

Title VI - Part B
Rural Education Initiative
Subpart 2
Rural and Low-Income School Program

Purpose:

- To provide financial assistance to rural districts to assist them in meeting their state's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP). Applicants do not compete but rather are entitled to funds if they meet basic eligibility requirements.
- Awards are issued annually to State Education Agencies (SEA), which make sub grants to Local Education Agencies (LEA) that meet the applicable requirements. Awards are made to all SEAs that apply and meet the applicable requirements of the act. If an SEA does not participate, awards are issued by the Department to eligible LEAs in the state either competitively or by formula.

Types of Projects

Recipients may use program funds to conduct the following activities:

- Teacher recruitment and retention, including the use of signing bonuses and other financial incentives;
- Teacher professional development, including programs that train teachers to use technology to improve teaching and that train teachers of students with special needs;
- Support for educational technology, including software and hardware, that meets the requirements of ESEA, Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education Through Technology; # 84.318);
- Parental involvement activities;
- Activities authorized under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities: State Grants program (ESEA, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1; # 84.186A);
- Activities authorized under ESEA, Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs; # 84.010); or
- Activities authorized under ESEA, Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students).

Uses of funds:

Title VI, Subpart 1, funds may be used for the purposes of:

- Title I-A
- Title II-A or D
- Title III
- Title IV-A or B
- Title V

Eligibility

A district shall be eligible if:

- The LEA is not eligible for a grant under the Small Rural School Achievement Program.
- 20 percent or more of the children ages 5 through 17 years served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line; and
- All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 6, 7, or 8.

Accountability

- District shall administer the ISAT.
- Continuing participation:
 - After 3rd year of district participation, on the basis of assessment results, the Idaho State Department of Education shall determine whether the district has made AYP.
 - Only those who make AYP may continue to participate
 - Those who fail to make AYP may continue to participate only if funding is used to carry out Improvement activities.