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Kajeet Title Funding Guide

THE STATE OF FEDERAL FUNDING IN K-12

Technology funding continues to be one of the biggest challenges facing schools and districts today. Currently, there are more than 900 federal technology funding programs available that can be used to purchase and develop new or existing technologies, enhance students' computer skills, provide teacher training, increase parent involvement in schools, and compile critical data to improve a schools' overall academic achievement.

During the pandemic, special federal funds were made available to support virtual and distance learning efforts — including the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). But as the ECF well runs dry, schools and districts are facing a funding cliff.

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Title Program Overview

Title funds are federal dollars that are meant to supplement existing state funding for education. The Title program was established by 1965's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and amended in 2015's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Title funds are released yearly, and the amount awarded to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) is determined either through the use of an established formula or a competitive grant application.

You can find more information about the Title program, including specific subcategories of Title grants, [here](#).

Title I, Part A: College and Career Ready

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

The Title I section of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is specifically targeted toward children in poverty. It is the largest federal program supporting elementary and secondary education.

Title I, Part A (often referred to as as “Title I”) provides financial support to LEAs and schools with high populations of students from low-income families, with the goal of ensuring all students have equitable opportunities to succeed academically.

How is it allocated?

The amount of funds is based on a formula that counts the number of families living in poverty in a school attendance area. That formula provides funding to specific schools with high poverty rates in their school district.

What can it be used for?

Examples of services that may be funded by Title I include after-school programs, ELL student support, technology initiatives (i.e. purchasing laptops, tablets, etc), and professional development for Title I staff.

Who to contact?

- District Title I Director
- District Federal Programs Director
- District Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
- U.S. Department of Education

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Title I, Part C: Migrant Education Program

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

Migrant education program (MEP) funds support high-quality education programs that meet the special needs of migratory children to help them succeed academically.

How is it allocated?

Funds are allocated by formula to State Education Agencies (SEAs), based on each state's per-student expenditure for education and number of eligible migratory children, ages 3 through 21, residing within the state.

What can it be used for?

Examples of services that may be funded by Title I include after-school programs, ELL student support, technology initiatives (i.e. purchasing laptops, tablets, etc), and professional development for Title I staff.

Who to contact?

- Migrant Programs Coordinator
- Federal Programs Director
- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
- U.S. Department of Education

Title III, Part A: English Language Learner (ELL)

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

Title III, Part A: ELL funds are used to help children attain English proficiency and meet a state's academic content and student academic achievement standards.

How is it allocated?

Districts receive allocations from the state based on the number of English Language Learners (ELLs) they serve.

What can it be used for?

These funds may be partially used to provide community participation programs, family literacy services, and parent outreach and training activities to limited English proficient children and their families, as well as home-school Internet connections.

Who to contact?

- Federal Programs Director
- Assistant Superintendent of Instructions
- Director of Bilingual/English as Second Language/ELL Programs
- U.S. Department of Education



Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants are intended to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of states, LEAs, schools, and communities to provide students with access to a well-rounded education, improve school conditions, and expand the use of technology to support learning.

How is it allocated?

Educational agencies receive funding allocations based on the demonstrated need. Any

technology solutions purchased with SSAE funds must demonstrate an effective use of technology and robust Internet safety policies.

What can it be used for?

SSAE funding may be used towards a variety of initiatives that offer well-rounded educational experiences to all students, including technology purchases, school improvement projects, and nutritional programs.

Who to contact?

- SSAE Program Coordinator
- Federal Programs Director
- U.S. Department of Education

Title IV, Part B: Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) supports centers that provide academic enrichment programs during non-school hours, especially those that target high-poverty families and students who attend low-performing schools.

The 21st CCLC Program was renamed the Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Program in the FY 2020 appropriations bill in honor of the former Congresswoman's advocacy and commitment to afterschool programming.

How is it allocated?

Funding is distributed to states based on the proportion of Title I funding they receive. States then individually conduct competitions for grant awards to districts.

What can it be used for?

A 21st CCLC grantee may use the award funds to carry out a broad array of before- and after-school activities that advance student academic achievement, as well as programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy, and programs that assist students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled.

Who to contact?

- 21st CCLC Coordinator
- Before- and After-School Program Coordinator
- Federal Programs Director
- U.S. Department of Education

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Title VI: Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

Type:

Formula

What is it? Who is it for?

The Title VI: Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) is designed to help small, rural districts use federal resources more effectively.

How is it allocated?

Formula grants are awarded directly to eligible LEAs to carry out activities authorized under other specified federal programs.

What can it be used for?

REAP funding may be used towards initiatives meant to improve student outcomes, such as family literacy programs, purchasing devices

and software for digital learning, educator recruitment, and improving before- and after-school program offerings. REAP funds may also be combined with other federal program funds like Title I for greater latitude in spending to impact student achievement.

Who to contact?

- State Education Agency
- REAP Team Lead
- Federal Programs Director
- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
- U.S. Department of Education

Title VIII: Impact Aid

Type:

Formula, Competitive

What is it? Who is it for?

The Title VIII: Impact Aid program provides both formula and competitive grants directly to eligible school districts that serve “federally connected” children — children of members of the uniformed services, children who live on Indian lands, children who live on federal property or federally subsidized low-rent housing, and children whose parents work on federal property.

How is it allocated?

All Impact Aid funds appropriated annually by Congress are disbursed directly to school districts, bypassing state involvement. All decisions on how Impact Aid funds are spent are made locally. This flexibility allows school district leaders to target funds supporting all students to wherever the needs are greatest.

What can it be used for?

Districts may use the funds in any manner they choose in accordance with their local and state requirements, including salaries of teachers and teacher aides, textbooks, computer, and other equipment purchases, after-school programs and remedial tutoring, advanced placement classes, and special enrichment programs. Similar to REAP, Impact Aid funds may be combined with other federal funding sources.

Who to contact?

- Federal Programs Director
- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
- U.S. Department of Education

Kajeet: WiFi Solutions for Education

Kajeet offers safe, affordable mobile WiFi connectivity solutions that are tailor-made for K-12 education. These include WiFi hotspots, LTE-embedded devices, school bus WiFi, and routers.

At Kajeet, we believe in serving our customers with a trusted product that incorporates network security, device management, and web filtering – so, we include the Sentinel software with all our solutions at no additional cost. Along with access to this award-winning administrator platform, we provide dedicated support to ensure the district has success in managing their program, focusing on reporting needs and deployment assistance.

Schools and districts use Kajeet solutions to support a wide range of digital equity initiatives, including 1-to-1 and BYOD programs, library/media center checkout programs, school bus-enabled homework assignments, summer school programs, inclement weather continuity programs, and more.

Many Kajeet solutions are eligible for purchase under Title funding.

Learn more and reach out:

<https://www.kajeet.net/funding-sources/>

About Kajeet

Kajeet, the industry leader for safe mobile student Internet connectivity, is bridging the digital divide in school districts across the country. Kajeet provides an affordable mobile broadband solution that connects economically disadvantaged students to the resources they need to complete required assignments and projects outside of school. The Kajeet SmartSpot® solution, a portable Wi-Fi hotspot combined with the innovative Sentinel® cloud portal, enables administrators and teachers to provide CIPA-compliant, customizable filtered Internet access that keeps students focused on school work and provides off-campus Internet connectivity without worry of data abuse. Kajeet products and services, which operates on both the Sprint and Verizon network, are protected by the following issued U.S. patents: 9,237,433; 9,137,389; 9,137,386; 9,125,057; 8,995,952; 8,929,857; 8,918,080; 8,774,755; 8,774,754; 8,755,768; 8,731,517; 8,725,109; 8,712,371; 8,706,079; 8,667,559; 8,644,796; 8,639,216; 8,634,803; 8,634,802; 8,634,801; 8,630,612; 8,611,885; 8,600,348; 8,594,619; 8,588,735; 8,285,249; 8,078,140; 7,945,238; 7,899,438; 7,881,697. Other patents are pending.

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