



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Tony L. Dearman  
Director  
Bureau of Indian Education  
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Dear Director Dearman:

Please find enclosed the U.S. Department of Interior's (DOI) Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These funds are to be distributed under IDEA section 643(b) to those tribes and tribal organizations (as defined by Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), or consortia of those tribal entities on reservations that are served by elementary and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the DOI, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

Under the IDEA section 643(b)(4), tribes, tribal organizations, or their consortia (all of which are referred to in this letter as tribal entities) must use these funds to assist State lead agencies under Part C of the IDEA in child find, screening, and other procedures for the early identification of children under three years of age who may be eligible for early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA who reside on reservations as well as to provide parent training for, or early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families who reside on reservations.

These funds are issued with the understanding that the BIE will continue to submit the two required reports under Part C of the IDEA. The first of these reports is the biennial report under IDEA sections 618(a)(1)(B) and (C) and 643(b)(5) and 34 C.F.R. § 303.731(e)(1) and (2) regarding the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The BIE submitted on January 20, 2021 its Biennial Report regarding the summary of Tribes or Tribal Organizations receiving IDEA Part B 619 and Part C funds from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. We appreciate BIE's submission of the biennial report. As a reminder, the BIE must submit its next biennial report by December 31, 2022.

These funds are also issued with the understanding that the BIE will continue to submit the required annual report under the IDEA Part C regulations in 34 C.F.R. § 303.731(e)(3) regarding payments made by the BIE to tribal entities. For the annual report, the BIE must provide to the Secretary of Education a report on the payments distributed under the IDEA Part C including the name of the tribal entity that received a payment, and the date and amount of each payment. The FFY 2019 annual report was due on December 31, 2020. On December 17, 2020 the BIE requested an extension due to the impact of coronavirus on collecting the required data. This

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request for an extension was approved. The BIE submitted its FFY 2019 annual report on January 29, 2021; however, the report was missing information regarding dates of payment for six tribes. OSEP requested a revised report to be submitted by May 7, 2021. On February 23, 2021, the BIE submitted on the revised FFY 2019 annual report regarding payments made by the BIE to all tribal entities (including the missing six) and identifying the payment and allocation dates. The February 23, 2021 submission fulfills the BIE's obligation to submit an annual report under 34 C.F.R. § 303.731(e)(3). We appreciate BIE's submission of its annual report and note that the FFY 2020 annual report is due on December 31, 2021.

Enclosed are two separate grant award notification (GAN) documents. The first GAN represents the BIE's FFY 2021 grant award for funds currently available under Title III of Division A of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94) (CAA) for the IDEA Part C program. The second GAN represents the BIE's grant award for IDEA Part C funds under section 2014 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Both grant awards are subject to IDEA Part C requirements. These funds under both of these grant awards are available for obligation by IDEA grant recipients from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 76.709. Please note that the annual report for the distribution of these FFY 2021 IDEA Part C funds must include payments made to tribal entities from both the CAA and ARP funds.

The enclosed IDEA Part C CAA and ARP BIE funds are awarded with the continued understanding that the Office of Special Education Programs may, from time to time, require additional information. These inquiries may be necessary to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities under Part C of the IDEA.

As a reminder, all prime recipients of IDEA Part C funds, must report subaward information as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), as amended in 2008. First-tier subaward information must be reported by the end of the following month from when the award was made or obligated. FFATA guidance is found at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/rms-web-conferences.html>. Please contact your Fiscal Accountability Facilitator if you have further questions.

We appreciate the BIE's ongoing commitment to the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on reservations.

Sincerely,



David Cantrell, Ph.D.  
Delegated the authority to perform the  
functions and duties of the Assistant  
Secretary for the Office of Special  
Education and Rehabilitative Services

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cc: A. Sue Bement, Family and Child Education, Early Childhood Director