

Questions and Answers: from the Title V, Part B Webinar 1.26.18

Is purchasing additional library books to enhance the sources and books available for students an allowable cost? Yes

When will the Title V-B Subpart 2 Application appear in MCAPS? Title V-B, Subpart 2 applications were made available in MCAPS on Wednesday, 1-24-18 to all districts who received an allocation for this school year. This was at the same time that the REVISED allocations were released by Mr. Ransburg via email.

Can these funds be used only if you have an existing application? All districts that have a Title V-B, Subpart 2 allocation can tie the funds back to goals and strategies in their LEA plan or create a new goal.

These funds can be used to fund activities for non-Title schools as well, correct? For example, our high schools are not Title, but we could use these funds to purchase technology to serve these students. Yes. If your high schools are not currently being served, you may utilize Title V-B, Subpart 2 funds for technology there.

Student drug testing (safe and orderly) - allowable? No. Remember that under ESSA the Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment program, funds can be used for the following three areas: 1. Activities to support Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities for students, 2. Activities to support Safe and Healthy Students, and 3. Activities to Support the Effective Use of Technology. The intent of the program is to provide programs and support to teachers and students. Drug testing is not an allowable use.

Is there a technology cap on the funds? No. There is no cap on technology, however; the need must be demonstrated in your Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

When will the funds be available for expenditures? LEAs may request funds once their FY18 Title V-B, Subpart 2 applications in MCAPS have been submitted and approved through two tiers of our MDE Federal Programs approval process. Title V-B, Subpart 2 applications are due in MCAPS no later than 2-28-18; however, the sooner they are submitted, the sooner we can begin the approval process.

Do we use the Comprehensive Needs Assessment used to identify Consolidated Federal Programs Title I needs? Yes. The same Comprehensive Needs Assessment that was used for determining your Title I needs for your Consolidated Application can be used for the Title V application.

If personnel are considered for this grant, when should the funds be expended? Every effort should be made to expend funds in the year received. However, funds must be obligated before September 30, 2019 and requested by the December 2019 drawdown deadline.

My district received notification of funds being available, but the application does not appear in MCAPS. How should I proceed? Please refer to the REVISED Allocations sent to districts from Mr. Ransburg on Wednesday, 1-24-18. If your district is not listed, then you did not receive funds for this school year and will not see any allocation in MCAPS for FY18.

How long do you foresee the approval process to take? Title V-B, Subpart 2 applications are due in MCAPS no later than 2-28-18; however, the sooner they are submitted, the sooner we can begin the approval process. Upon submission, your district contact will be able to let you know and approximate date of review.

If you do not have a current Title III application, can these funds be used for a Title III activity? Yes. If an LEA received a Title V allocation those funds may be used for activities that would be allowed under Title III.