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Questions Asked by Attendee	Answers from Gina Hopper/Kim Lewis
Q: Will we need to calculate In-direct costs on our ARRA budget?	No. The indirect cost % rate and maximum allowed calculation will be done for you. You may budget up to the maximum allowable to claim expenditures for indirect costs. As with all ARRA funds; please keep careful track of how these funds are expended (with a cost allocation plan maintained at the LEA). 2010 indirect cost rates have not yet been released.
Q: On the targeting pages there is no "save page" only the Mark as final. What happens with the data if you are not ready to mark as final?	There will be a "Save" button on each page - AS ALWAYS & a "Mark as Final" button to click WHEN ALL targeting/ranking/etc. is done.
Q: Does a private school get both their basic allocation and a share of the staff development expenditures?	Please review the ebulletin's webpage to see the various guidance documents relating to this question. http://www.isbe.net/e-bulletins/default.htm
Q: We do not use title IID funds as we do not have a tech plan due to the expense being higher than the grant. Can we move 50% of funds to title I even though we are not participating in title IID	Yes. If there are funds on the "amount available to transfer" line on the allotment page, then yes; you can transfer funds into any other grant.
Q: Is there a % that you recommend for homeless?	There is no specific percentage for the set aside for homeless, but it should be based on services being provided that are similar to all Title I students.
Q: If the only funds used in a school are for homeless students, are they marked not served in step 4? we use our funds within our PS but provide money for homeless students in the MS and HS.	All students served should be marked as served.
Q: Will this webinar be available on-line later?	Yes. On the ISBE web site under "Hot Topics"
Q: If we have a reading teacher who was previously paid with title funds, but recently has been paid with district funds (due to cuts and realigning our budget) can we switch her back over to Title/ARRA money?	If she has been RIF'd or BOE documentation of her transition due to state funding cuts.

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<p>Q: Will I be able to apply for a waiver to carry over more than the 15% for ARA funds and Title I funds or only one?</p> <p>Q: What types of data will need to be collected for ARRA funds?</p>	<p>1. yes; there will be a ARRA-Title I waiver process (just like there is for the Title I regular funds). 2. We're still awaiting guidance from USDE on the reporting requirement. From what we've been hearing, please keep track of all expendiures seperately; any jobs saved and/or retained; and by BUILDING level.</p>
<p>Q: Can we find a paper copy of the FY10 application on the website?</p> <p>Q: What are the circumstances under which we would use object 700?</p>	<p>1. No. The 2010 application will be electronic. You can "print" the final 2009 document (latest approved document) - which is an overnight process - OR - print the relevent pages using the "printer-friendly" link on each of the pages; THEN make any changes (there will only be a few changes to the 2010 app (see slide 8 of the power point). 2. IF and ONLY IF, the LEA has a district-wide, board-approved equipment threshold of > \$500 would any items be budgeted in object 700.</p>
<p>Q: There is a private school in our district, they are envolved in consultaitons throughout the school year. They choose to not participate in the Federal Programs and sign off. Do I list the number of students enrolled in the private school and percent</p>	<p>I would keep record that they refused service and calculate your totals on the actual number of total private school students served.</p>
<p>Q: I know that it is preferred that ARRA funds be used for programs that don't incur ongoing expenses. Our regular Title funding is decreasing while the payroll expenses of our current staff supported by the Title I grant are increasing. We have reached</p>	<p>No question raised.</p>
<p>Q: If targeted assistance, any teacher instructing summer school or extended day must be HQ in reading and/or math? If school wide, teachers instructing extended day or summer school must be HQ in reading and math only or in elementary in general?</p>	<p>All rules apply for regular Title I and ARRA Title I. Teachers and paraprofessionals must meet the highly qualified rules.</p>
<p>Q: Can the ARRA funds be used for technology upgrades? We are a schoolwide district and are looking to increase technology upgrades in all classrooms with more interactive instructional items like smartboards, airslates, etc.</p>	<p>Your purchases need to align to your schoolwide plan and your Title I plan. You will be able to purchase those items if they support your planning goals and are research based.</p>
<p>Q: I have submitted my NCLB by end of June and budget the second half of summer school in new fiscal year. Is there a way to ensure I can cover the salaries. Judy Green</p>	<p>Activites from the prior grant period (including last summer's summer school) should NOT be included on the next year's grant application nor payment schedule. Those costs should have been included on the prior year's grant and payment schedule.</p>

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Q: What about schools that are in Targeted Assistance? I assume they will not have a school wide plan to enter on step 5. How should districts with this status proceed?	You need a schoolwide plan to be schoolwide.
Q: IS there a specific set-aside percentage for SES and/or Transportation?	See power point slides 69 and 71
Q: What if the private school listed in 2002 does not exist or is not recognized by ISBE today?	You will still need to serve them. Please have them contact the ISBE to sign up as an official non public school.
Q: What was the percentage set aside required for professional development	See the caps/minimums/set aside chart under the instructions link. IF district in improvement/corrective action/restructuring status; then 10% of the current year allotment should be set aside for Title I
Q: Under the ARRA funds, is there also a 5% administration allowance and are we encouraged to take that?	Same rules apply
Q: Ok, thanks for the seminar.....later! Q: Where is the Caps Minimum Set-aside info? Q: Where is the minimum set-aside information for each Title.....how much carryover is allowed for each Title?	See the caps/minimums/set aside chart under the instructions link on each of the budget details screens. See power point slides 69 and 71
Q: Under what circumstances is Title I money available for a high school	Eligibility and ranking method chosen provides the schools that are to be served. Being a HS, MS or Elementary School is not a defining factor.
Q: A template that will enable me to update grant info from the prior year would be very helpful as much of the information is carried forward from year to year. I cut and paste now but it is time consuming and confusing at times because of limited text	Because there are changes each year, it's not possible to copy one grant into the next. Using the "printer friendly" links on the prior document's (FY09) pages that have text and copy/paste to a word doc could be helpful. This doc could be saved and updated each year, and then copy/paste your revised info into the new grant each year.

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Q: Are Title I regular funds and ARRA funds combined in order to determine if the district has to set aside 10% of that total for professional development? Title I funds are \$489,000 and ARRA funds are \$311,000 for FY10.	Yes.
Q: If we do not have a schoolwide Title I plan but have been SW since before 2002 and have proof of that - grant from that time period that states we are SW - is that all we need? Q: What is the definition of "having a private school"? I	You need to find board minutes or some document that shows you had a past plan and that you are currently updating your current plan.
Q: how do you determine if your district is "school wide" or "targeted" assistance? Q: Can Title I funds be carried over to the next year?	1.The rules for being a school wide or targeted assistance program are found on our webpage http://www.isbe.net/grants/html/title1.htm 2. Yes, unbudgeted/unexpended Title I funds can be carried forward into the next FY. Be aware of the carryover limit of 15% for Title I. See the caps/minimums/set aside chart under the instructions link. See power point slides 69 and 71
Q: under estimated number of participants it only allows data entry up until the 10,000's digit. For CPS, we need to enter up to the 100,000's digit. Can this field be changed to allow this?	1. multiple rows can be used for a single function/obj.
Q: So you can't set aside any money for Professional Development addressing differentiation of instruction or specific subject areas, such as Reading, to help gen ed and Title teachers to stay current and/or improve skills in working with Title I students	Incorrect from what I have been able to view. Professional development funds should be used to improve teachers in the areas of the core subjects.
Q: Have the letters gone out with Title I allocation amounts and the non-public participation forms that need to be returned to ISBE? We are trying to plan our non-public meeting, but need the forms.	They were mailed to the district superintendents in May.
Q: If we are a targeted assistance building just using title I funds for elementary does that mean ms & hs teachers cannot be used for staff development monies?	Correct.
Q: Will the ARRA application look like the NCLB application? Q: The federal information seems to indicate that we will be able to waive timelines for expenditures of ARRA funds. For example, we would like to spend equally over two years	1. yes; it will look very similar (and will also be electronic). 2. The guidance from USDE has not yet been completed. The same rules apply in Title I-regular and Title I-ARRA. You can only carryover 15% into the next FY (so you COULD use 85% in year 1; and 15% in year 2 - OR - use the entire amount [100%] in year 1).

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Q: If Early Childhood Block Grant and Reading Improvement are eliminated or drastically reduced, can Title I funds be used to support teacher salaries and benefits for Reading Improvement and Early Childhood Teachers?	If these teachers are RIF'd officially through the BOE minutes to prevent supplanting.
Q: Will Title II A funds still be available for salaries to class size reduction teacher?	Yes.
Q: Our district has not developed an equipment threshold cost. We presently use anything over \$500 as equipment and allot in object 500. Will this change to object 700 now?	IF and ONLY IF, the LEA has a district-wide, board-approved equipment threshold of > \$500 would any items be budgeted in object 700
Q: Will you please review the due dates for the basic NCLB grant and the ARRA grant?	Initial applications need to be submitted to ISBE before beginning activities or by the November 2 deadline.
Q: You referenced that the ARRA funds are for two (2) years. Are you referring to year 1 as the 2010 (85%) and year 2 as 2011 (15%) of funds? If not, what are the two years?	Correct.
Q: IF we transfer money from Title IIa into Title IID, at what point would the LEA fill out the Title IID application?	At the time the transfer was made. At that time, there will be allotment available in Title IID (transferred from IIA) to be budgeted.
Q: When you say that certified Title I teachers must be "highly qualified", are you speaking of the NCLB criteria for "highly qualified" ?	Yes.
Q: Is it possible to use the monies in title 1 for a Director of Assessment and Testing	If you are schoolwide you would be ok, but if you are a targeted assisted program no.
Q: Could you provide some examples of indirect costs?	Please see Policy and Procedures handbook (see link below) at the Funding & Disbursements website. www.isbe.net; http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/fiscal_procedure_handbk.pdf
Q: In a high school district can one use the feeder pattern method?	Yes.
Q: Can paraprofessional salaries be paid such as "instructional reading aides" be paid through Title I?	There are no longer aides. They are called paraprofessionals and have to meet highly qualified rules.

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Q: What will be the deadline for submitting the NCLB and ARRA applications?	Not really a due date; but must be submitted to ISBE before beginning activities. November 2 deadline
Q: can you please go over slide 24 a little slower at the end? A: A recording of this presentation will be available shortly after the live webinar.	Changing the project end date: check regular AND extended grant period; then change the project end date to 08/31/20xx on the district info tab (for each grant in which an extended grant period is NEEDED i.e. activities occurring after 6/30 and before 08/31).
Q: If we have a before or after school program that is NOT paid for with title I funds, but we have students that are low income participating in the program that are not able to attend due to transportation, can we use the title I fund to pay for busing?	No.
Q: This year, we have a number of homeless students who are enrolled in non-Title I schools. We are a targeted assistance program. Can our District use Title I to support these students? If this is an allowable cost, how would I list this on the Budget D	1. Yes. 2. Instructional costs for homeless students should be budgeted in function 1000 (just like any other instructional cost)...NON instructional costs for homeless students (like backpacks, hygiene items, etc. should be budgeted in function 2900).
Q: You are going to have another Webinar on the ARRA? Do you have any idea what the expenditure budget code will be for the ARRA Funds?	1. yes but date has not yet been determined. 2. There are several ARRA codes (for Title I-ARRA, the program code will be 4851).
Q: For set aside does the % have to be from the total money title I regular + ARRA. For SES 20% of the total of the two funds?	Set asides are for total funds available (Regular Title I + ARRA Title I = TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE)
Q: Do we have to have an approved Title I grant before we apply for the ARRA funds? Will this application be available at the same time as the NCLB application?	This is what the "mark as final" buttons are designed to help with. The Title I-regular application must have the targeting steps "MARKed as FINAL" and submitted (not approved) to begin an ARRA Title I application.
Q: The state supt's bulletin last week had a link to a form that we could fax in which would allow us to start our activities/including salaries on July 1 in place of the usual requirement to have the application in being beginning any of these activities	True...IF and ONLY IF the district MUST have a July 1 begin date would you need to do anything. If you do NOT need a July 1 begin date; please submit your application prior to the beginning of any activities requested in the 2010-NCLB grant application.
Q: For ARRA, can the funds be used for activities taking place in 2010-2011 or only for activities in 09-10 and obligated by Sept. 30, 2011?	There will be 2 ARRA applications for the 2 fiscal years. 2010-Title I-ARRA and a 2011-Title I-ARRA grant application (the 2011 grant will only be necessary IF the ARRA allocation is not all budgeted/expended in the 2010 grant period). The 15% carryover limitation still applies Title I-ARRA funds.