

**Maryland State Department of Education
Notice of Grant Award**

General information:

Federal employer ID no.: _____ DUNS no.: 9-Digit number
Recipient grant no.: _____ Mail code: 1
New Award or Amendment: New Award If Amendment, indicate Amend. no.:

Grant name: Title I, Part A - Basic Grants to States

Grant period start date: 7/1/2015 Grant period end date: 6/30/2016
Amount of current action: \$379,922
Amount previously awarded this grant: \$0
Total grant award: \$379,922

Additional information: SEE ATTACHMENT #1 for language and risk level notification.

Recipient information:

Recipient Name: LEA

Recipient street address: 7XXXX

MSDE program information:

MSDE prog. manager: XXXX

MSDE division: 1210 Division of Student, Family and School Support

Information on federal awards:

Federal Award ID Number (FAIN):
SOIA150020

Federal award date: July 1, 2015

Federal awarding agency:
U.S. Department of Education

Pass-through entity:
Maryland State Department of Education

Latest approved federal indirect cost rate: _____ (Varies by LEA)

Federal award project description:

Title I, Part A is a federal program that provides financial assistance to local school systems and schools with high percentages of poor children to support the academic achievement of disadvantaged students. In Maryland, all LEAs currently and historically have received Title I funding.

Note: MSDE does not pass-through funds related to federal Research and Development.

Account code information by line:

Line No.	PCA	AOBJ	Amount	Fund	St/ Fed	Pymt Schedule	CFDA No.	CFDA or sub-program name	Grant end date	% Match required	AFR required
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 MSDE Program Signature(s) Date

 MSDE Assistant Superintendent /Office Head Date

 MSDE Financial Representative Date

 MSDE Accounting Office Date

RECIPIENT ASSURANCES

By receiving funds under this grant award, I hereby agree, as grantee, to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Programs and projects funded in total or in part through this grant shall operate in compliance with State and federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the 1964 Civil Rights Act and amendments, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 34, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Vendors, subgrantees, and/or consultants; including officers and employees shall comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act at all times (20 U.S.C. §123g).
2. Grantee shall assure that its facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities as required by the ADA and applicable regulations. The grantee shall not discriminate against individuals with disabilities in the provision of its services and programs unless to do so would be an undue burden or result in fundamental alteration in the program as those terms are used in the ADA and its implementing regulation. The State reserves the right to inspect the grantee's facilities at any time to determine if the grantee is in compliance with ADA. The grantee shall bear sole responsibility for assuring that its programs conforms for the section 501c. of the ADA (42 USC 12201) as a bona fide benefit plan. The grantee shall indemnify and hold the State harmless in any administrative proceeding or action brought pursuant to the ADA for all damages, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs, if such action or proceeding arises from the acts of grantee, grantee's employees, agents or subgrantees.
3. By accepting federal funds, the recipients certify that they have complied with Federal Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension set forth in 2 CFR §180, and that, a signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion form has been filed with Maryland State Department of Education Project Monitor.
4. Grantee shall establish and maintain fiscal control, fund accounting procedures by fund, as set forth in 2 CFR §200 and in applicable statute and regulation. By accepting federal funds, the recipient agrees that the amount of the grant award is contingent upon the receipt of federal funds. Grantee shall retain all records of its financial transactions and accounts relating to this grant for a period of five years, or longer if required by federal regulation. Such records shall be made available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of MSDE.
5. Entities expending federal funds of ~~\$750,000~~ or more in a single fiscal year, must have an annual financial and compliance audit in accordance with 2 CFR Subpart F 200.500 et. seq.
6. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) may, as it deems necessary, supervise, evaluate and provide guidance and direction to grantee in the conduct of activities performed under this grant. However, MSDE's failure to supervise, evaluate or provide guidance and direction shall not relieve grantee of any liability for failure to comply with the terms of the grant award.
7. Grantee shall adhere to MSDE reporting requirements, including the submission of all required reports. Failure to submit complete, accurate, and timely progress and final reports may result in the withholding of subsequent grant payments until such time as the reports are filed.
8. Grantee must receive prior written approval from the MSDE Program Monitor before implementing any programmatic changes with respect to the purposes for which the grant was awarded. Unless a division implements a stricter policy, grantee must receive prior written approval from the MSDE Program Monitor for any budgetary realignment of \$1,000 or 15% of total object, program or category of expenditure, *whichever is greater*. Grantee must support the request with the reason for the requested change. Budget realignments must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the end of the grant period.
9. Requests for grant extension, when allowed, must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the end of the grant period.

10. Grantee shall insure that programs and projects that offer web-based or technology band instructional products or programs which are funded in total or in part through this grant will operate in compliance with Section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended and Section 7-910 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

11. Grantee shall repay any funds that have been determined through the federal or State audit process to have been misspent, misapplied, or otherwise not properly accounted for, and further agrees to pay any collection fees that may subsequently be imposed by the federal and/or State government. The repayment may be made by an offset to funds that are otherwise due the grantee.

I further certify that all of the facts, figures and representations made with respect to the grant application and grant award, including exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Superintendent of Schools/Head of Grantee Agency

Date

Use this for all LEAs EXCEPT SEED School

Additional Information:

The grant award consists of and is subject to the mandatory Grant Provisions and acceptance of the Assurances and Federal Conditions on the attached sheets.

1. This grant is awarded under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by Public Law 107-110, and approves funding to carry out the programs and activities described in the local school system's approved 2015 Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Update, Attachment 7.
2. The payment schedule is as follows: Upon issuance of the grant documents, MSDE will distribute 24 percent of the total grant. The remaining funds will be released through the normal MSDE grant distribution process after the State Board of Education has accepted the 2015 Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Update, Attachment 7, in December 2015.
3. Under federal guidelines, approximately 24 percent of the FFY 2015 Title I, Part A funds became available for obligation on July 1, 2015. This notice of Grant Award reflects only that portion of funds available to the school system as July 1, 2015. The remaining 76 percent of the Title I, Part A funds will become available October 1, 2015. MSDE will issue an amended Notice of Grant Award that reflects the remaining amount allocated for Title I, Part A after October 1, 2015.
4. No payments will be made to the grantee if the financial and programmatic reporting requirements are not met. Meeting reporting requirements entails submitting an approvable report to MSDE by the due date. All funds must be obligated by June 30, 2017 and liquidated within 90 days. (December 30, 2017)
5. All payments shall be made via RSTARs transfer or electronic payment. Final financial report due no later than December 30, 2017.
6. This grant is subject to the provisions of Title I and Title IX, as applicable, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by Public Law 107-110. This grant is also subject to the general and program certifications and assurances provided in the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan endorsed by the local Superintendent/chief executive officer as part of the local school system's Annual Master Plan Update.
7. Special Conditions: This grant is subject to a pre-award assessment as required in the Federal Uniform Grants Guidance, §200.205-200.210. The risk level for this grant is: **4 and is subject to the following additional conditions: (a) Onsite monitoring of all components/requirements annually by an MSDE monitoring team; (b) Annual onsite visit(s); (c) mandatory attendance of the federal program grant manager/director at all MSDE technical assistance and administrative meetings pertaining to this federal program (d) mandatory monthly calls or meetings between MSDE and LEA program manager/director; (e) monthly fiscal report submitted to MSDE; (f) mandatory participation in technical assistance on certain components/requirements of the grant as determined by MSDE.**

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