



Funding Application Instructions

For LEAs Exercising the Alternative Fund Use Authority

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA)-eligible local education agencies (LEAs) instructions for how to inform the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) that your local education agency (LEA) intends to exercise the Alternative Fund Use Authority (AFUA) in the Title II, Part A (Title II-A) and Title IV, Part A (Title IV-A) funding applications.

Eligibility

Only SRSA-eligible LEAs may exercise AFUA. A list of SRSA-eligible LEAs can be found on the following website, <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/formula-grants/rural-insular-areas/small-rural-school-achievement-program#SRSA-Eligibility>. Under SRSA Eligibility open the Master Eligibility Spreadsheet. The spreadsheet can be filtered to view Nevada only.

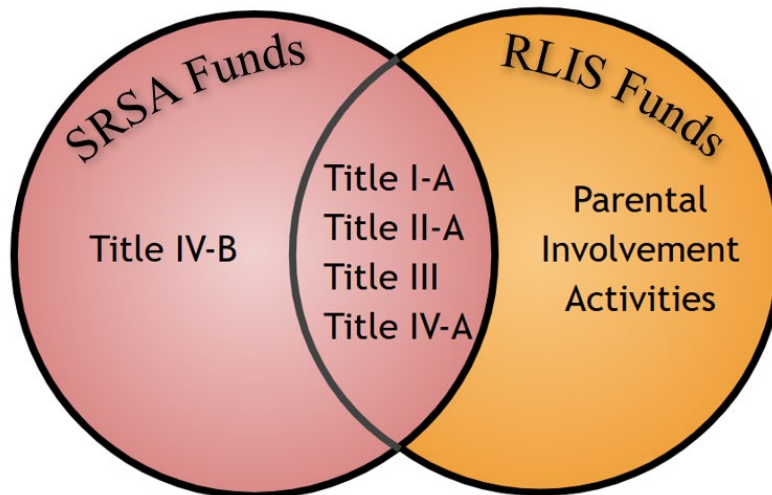
Use of Funds

The Alternative Fund Use Authority allows SRSA-eligible LEAs greater flexibility in spending funds they receive under Title II-A and Title IV-A to best address the LEA's particular needs. LEAs are strongly encouraged to consider how funds used under AFUA can support implementation and strengthening of their local education plans. The LEA may use Federal program funds, in support of other allowable Federal program activities, referred to as "alternative uses". Specifically, ESSA Sec. 5211(c), permits the LEA to use all or part of the formula funds the LEA receives for Title II, Part A and Title IV, Part A funds to pay for activities under any of the allowable uses for SRSA grant funds which includes:

1. Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs)
2. Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction)
3. Title III (Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students)
4. Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment); and
5. Title IV, Part B (21st Century Community Learning Centers).

When an LEA notifies the NDE they intend to exercise AFUA, the Title II-A and/or Title IV-A formula funds no longer follow the rules and requirements of Title II-A and/or Title IV-A, instead the funds exercised under AFUA follow the rules and requirements of SRSA funds. The LEA is not bound to the rules or requirements for any of the above Federal programs if the LEA determines to carry out local activities authorized by one of these programs (see section III-F-5 in the REAP Informational Document). For example, an LEA using AFUA on its Title IV, Part A funds would **not** be subject to the Title IV, Part A content area spending requirements in ESEA section 4106 (e)(2)(C)-(E), which require that an LEA that receives a Title IV, Part A allocation of at least \$30,000 to spend at least 20% of the funds on "well-rounded education," at

least 20% of the funds on “safe and healthy students,” and some portion of the funds on “effective use of technology”.



Procedures for ePAGE

Annually, an eligible LEA must notify the NDE of its intent to exercise AFUA. The LEA will complete this notification during Revision 0 of the annual Title II-A and Title IV-A funding applications. Please see steps below.

1. Navigate to [ePAGE](#) and open the Title II-A and Title IV-A funding applications.
2. Open the section titled, “AFUA Information and SEA Notification.”
3. In this section, there are important details for your LEA to review. After reviewing the section, scroll to the bottom and find two statements with checkboxes available.
4. If your LEA **intends to exercise** AFUA for that funding applications period of performance, check both boxes. Please see the example below.

<p>NOTIFICATION TO SEA BY LEA OF ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT TO EXERCISE ALTERNATIVE FUND USE AUTHORITY:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As an Authorized Official of the subrecipient Local Education Agency, after reviewing the Alternative Fund Use Authority I hereby confirm my district is eligible for AFUA.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As an eligible LEA, by clicking this box our district hereby notifies Nevada Department of Education of our intent to exercise AFUA. We also understand that we will need to indicate in the budget (utilizing the AFUA Budget Tags) which federal program the line item is associated with.</p>

5. If your LEA **does not intend** to exercise AFUA for that funding applications period of performance, do not check the boxes. Please see the example below.



NOTIFICATION TO SEA BY LEA OF ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT TO EXERCISE ALTERNATIVE FUND USE AUTHORITY:

As an Authorized Official of the subrecipient Local Education Agency, after reviewing the Alternative Fund Use Authority I hereby confirm my district is eligible for AFUA.

As an eligible LEA, by clicking this box our district hereby notifies Nevada Department of Education of our intent to exercise AFUA. We also understand that we will need to indicate in the budget (utilizing the AFUA Budget Tags) which federal program the line item is associated with.

- Save your work and navigate to the budget section of the application.
- In the budget section, for each budgeted line item, your LEA must indicate by utilizing a budget tag which title program that activity aligns with. Please see below an example of what selecting a budget tag for AFUA looks like.

Tags	Budget Detail
0 Option(s) selected. Select All / Deselect All	Object Code: 100 - Salaries
AFUA Budget Tags	Function Code: 2213 - Expenditures for Professional Development
<input type="checkbox"/> No Tags Selected	Expense Area: Well-rounded Educational Opportunit...
<input type="checkbox"/> Title I, Part A	Resources to support "SEA 2025 Goals": All students have access to effecti...
<input type="checkbox"/> Title II, Part A	Private School Pool:
<input type="checkbox"/> Title III, EL	AFUA Budget Tags: Title IV, Part A
<input type="checkbox"/> Title III, Immigrant	Transfer From Title IV, Part A:
<input type="checkbox"/> Title IV, Part A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Title IV, Part B (21st CCLC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> n/a	

- Please note, there are two budget tag options next to one another that appear similar. **Do not** select any budget tags for, ‘Transfer From Title IV, Part A’. Similarly, in the Title II-A application, you will find ‘Transfer From Title II, Part A.’ Please see below for a non-example.
 - When your LEA exercises AFUA this does not mean that your LEA is transferring funds from the Title II-A and/or Title IV-A subawards. The authority that allows an LEA to transfer Federal title funds is in ESSA Sec. 5103, Transferability of Funds. For more information on the differences between AFUA and transferability, see Appendix C of the REAP Informational Document.

Budget Detail	
Object Code: 330 - Employee Training & Development Services	
Function Code: 2500 - Central Services	
Expense Area:	Well-rounded Educational Opportunit...
Resources to support "SEA 2025 Goals":	All students have access to new and...
Private School Pool:	
AFUA Budget Tags:	Title I, Part A
Transfer From Title IV, Part A:	To Title V, Part B Use



9. Before submitting the Title II-A and Title IV-A funding applications, double check your LEAs work to ensure that the application accurately represents your LEAs intentions whether that be to exercise or not to exercise AFUA and that each budgeted line item is appropriately tagged with an *AFUA Budget Tag*.

For Additional Support

Please contact the Title V, Part B REAP State Director, Priya Miller, via email, priya.miller@doe.nv.gov, should your LEA have questions or require technical assistance with exercising AFUA.