

Arkansas Department of Education – Special Education Unit Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities Grants and Data Management, April 2019

The Grants & Data staff continues to provide technical assistance to District, Charter, Education Service Cooperative (ESC), and State Agency personnel.

Reviews of Budget Amendments/Financial Reports are currently in process. 266 school districts/state agencies have submitted amendments for approval.

Budget Amendments/Financial Reports Reviews are being processed for 43 ESC/school district and charter preschool programs.

The Catastrophic Student funding registry will close on May 1. The approval process will begin at that point. The 167 participating districts have submitted approximately 1881 students for possible approval. \$13,000,000 will be available for distribution.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Special Education Supervisor funding of \$1,881,004.99.00 was disbursed to school districts March 14.

Reimbursed \$26,006,159.42 Title VI-B 17-18 funds to districts for 18-19 expenditures.

Reimbursed \$50,955,266.75 Title VI-B 18-19 funds to districts for 18-19 expenditures.

Reimbursed Title VI-B Section 619 Preschool 18-19 payments of \$2,092,630.82 and State Preschool Grant funds of \$11,610,429.38 to school districts and ESCs through Dec. 31, 2018.

The Grants & Data Office continues to make monthly/periodic payments to districts/charters/ESC/state agencies:

- Title VI-B School Age and Preschool
- State Preschool
- Area Service Grants
- State Operated Programs
- Juvenile Detention Center
- Residential
- Easter Seals
- Conway Human Development Center
- Division of Youth Services

Continue to send Title VI-B State Set-Aside funds to 15 ESCs and 6 agencies for Behavior Support Specialists, Educational Services for the Visually Impaired (ESVI) Consultants, Transition, Special Education Resource Consultants (SERC), and special programs grants. ESCs are also receiving a small mentoring grant to enhance retention of special education teachers.

Two groups will undergo fiscal monitoring being conducted this year, one each semester. The second group is in the review process.

The March technical assistance (TA) call included training on the budget application process. All Districts will complete a FY20 budget application by June 1 for approval.

The State Appropriations for FY 2018-19 are listed below, along with the amount of funds spent during the year and the remaining balance.

	Amount of Funds	Funds Paid Out	Remaining Balance
Youth Shelters	\$165,000	0	\$165,000
Catastrophic	\$13,020,000	0	\$13,020,000
Easter Seals	\$193,113	\$128,742	\$64,371
Human Dev. Ct.	\$526,150	\$263,075	\$263,075
Residential			
JDC	\$3,300,000	\$1,746,107	\$1,553,893
Disabled	\$6,500,000	\$2,351,160	\$4,148,840
Nondisabled	\$6,545,087	\$3,167,460	\$3,377,627
Totals	\$16,345,087	\$7,264,727	\$9,080,360
Preschool			
Early Childhood	\$16,647,920	\$11,610,429.38	\$5,037,490.62
Medicaid Match	\$250,000	\$205,042.44	\$44,957.56
Totals	\$16,897,920	\$11,815,471.82	\$5,082,448.18
Special Ed Services			
LEA Supervisor	\$1,881,005	\$1,881,005	0
Ext. School Year	\$921,522	\$921,522	0
Totals	\$2,802,527	\$2,802,527	0
DYS-JTC	\$1,716,859	\$858,429.50	\$858,429.50
TOTAL	\$51,666,656.00	\$23,132,972.32	\$28,533,683.68