

The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) includes two distinct programs: Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) and **Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS)**. Funds appropriated for REAP are divided equally between the SRSA and the RLIS programs.

## STATE FORMULA-ALLOCATED GRANT PROGRAM



**current funding**

**\$90.4 million**  
FY 2018



### State Allocations

The Education Department (ED) allocates **one-half of 1 percent** of RLIS funds to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and an equal amount to the Outlying Areas. Remaining funds are allocated by formula to States based on each State's share of children in average daily attendance (ADA) in all eligible LEAs.

$$\frac{\text{\# of children in ADA in eligible LEAs in state}}{\text{\# of children in ADA in eligible LEAs in all states}} = \text{STATE SHARE}$$



### Subgrants to LEAs

States have three options for allocating funds to eligible LEAs:

1

competitively

2

through a formula based on the number of children in ADA in eligible LEAs within the State

3

an alternative formula if the state can demonstrate that it would better target funds to eligible LEAs that serve the highest concentrations of poor students



### Eligibility

Eligible LEAs must have a Census child-poverty rate of **at least 20 percent**, and serve only schools that have a National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale code of 32 (Town, Distant), 33 (Town, Remote), 41 (Rural, Fringe), 42 (Rural, Distant), or 43 (Rural, Remote).

$$\text{CENSUS CHILD-POVERTY RATE} \geq 20\%$$



NCES LOCALE CODE

32 Town, Distant    41 Rural, Fringe  
 33 Town, Remote    42 Rural, Distant  
 43 Rural, Remote



### Use of funds

LEAs may use program funds to carry out activities authorized under:

#### PART A OF TITLE I

Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs

#### PART A OF TITLE II

Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants

#### PART A OF TITLE III

English Language Acquisition State Grants

#### PART A OF TITLE IV

Student Support and Academic Enrichment State Grants

#### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

**purpose:** to assist rural school districts in carrying out activities to help improve the quality of teaching and learning in their schools. The Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS) program provides funds to rural LEAs that serve high concentrations of poor students, regardless of the LEA's size.



### program changes under ESSA:

updates the locale codes used for determining the eligibility of LEAs; extends to RLIS the alternative State certification option for meeting the rural criterion (it already exists for SRSA); gives an LEA the option of which program it receives funds under if it is eligible for both SRSA and RLIS; expands the State RLIS application requirements; and updates the accountability provisions.