

Stimulus Funds Application Notice: 4/14/2008

TEA does not allow construction of new facilities or alteration of existing facilities with special education funds, including ARRA Stimulus funds. However, if planning a project, the LEA may complete Part 11 with justification for the project, including a cost breakdown, because certain items involved in the project may be permissible, such as furniture and equipment needed for unique special education instruction. TEA will notify the district per negotiation notes which items from the list of costs would be deemed allowable. These items would then be budgeted by the LEA on the appropriate part – Part 6: 6300 Supplies and Materials or Part 10: 6600 Capital Outlay, depending on whether the item is capitalized.

The purchase or lease of a portable building is allowed only for unique special education instruction or instructionally-related activities. The LEA may complete Part 11 with justification for the portable building. Site preparation costs are not allowable. TEA will notify the district per negotiation notes if the portable building is allowable. The portable building would then be budgeted by the LEA on the appropriate part – Part 6: 6300 Supplies and Materials or Part 10: 6600 Capital Outlay, depending on whether the item is capitalized.

We have encountered a problem with the IDEA-B ARRA/Stimulus Application. It is requiring that an LEA complete Part 11 before the LEA can certify and submit their application. It will take a month before this problem can be fixed. Please notify the LEAs in your region that if they were not planning on completing Part 11, they should type N/A in every text section and type \$1 in every section that requires a dollar amount. By doing so, the LEA will be able to certify and submit their application.

Also, a new feature has been added to all the eGrants applications. Instead of scrolling to the end of the schedule to select the "Table of Contents," "Printable Version" or "Save" buttons, the buttons are located on a "floating bar" that will always display at the bottom of the screen rather than at the end of the schedule.

Thanks,  
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