



## IDEA PART B News Brief

### Carry-Over, NPPS to be Posted

In early-to-mid November, the Funding and Disbursements Department will post to the IDEA Part B Grant application the final allotment of the IDEA Part B Grant for each Local Education Agency (LEA). The LEA should review their new allocations and submit a budget amendment to accommodate for the new allocations. The amounts will be reflected on the allotment pages

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### *Please Remember 4 Key Concepts*

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of the IDEA Part B Grant in the IDEA Part B Consolidated Menu.

- 1) Please make a plan and budget for **ALL** allocated funds.
- 2) Double check the current Non-Public Proportionate Share tab (and if applicable, the NPPS Report tab) allotment(s) and budget accordingly.
- 3) Complete all sections of the grant including each tab of the Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) whether or not the district uses CEIS funds.
- 4) If the grant is returned for changes, please make the corrections and resubmit within 10 calendar days.

### Expenditure Variance Limit Change

In accordance with revisions to the Illinois Administrative Code, ISBE has adjusted the allowable variance in expenditure reporting for state and federal grants. Previously, the allowable variance was \$1,000 or 10% of a given object, whichever was greater. The allowable variance has been updated to limit a grantee to \$50,000 or 10% of the total budget, whichever is less, cumulatively across all the budgeted cells.

For example, assuming the grantee has a project with a budget greater than \$500,000, the grantee cannot exceed the amount budgeted in each function/object cell by a cumulative \$50,000 across all the budgeted cells. The excess in cell 1 + the excess in cell 2 + the excess in cell 3, etc., cannot exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the project budget, whichever is less.

44 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 7000, Section 7000.40 (c)(1)(A)(iii), states: "...regardless of the size of the award, if not otherwise restricted by federal or state requirements, the sum total of line-item transfers are capped at \$50,000 and/or limited to 10% of the total award, whichever is less. Line-item transfers larger than this requires a budget revision and

approval from the state awarding agency."

The change is effective for all fiscal year 2026 projects including the IDEA Part B Grant. Any specific budget line items that exceed 10% or \$50,000 (whichever is less) of the budget line item requires a new amendment. For additional information, please contact your principal consultant or the Funding and Disbursements Department at 217-782-5256 with any questions.

### Plan Ahead

- Fiscal year 26 Excess Cost Report due Jan. 15, 2026.
- Timely and Meaningful Consultation (TMC) meetings should be completed prior to May 31, 2026.
- Be sure to include RCDT number when communicating with principal consultants.

### Helpful Hints

- Tips on completing your IDEA Part B Grant [Click Here](#)
- Help with maintenance of effort questions? See the [webinar](#).