

Consolidated Federal Programs Reallocation Procedure

Background

The Vermont Agency of Education is required to have a reallocation procedure for Title I of ESEA (Section 1126 (c)). The purpose of the reallocation procedure is to ensure that Vermont spends its Title I funds in a timely fashion to support of the purposes of the program and to avoid the return of any portion of those funds to the United States Treasury. The Secretary of Education believes a reallocation procedure is equally necessary for all titles in the Consolidated Federal Program (CFP) in Vermont. In order to ensure that funds allocated to Vermont are used purposefully and remain in Vermont for the benefit of state's schools and students, the Secretary and the Committee of Practitioners have approved a general reallocation procedure for CFP funds.

Funds to be reallocated would include those:

- subject to the excess carryover provisions of Title I,
- returned or refused by the local education agency (LEA), and
- in danger of loss due to sunset provisions (including cash carryover, unadvanced funds, and unrequested funds).

Funds become immediately available for reallocation:

- as determined by the carryover provisions of Title I, or upon denial of a waiver
- when the local recipient notifies the SEA of their intent to return or refuse the funds,
- in the case of funds subject to possible loss due to sunset, in the absence of an approved spending plan by February 15th that insures the funds will be spent or properly obligated by September 30th of the year in question.

Appeal of Recapture Decision

In the case of a SEA decision to recapture funds due to excess carryover provisions, denial of a waiver, or lack of approved spending plan to avoid the sunset of funds, the LEA may request a review of the decision by the Secretary of Education, whose decision will be final.

Reallocation Process

In the event the SEA recaptures Consolidated Federal Programs funds from LEA grant allocations as a result of excess carryover, refusal of funds, probable loss of funds due to sunset provisions, those funds will be reallocated in the following manner:

Source of Funds	Eligibility	Requirements	Process
Title I	<p><u>Prioritization</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Title I schools in Year 2 or Beyond, Corrective Action All other Title I schools identified for Improvement Title I schools with one checkmark in AYP system <p><u>Spending Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AOE 2.0 must be current. LEAs must have no under-spending issues with regard to their Title I schools 	<p>LEAs must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agree to use the reallocated funds to address needs or requirements linked to student performance issues on the VT State Assessments. Submit a one page application that outlines a spending plan and strategies for the use of the funds. Agree to fully spend or properly obligate the reallocated funds in the fiscal year in which they are awarded. Limit administrative costs to 10% or less of the reallocation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The SEA reserves the right to conduct either a limited or open call for applications from eligible LEAs. Applications will be reviewed by a SEA committee composed of CFP Team and School Effectiveness staff. The review will determine if the spending is allowable and is linked to the school's improvement plan or to actions required by its AYP status. If the application is approved for award, the LEA's CFP grant will be amended to show the increased allocation and the approved spending strategies. The reallocated funds are for <i>only the time period specified</i>.
Title II A	<p><u>Prioritization</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Schools in Year 2 or Beyond, Corrective Action All other schools identified for Improvement Schools with one checkmark in accountability system Schools with high poverty and high %-ages of non-HQT staff per assignment <p><u>Spending Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AOE 2.0 must be current. LEAs must have no under-spending issues with regard to their CFP carryover 	<p>LEAs must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agree to use the reallocated funds to address needs or requirements linked to the professional development purposes of Title IIA. (Reallocated funds cannot be used for class size reduction) Submit a one page application that outlines a spending plan and strategies for the use of the funds. Agree to fully spend or properly obligate the reallocated funds in the fiscal year in which they are awarded. Agree not to exercise transferability for reallocated funds. Limit administrative costs to 8% or less of the reallocation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The SEA reserves the right to conduct either a limited or open call for applications from eligible LEAs. Applications will be reviewed by an SEA committee composed of CFP Team and School Effectiveness staff. The review will determine if the spending is allowable and is linked to the school's improvement plan or to actions required by its AYP status. If the application is approved for award, the LEA's CFP grant will be amended to show the increased allocation and the approved spending strategies. The reallocated funds are for <i>only the time period specified</i>.