

# **State Assessments**

ESEA Title I, Part B



The Education Department (ED) allocates program funds to States by formula and through a competitive grant process.



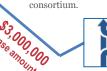
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ED must reserve 0.5 percent of the funds that are equal to or less than the trigger amount for the Bureau of Indian Education and 0.5 percent for the Outlying Areas.

appropriation is greater than the trigger amount...

### **Formula Grants for** State Assessments

After the reservation for assessment system audits, the Secretary must allocate remaining amounts by formula to States. Each State receives \$3 million, assuming sufficient funds. If not, each State's amount is ratably reduced. Any remaining funds are allocated proportionately according to each State's relative share of the number of students aged 5 through 17.



### **Innovative Assessment & Accountability Demonstration**

The Secretary may provide an SEA, or a consortium of SEAs, with the authority to establish an innovative assessment system for a period not to exceed 5 vears (plus an optional 2-vear extension) using existing grant funds. In the first 3 years, the number of states participating is **limited to 7**.

## **Subgrants to LEAs**

Each State must reserve **not less than 20 percent** of the grant funds awarded to it under Assessment System Audits to make subgrants to LEAs, or consortia of LEAs, based on demonstrated need in the agency's or consortium's application.

#### STATE FORMULA-ALLOCATED & COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS



#### **Excess Amount Above Trigger for Competitive Grants for State** Assessments

For any fiscal year that the appropriation exceeds the trigger amount, the Secretary must use those excess funds to make grant awards on a competitive basis to SEAs or consortia of SEAs. In determining the amount of a grant, the Secretary must ensure that a State or consortium's grant is an amount that is proportional to the number of students aged 5 through 17 in the State, or in each State that comprises the consortium.



#### Remaining **Funds**

Any amounts remaining after the Secretary awards funds competitively must be allotted to each State, or consortium of States, that did not receive a grant in an amount that is proportional to the number of students aged 5 through 17 in the State, or in the States of the consortium.



current funding \$378 million FY 2018

**purpose:** to pay the costs of developing the

standards and high-quality assessments required by *Title I of the ESEA*; to pay for the administration of

the assessments and for other related activities: to

carry out audits of State and local assessments: and.

to improve the quality,

validity, and reliability of

State academic assessments.



deferral: State compliance with the Title I assessment requirements is contingent on the annual DELAYED appropriations level for the

State Assessments program. For any year for which Congress appropriates less than a "trigger amount" of \$369.1 million, States may defer the commencement or administration of State assessments.

up to 20%

Assessment

**System Audits**