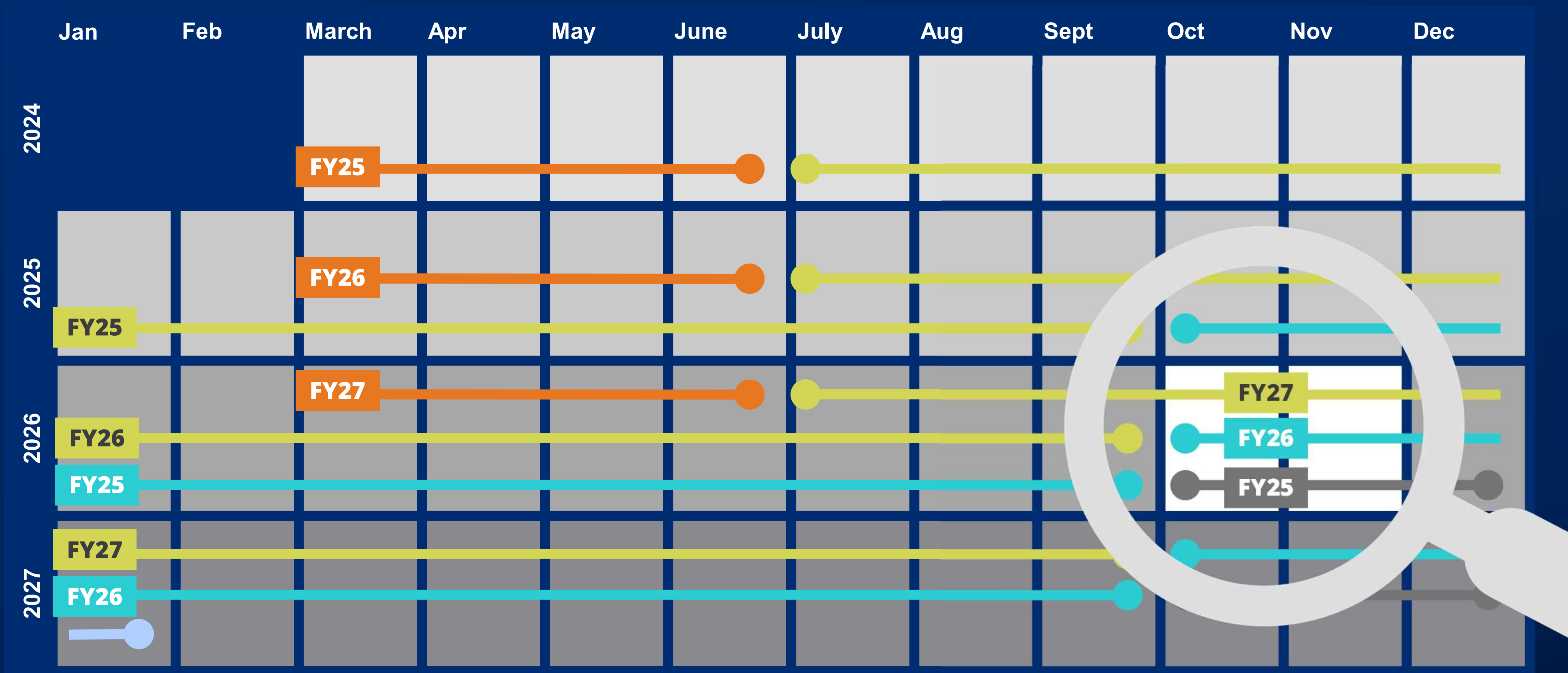
FY25, FY26, *and* FY27



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What does this mean for Sept. 2026?

- In the FY27 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), local education agencies (LEAs) could be budgeting and spending grant funds for:
  - **FY25 Incoming Carryover ("Expiring Funds")**
  - **FY26 Incoming Carryover ("Carryover")**
  - **FY27 Grant Allocations**

- FIFO: ePlan is programmed to charge expenditures against the ***oldest available funding first***
- Remember: Incoming carryover isn't available until the prior year FER is complete.

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Carryover

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Review of the Tydings Amendment

- Under this provision, any funds not obligated and expended during the period for which they were awarded become carryover funds and may be obligated and expended during the succeeding fiscal year.
  - See GEPA § 421(b) (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b))

- **Note: Total of 27 months of availability.**
  - **Budget Period: Grants are awarded for 15 months (July-Sept of following year)**
  - **Carryover/Tydings Period: Adds an *additional* 12 months. (Oct-Sept)**
  - **Liquidation Period: Allows LEAs to liquidate funds that were obligated during the Budget period and Carryover period.**

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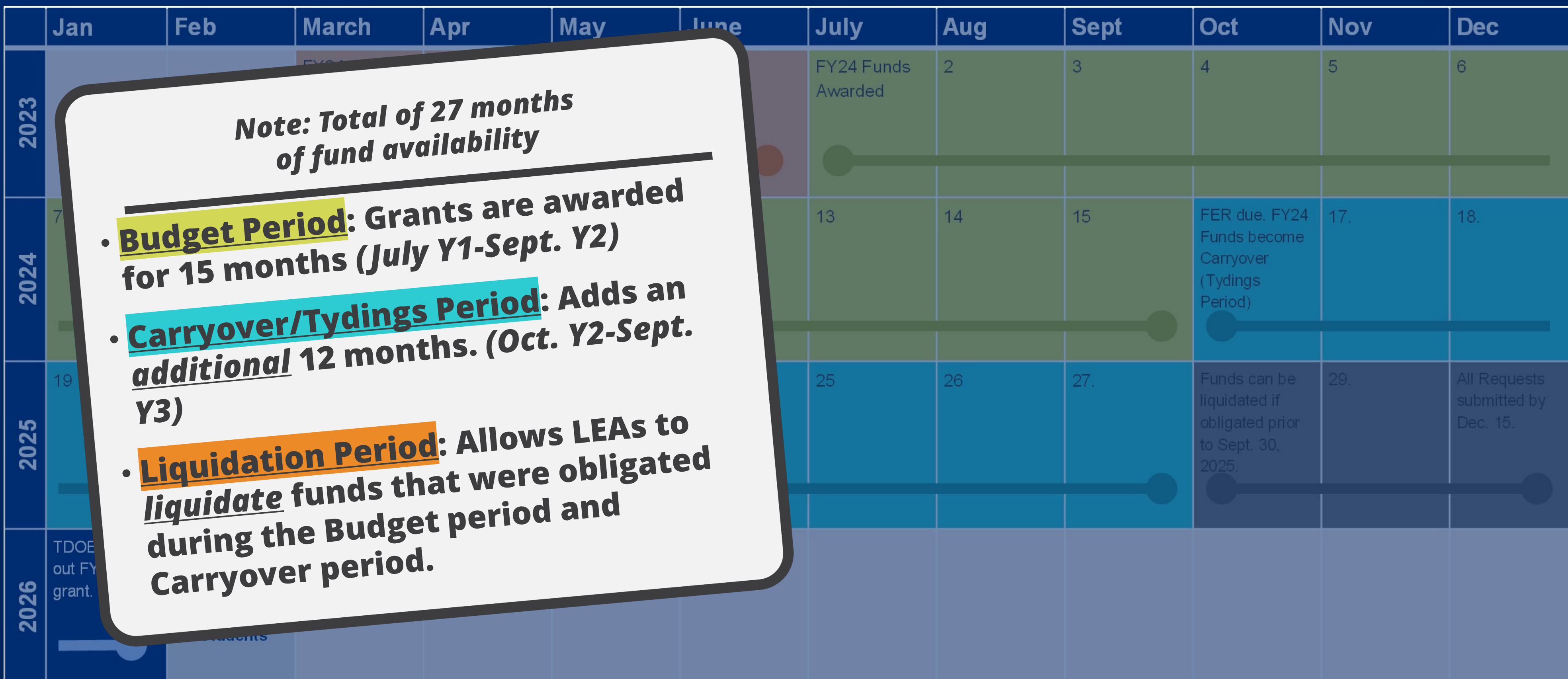
FY25 Grant Cycle Overview



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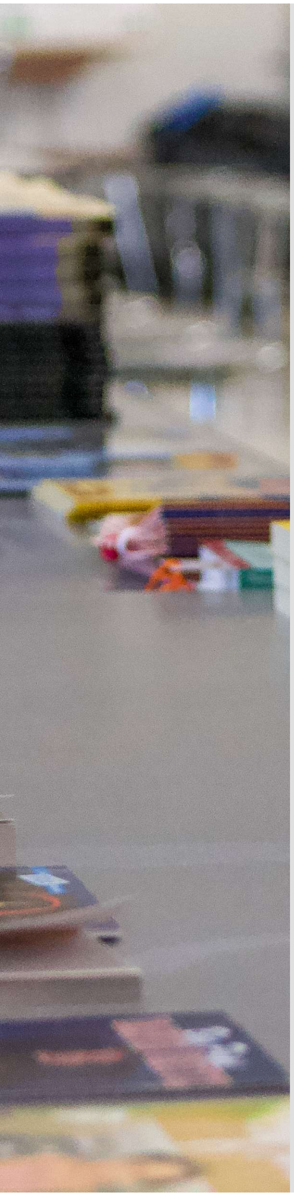
- **Budget Period**: **Grants are awarded for 15 months *(July Y1-Sept. Y2)***
- **Carryover/Tydings Period**: **Adds an *additional* 12 months. *(Oct. Y2-Sept. Y3)***
- **Liquidation Period**: **Allows LEAs to *liquidate* funds that were obligated during the Budget period and Carryover period.**

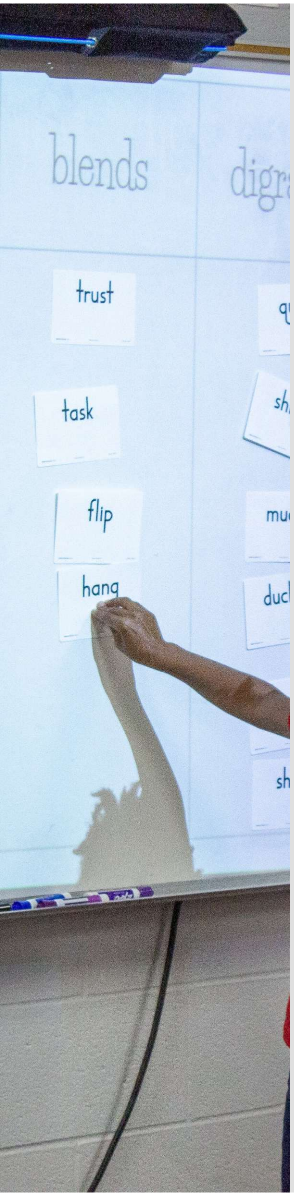
A Quick Carryover Review

- ESEA permits for carryover into the Tydings period.
- But some grants have carryover limitations:
  - **Title I, Part A (including Neglected); Title I, Part D (Subparts 1 and 2)**
  - Any carryover over 15 percent must be returned or justified via waiver.
  - *Transfers into these grants are included in the carryover calculation.*



Carryover Timing Rules

- LEAs have an **initial 15 months** to obligate federal funds
  - From July 1 of the grant year through Sept. 30 of the following year
- Under the Tydings Amendment, LEAs have an **additional 12 months** of budget period to obligate funds.
  - Oct. 1 of grant year 2 to Sept. 30 of grant year 3.
- Carryover limitations apply to the Tydings period.
- Final Expense Reports (FERs) in ePlan determine *official final* carryover amounts.



Title I, Part A *(Including Neglected)*

- **Carryover Limit: 15 percent**
  - **Includes:**
    - Title I Allocations and Title I, Part A – Neglected allocations
    - Transfers from Title II, Part A or Title IV, Part A
    - Transfers to Consolidated Administration
  - **Does not include:**
    - Reallocated Title I funds
    - School Improvement funds (ESEA § 1003(a)/(g))
    - Allocations under $50,000
- If over the limit, LEAs must return excess funds to the SEA unless a waiver is granted.
- Waivers may be granted at TDOE discretion once every **three (3)** years.

Example – Title I, Part A Allocation Calculation:

LEA's Total Allocation Calculation for Carryover:	**$400,000**
FY26 Title I, Part A ORGINAL Allocation:	$250,000
FY26 Title I, Part A—Neglected ORIGINAL Allocation:	$60,000
FY26 ORIGINAL **Transfers in from Title II and Title IV**:	$80,000
FY27 CARRYOVER **Transfers in from Title II and Title IV**:	$20,000
FY26 Title I, Part A—Neglected RELEASE:	-$10,000

Example – Title I, Part A Expenses Calculation:

Amount Spent/Obligated:	**$320,000**
FY26 ***Con Admin*** or ***School-Wide Pool*** Expenses from the FY26 Title I, Part Allocation:	$10,000
FY26 ***Title I, Part A*** Expenses from FY26 Allocation:	$250,000
FY26 Title I, Part A Expenses from ***Title II and IV Transfers:***	$20,000
FY26 ***Title I, Part A-Neglected*** Expenses from FY26 Allocation:	$30,000
FY27 ***Con Admin*** or ***School-Wide Pool*** Expenses from the FY26 Title I, Part A Allocation:	$0
FY27 ***Title I, Part A*** Expenses from FY26 Allocation:	$10,000
FY27 Title I, Part A Expenses from ***Title II and IV Transfer***s:	$0
FY27 ***Title I, Part A-Neglected*** Expenses from FY26 Allocation:	$0

Example – Title I, Part A Carryover Review:

LEA's Total Allocation Calculation for Carryover:	**$400,000**
Amount Spent/Obligated:	**$320,000**
Remaining Funds ($400K – $320K)	**$80,000**
Percentage Remaining ($80K / $400K) is greater than 15% **(i.e. LEA is Non-Compliant)**	**20%**
Allowable Carryover (15% * $400K):	$60,000
Amount to be Obligated by Sept. 30 ($80K – $60K)	**$20,000**

✅ The LEA can carry over **15%** (i.e., **$60,000)** or less.
❌ If the LEA is unable to obligate the non-compliant **$20,000 overage by Sept. 30** or is not awarded **a waiver,** the LEA must **release $20,000**

Title III, Part A

- **Carryover Recommendation: 25 percent**
  - LEAs are recommended to carry over only 25 percent of their allocation.
  - This also includes transfers into Title III, Part A from other Title programs
  - Includes transfers to Consolidated Administration
- If over the recommendation, LEAs should work closely with the Fiscal and Oversight coordinators to improve their spenddown.
- ***Note for Fiscal Agents:*** Each consortia LEAs allocation is considered individually for the 25% carryover limit. Individual members must manage their own waiver requests.

Memorandum of Agreement

(i.e., Additional Funds from FY18-22 Allocation Adjustments)

- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Department of Education and the Tennessee Department of Education outlines that the **additional funds awarded to LEAs do not count toward carryover limitations under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**
- Each LEA's ***original*** allocation amount is used to calculate the state and federal carryover limitation grant requirements under ESSA § 1127(a).

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Waivers and Release of Funds

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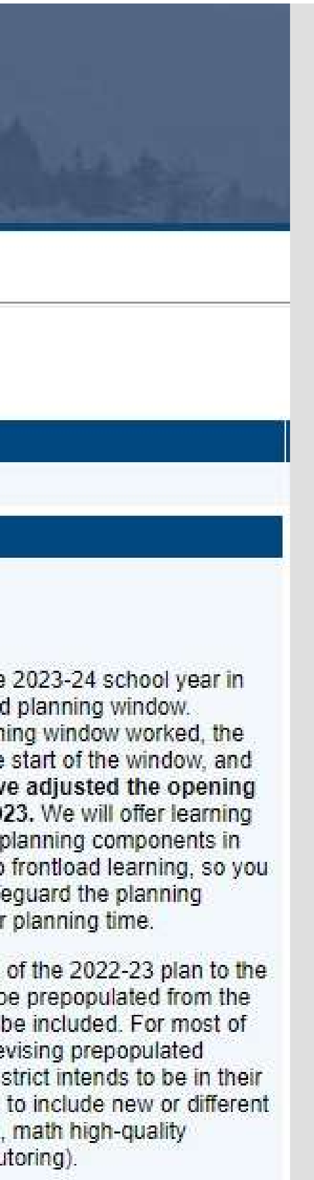
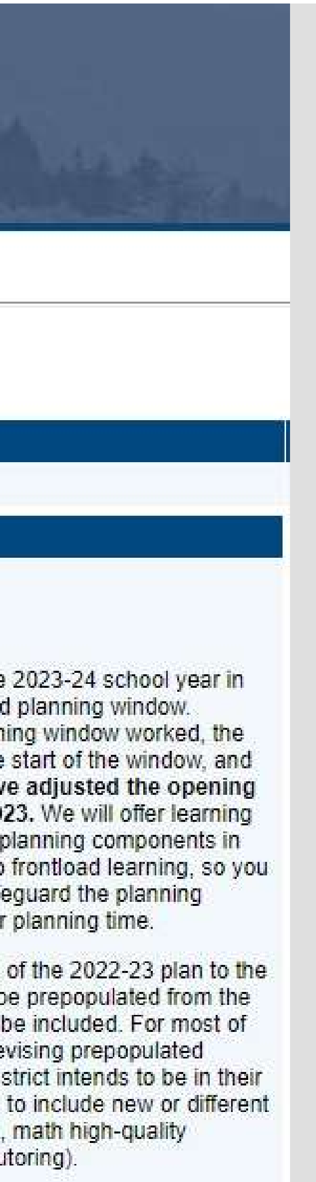


Federal Program Waiver Request

- ED authorizes the department to issue waivers for carryover requirements.
- Submit waivers through the ***ePlan Federal Program Waiver Request*** data and information tool.
- Select the grant page, check the box, and provide a detailed explanation.
- See Federal Program Waiver Instructions for more information.



Release of Funds Request

- LEAs may opt to release funds at any time.
- Submit Release of Funds requests through the ***ePlan Release of Funds*** data and information tool or through the ***Final Expenditure Report.***
- ***Note:*** Releasing funds increases the LEA's risk profile under the Risk Analysis.
- See Release of Funds Instructions for more information.

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Expiring Funds

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Expiring Funds (FY25 Grant Funds)

- These funds must be obligated by Sept. 30.
- Funds obligated by Sept. 30 may be liquidated and submitted for reimbursement until Dec. 15.
- Unobligated funds are reverted back to the U.S. Treasury.

- ***Note that FY24 Title IX McKinney-Vento grant funds were given a 12-month extension from the U.S. Department of Education.*

Obligation

See 34 CFR § 76.707

If the obligation is for:	The obligation is made:
Acquisition of real or personal property	On the date on which the subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property.
Personal services by an employee of the State or subgrantee	When the services are performed.
Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the State or subgrantee	On the date on which the subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services.
Performance of work other than personal services.	On the date on which the subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the work.
Public utility services	When the subgrantee receives the services.
Travel	When the travel is taken.
Rental of real or personal property	When the subgrantee uses the property.

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How to Keep Track?

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So, how do we see where we are?

- ePlan!
  - Tracking Allocations and Reimbursement Requests
  - Project Summary
  - District Funding Summary Report
  - The ***Carryover and Expiring Funds Review*** data and information instrument
- The LEA's fiscal department and accounting systems.
  - Remember, ePlan does not reflect obligated funds until they are expended and reimbursed.

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Carryover and Expiring Funds Review

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Carryover Data Dates

Carryover (FY26) and Expiring (FY25) Funds Updated	Expiring (FY25) Funds Updated Only
• ***• August 17 (**Acknowledgement needed by August 31)*** • *August 31* • *September 7* • *September 14* • *September 21* • *September 28* • ***October 1***	• *October 31 (Expiring Funds only)* • ***November 16 (**Acknowledgment needed by November 30, Expiring Funds only)*** • *December 1 (Expiring Funds only)*

Carryover and Expiring Funds Review

- The Carryover and Expiring Funds Review is now available in ePlan.

Carryover and Expiring Funds Review

The data below reflects the State's allocation and expenditure records for the LEA. Please review and take the appropriate action to ensure that funds are fully obligated by September 30.

Carryover Review

Grant	Maximum Carryover Limit	Total Allocation - ** Includes transfers in.*	Remaining Funds	Percentage (%) of Allocation Remaining	Carryover Compliance Status	Amount to be Obligated by Sept. 30	Last Waiver Date	Waiver Eligibility
Title I, Part A *and* Title I, Part A - Neglected	**15%**	$297,733.96	$47,698.49	16.02%	Non-Compliant	$3,038.40		Eligible

Expiring Funds Review

Grant	Allocation	Remaining Funds
Title I, Part A	**$301,681.81**	**$0.00**

How to access *Carryover and Expiring Funds Review?*

- Data and Information > FY27 > Active > **Carryover and Expiring Funds Review**
- At the top of the page, click **Draft Started.**
- Click **page name** to open a page.

Two types of Review Pages

- **Most pages – Review only.**
  - Data is provided for the LEA.
  - No action is needed in ePlan.
- **Two Pages – Review *and* Acknowledge Receipt.**
  - August – Review Carryover and Expiring Funds
  - November – Review Expiring Funds only.
  - Either LEA Fiscal Representative or LEA Authorized Representative can check the acknowledgement.
- **One Page – Assurance that funds were obligated**
  - October 1 – For LEAs who met the obligation deadline but haven't liquidated the funds yet!

Funds Review

- On "…Funds Review…" pages, **review the grant balances and compliance status data**
- It is the LEA's responsibility to ensure funds are obligated by Sept. 30.
- *Note that for the purposes of calculating carryover limitations*
  - *(1) Title I, Part A, and Title I, Part A-Neglected funds are considered in the same calculation and*
  - *(2) Transfers to Title I, Part A are treated as the receiving grant, not the original grant.*

Acknowledgement (due Aug. 31)

*** Carryover and Expiring Funds Acknowledgement**

As the ______ [Select Role below] ______, I acknowledge that I am aware of the LEA's current fund balances, and obligation requirements prior to September 30, 2025.

☐ **LEA Fiscal Director**

☑ **LEA Authorized Representative [Director of Schools]**

- On the ****Carryover and Expiring Funds Acknowledgement: Aug. 17, 2026,*** page,
  - **review the data** provided,
  - then **check the box** to identify your role and acknowledge that you have reviewed and understand the LEA's obligation requirement.
  - Either the *LEA Authorized Representative* or the *LEA Fiscal Representative* may complete the acknowledgement, but both must approve the instrument.
- Once the acknowledgement is checked, return to the Sections page and update the status for each reviewer.

Acknowledgement due Nov. 30

- On the ***Carryover and Expiring Funds Acknowledgement: Nov. 16, 2026,*** page, review the provided data and complete the acknowledgment.
- Again, either the *LEA Authorized Representative* or the *LEA Fiscal Representative* may complete the acknowledgment.
- Click Save and Go To, to return to the Sections page and ensure that both reviewers approve the instrument.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Please submit questions in the chat.
We’re working on more resources to share with LEAs!

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Why don’t my Carryover numbers match?

- *Carryover and Expiring Funds Review* data is a **snapshot** – its is outdated quickly!
- Did you remember to account for transfers?
- Reallocated funds are not included!
- Double check your fiscal years! We’re focusing on funds awarded **July 2025**.

Why is my remaining funds amount negative?

- This can only happen if the LEA is compliant with the carryover limitation.
- Remaining funds = Allocation for Carryover Calculation – Expenditures
  - ***"Allocations"*** for carryover calculation does not include reallocated funds,
  - ***Expenditures*** does not differentiate between allocation types.
- **It is possible to have more expenses than allocations that apply to this calculation.**

There is no carryover on my FER Carryover page – why do I still have a balance in the Expiring Funds table?

- Many LEAs opted to receive a reallocation of FY25 funds in July. **These funds were loaded directly into the FY27 funding application.**
- They don’t show on the FY26 FER because they were never available in the FY26 funding application.

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Resources for More Information

- Federal Program Waiver Instructions
- Carryover and Expiring Funds Review Instructions
- Release of Funds Instructions

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