

Title VI Part B
Rural Education Initiative
Subpart 1
Small, Rural Achievement 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. Eligibility is restricted by statute. Awards are issued annually directly to eligible Local Education Agencies (LEA) on a formula basis.

Uses of funds:

Recipients may use program funds to conduct activities under the following programs:

- Title I, Part A (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged)
- Title II, Part A (Improving Teacher Quality)
- Title II, Part D (Educational Technology)
- Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- Title IV, Part A (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities)
- Title IV, Part B (21st-Century Community Learning Centers)
- Title V, Part A (State Grants for Innovative Programs)

Eligibility

A LEA is eligible if:

- The total number of students in ADA at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and
- All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics, or the secretary of education has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the state education agency (SEA), that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the state.

Allocation Formula

- The number of students in average daily attendance, minus 50.
- Multiply this number by \$100.
- Add \$20,000.
- If the total is above \$60,000, this amount is capped at \$60,000.
- From the amount above, subtract the sum of the allocations received by the district during the prior fiscal year under Title II-A (Improving Teacher Quality Grants); Title II-D (Educational Technology Grants); Title IV-A (Safe and Drug Free Schools Grants); and Title V-A (Innovative Programs Grants).
- This amount may be ratably reduced or increased depending upon the amount appropriated for the program and the number of eligible LEAs.

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.