



INTRODUCTION TO TITLE II, PART A

WEBINAR FOR SPDG GRANTEES

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AGENDA

- Purpose of Title II
- General Information about Title II, Part A
- How Title II, Part A funds are distributed
- How SEAs/LEAs use Title II, Part A funds
- Questions
- Resources



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PURPOSE OF TITLE II

Section 2001. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to provide grants to State educational agencies and subgrants to local educational agencies to—

1. increase student achievement consistent with the challenging State academic standards;
2. improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders;
3. increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools; and
4. provide low-income and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders.

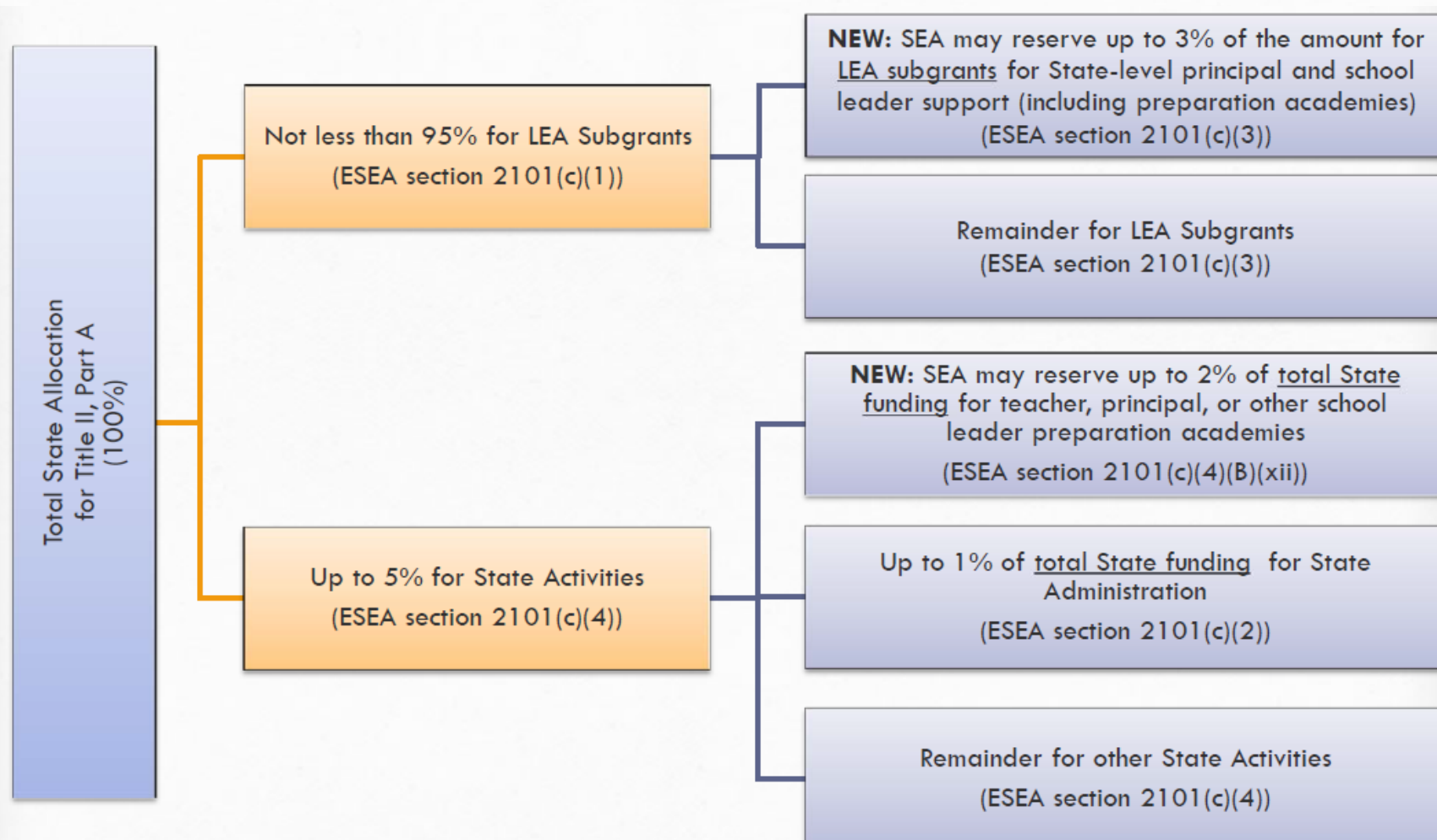


GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TITLE II, PART A

- Formula grant—USED awards funds to SEAs, and SEAs award funds to LEAs using statutory formulas.
- FY 2019: \$2.06 billion
- Funds may be used for a large variety of activities related to teacher, principals, and other school leaders.
- Supplement, not supplant: ESEA Section 2301



HOW TITLE II, PART A FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED



HOW SEAS/LEAS USE TITLE II, PART A FUNDS

- No required uses of funds
- Multiple allowable uses of both SEA and LEA funds
- Title II, Part A funds may be transferred to other programs, and funds from other programs may be transferred into Title II, Part A (Section 5103)

HOW SEAS/LEAS USE TITLE II, PART A FUNDS

- Professional Development
- Class Size Reduction
- Recruitment and Retention
- Educator Evaluation
- Induction and Mentoring
- Activities that the SEAs/LEAs identify as meeting the purpose of IIA and that are “evidence-based.”



HOW SEAS/LEAS USE TITLE II, PART A FUNDS

- Annual surveys on how SEAs and LEAs use program funds.
 - Annual LEA survey began in 2002-2003—nationally representative sample.
 - Annual SEA survey began in 2013-2014
- No data collection in 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 while surveys were updated to reflect changes in ESSA.
 - Expansion of LEA survey.
- Data collection for 2018-2019 has just concluded—report expected later this year.



HOW SEAS/LEAS USE TITLE II, PART A FUNDS

DEFINITIONS TO KEEP IN MIND

Program-specific definitions in section 2002

Important definitions in section 8101:

- 8101(21)—evidence-based
- 8101(42)—professional development
- 8101(24)—school leader





Questions?

RESOURCES

- Program web page:
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/teacherqual/index.html>
- NCLB IIA Guidance (outdated, but still useful):
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/teacherqual/guidance.pdf>
- ESSA IIA Guidance:
https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essatitleiiparta_guidance.pdf
- Use of funds survey data:
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/teacherqual/resources.html>

