Education Jobs Fund

ACET Conference

Spring 2011

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

Agenda

- **Education Jobs Fund (Ed Jobs)**
  - Allocations, Applications, and Period of Availability
  - Use of Funds
  - Federal Requirements (including Accounting and Reporting)
  - Important Dates
- **Questions**
- **Contacts**

Allocations

- $830 Million allocated to Texas
  - State application at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147500018
- Allocated to LEAs under the state's public education weighted average daily attendance (WADA) formula
- TEA will publish allocations as soon as available
- Coming updates: letter, TEA website, email announcements

Applications Process

- **No** application required **if LEA has an approved** 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 ARRA Title XIV State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) grant application
- All SFSF provisions and assurances incorporated by reference, including ARRA Section 1512 quarterly reporting
- Otherwise brief grant application will be required and will be emailed to applicable LEAs next week
- NOGAs will be issued **next week via email**
- Carefully **review NOGA transmittal letter** for important requirements (including applicable accounting and reporting provisions)

Period of Availability

- Funds **are available** to LEAs for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years
- Funds **must only be used** for obligations made on or after August 10, 2010
- LEAs may use the funds through **September 30, 2012**

Use of Funds

- Ed Jobs funds **must be used only** for school-level employee compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to:
  - Retain existing school-level employees;
  - Recall or rehire former school-level employees; or
  - Hire new school-level employees
- **LEAs decide** how to use Ed Jobs funds, consistent with provisions in the Education Jobs Fund Section 101 (http://www2.ed.gov/programs/educationjobsfund/legislation.html) and other applicable requirements

Use of Funds

- Compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services for school-level employees include, but are not limited to:

Salaries	Pension fund contributions
Performance bonuses	Tuition reimbursement
Health insurance	Student loan repayment assistance
Retirement benefits	Transportation subsidies
Incentives for early retirement	Reimbursement for childcare expenses

Use of Funds
Eligible Employees

- Teachers and other school-level employees who provide school-level educational and related services

- Other school-level employees may include:

Principals	Interpreters	Social workers
Assistant Principals	Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapists	Secretaries
Academic coaches	Security officers	Psychologists
In-service teacher trainers	Maintenance workers	Information Technology personnel
Classroom aides	Nurses	Athletic Coaches
Counselors	Bus drivers	Custodians
Librarians	Cafeteria workers	

Use of Funds
Previous Contractual Agreements

- LEAs may use Ed Jobs funds to, among other things:
  - Restore reductions in school-level salaries and benefits for the 2010-2011 school year*
  - Implement school-level salary increases for the 2010-2011 school year*
  - Compensate teachers to eliminate previously scheduled furlough days*

Note: *Funds may be used through September 30, 2012

Use of Funds
Prohibited Uses of Funds

- LEAs may **not** use Ed Jobs funds for general administrative expenses including administrative expenditures related to:
  - The operation of the superintendent's office
  - The LEA's board of education
  - Salaries and benefits of LEA-level administrative employees or district-wide employees

Use of Funds

Prohibited Uses of Funds

- Funds may not be used for payment of expenditures for fiscal services, LEA program planners and researchers, and human resource services

- Funds may not be used for construction, renovation, remodeling, or repairs

Use of Funds
Guidance

Further guidance on allowable and prohibited uses:

- Education Jobs Fund webpage on TEA ARRA website at

  http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147500359&menu_id=934&menu_id2=941

Federal Requirements

- General federal grant requirements and modified sections of ARRA **are applicable**
  - See Education Jobs Fund, Section 101 (http://www2.ed.gov/programs/educationjobsfund/legislation.html) and NOGA transmittal letter
- ARRA Section 1512 quarterly reporting is **required**
  - See TEA ARRA Section 1512 guidance at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7860&menu_id=934&menu_id2=941
  - FTEs must be reported either for the quarter in which they worked or for the quarter when they were funded
- Maintain records to **separately track and account** for Ed Jobs funds
  - Fund code 287

Important Dates

Date	Event
August 10, 2010	Earliest date to use funds
May 2011	TEA issue NOGAs
June 20, 2011	ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Reports opens for Quarter ending June 30, 2011
July 5, 2011	ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Report due for Quarter ending June 30, 2011
Multiple	ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Reporting continues as scheduled. Please refer to NOGA transmittal letter for additional ARRA Section 1512 Quarterly Reporting deadlines.
September 30, 2012	Last day to expend funds
October 31, 2012	Final Expenditure Report due – No further revisions

Contact Information

- TEA ARRA Website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=4570&menu_id=934&menu_id2=941 Education Jobs Fund webpage link on left-hand navigation panel of TEA ARRA website homepage

- TEA ARRA Email Address: arrastimulus@tea.state.tx.us

- Ed Jobs Questions: Division of Formula Funding - 512-463-8525

- Ed Jobs Reporting Questions: Fiscal Accountability and Federal Reporting Unit - 512-936-3647

- Ed Jobs Audit Questions: Division of Financial Audits – 512-463-9095