



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) 2022 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 tribal entities receiving IDEA Part B 619 and Part C funds from July 1, 2018 through 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 for IDEA funds awarded from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 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 2021 annual report was due on December 31, 2021. On December 20, 2021, the BIE submitted

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its 2021 Annual Report, with the relevant information, but did not include the date of payment information for each of the tribal entities as required under Part C. On May 3, 2022, the BIE submitted an updated 2021 annual report; however, this report is missing date of payment information for 22 tribal entities (16 are labeled “awaiting signature” and seven are labeled “BIA PR pending”). The BIE must provide a complete updated 2021 annual report under IDEA Part C to OSEP in order to fulfill this reporting obligation under 34 C.F.R. § 303.731(e)(3).

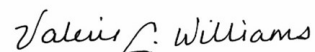
Enclosed is the grant award notification (GAN) document, which represents the BIE’s FFY 2022 grant award for funds currently available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) for the IDEA Part C program. This grant award is subject to IDEA Part C requirements. These funds are available for obligation by IDEA grant recipients from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 76.709.

The enclosed IDEA Part C BIE grant is 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,



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