



ARRA

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The Education Jobs Fund

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Overview

- Education Jobs Fund (EJF) is a new grant award under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
- While it serves the same overall purpose to retain or create school-level jobs as the ARRA Education Stabilization Fund, there are important differences
- EJF allowable uses are more restrictive – aimed more directly at school-level jobs
- Quarterly reporting, however, will be the same process in the on-line ARRA system



Planning and Budgeting

- Districts can plan flexibly to allocate funds in either or both of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years
- Districts are asked to provide a budget summary only for the first year by 1/14/11
- Budget only for obligations incurred beginning August 10, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011
- Any portion of the total allocation can be budgeted for each year, including zero
- A 2011-12 budget summary and narrative will be filed for the balance of each district's allocation and may include carryover



Allowable Uses

- Compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, to:
 - Retain existing school-level employees
 - Rehire former employees
 - Hire new employees
- Includes salaries, bonuses, insurance and other direct employee benefits
- Additional detail available on our EJF website



Non-allowable Uses

- Purchased services including BOCES
 - Only salaries and benefits for direct employees of the school district receiving the grant
- Central administration services
- Infrastructure (construction)
- Equipment
- Additional detail available on our EJF website



Frequently Asked Questions

- How did New York State allocate Education Jobs Funds?
 - Through the State’s primary elementary and secondary education funding formula(e)
- Will charter schools get Education Jobs Funds?
 - No. Charter schools get funds from districts based on overall district spending. EJV go to school districts by way of the State’s primary funding formula



Accounting FAQ's

- How should school districts account for Education Jobs Funds?
 - Separately, in the Special Aid Fund under account code F-4287
- What differences will result from treating EJF as Special Aid, instead of General Aid?
 - Like other federal grants, EJF funds will be less flexible compared to general State Aid, however-
 - As a grant-in-aid, EJF may be excluded when calculating allowable contingency budgets



Submitting EJF Budget and Narrative

- Submitted in the existing NYSED-ARRA on-line system at <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/> (See following screenshot)
- Information posted on NYSED ARRA website: <http://usny.nysed.gov/arra/ejf/>
- Narratives should include:
 - Two-year plan for allocating EJF
 - Jobs saved, recovered or created
 - Any costs for “related services”

Education Jobs Fund

ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Online Budget for School Year 2010-11

Budget Status: NOT SUBMITTED

Sub-recipients should budget only the portion of their total allocation they anticipate incurring obligations for beginning August 10, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Budget Narrative

NOTE: Please see guidance on which employees and related expenses an LEA may support with Education Jobs Fund. Provide clear and concise information relative to the jobs retained and/or created and any "other costs" included in the budget summary below.

Budget Summary

NOTE: FTEs reported must be those that are directly funded by ARRA-EJF. Calculation of FTEs must be done in accordance with the revised federal methodology for estimating jobs created or retained which can be found at http://usny.nysed.gov/arra/general_arra_info/home.html.

2010-11 School Year Allocation*				
	Total Directly Funded FTE	Salaries** (may include Fringe Benefits)	Other Costs***	Total Costs
Jobs Retained				
Teachers	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Principals or Asst. Principals	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Staff/Other ****	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jobs Created				
Teachers	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Principals or Asst. Principals	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Staff/Other ****	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0



Quarterly Reporting

- Quarterly reports in the existing NYSED-ARRA on-line system at: <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/>
- Information posted on NYSED ARRA website: http://usny.nysed.gov/arra/quarterly_reporting/
- Additional guidance on US Education Dept. web site: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/educationjobsfund>



Districts Report Limited Data

- Online ARRA System collects:
 - Brief Program Narrative
 - Jobs saved, including rehired, that existed before July 1, 2009 (start of ARRA)
 - Jobs created since July 1, 2009
- The Department uses expenditure information from existing financial systems



Receiving EJF Funds

- Submit a brief narrative and budget summary in the NYSED-ARRA on-line system on the Business Portal
- Submit an FS-25 claim for expenses to the Grants Finance Office to draw down funds
- No prospective first payment
- Districts must obligate all EJF funds by June 30, 2012



Timeline

- 8/10/10: Signed into law to support school-level education jobs
- 12/7/10: Appropriated by New York State
- 12/17/10: On-line Budget open
- 1/14/11: Budget and narrative due
- March 31, 2011: First Quarterly Report Due in NYSED - ARRA system



For More Information

- <http://usny.nysed.gov/arra/ejf/>
- Email: emscmgts@mail.nysed.gov
- 518.474.6541 (Quarterly Reporting)
- 518.474.3936 (Budget and Narrative)
- 518.474.4815 (requesting payment)



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Questions?

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