Approval of PNP Equitable Services and Parent Involvement Activities

Effective November 20, 2015, TEA is providing approval of the following types of activities that require prior approval under 2 CFR 200.456.

- Equitable services to private nonprofit schools that are required, and therefore allowable, under federal program statute; this includes registration and travel costs for participating in allowable professional development activities
- Parental involvement activities required, and therefore allowable, under federal program statute; this includes registration and travel costs for participating in allowable parent trainings or conferences and required parent involvement/advisory committees

Approval forms for these activities will be posted by Monday on TEA’s New EDGAR web page and may be downloaded by the subrecipient and maintained locally for its documentation of prior approval. The approvals are retroactive to the beginning date of the grant period as noted on the subrecipient’s Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) for programs in which the activity is required/allowable. There is no need to submit individual requests for approval of these activities.

The subrecipient may complete and submit prior approval request forms for other types of participant support costs, such as travel for school board members to attend an allowable program training, to TEA on an individual basis.

The New EDGAR FAQ document will be updated early next week. Please email grants@tea.texas.gov with any questions regarding this approval.

Micro-purchase threshold increases under New EDGAR

The micro-purchase threshold which was originally $3,000 has recently been increased to $3,500 as defined in 48 CFR Subpart 2 due to the cost of inflation. This increases the threshold for micro-purchases under 2 CFR 200 and provides a greater flexibility to subrecipients who choose to implement this procurement option. This information will be updated in the next version of the New EDGAR FAQ document to be released early next week.
Division of Grants Administration
Approval of Participant Support Costs

This form provides approval for the expenditure of federal grant funds on participant support costs as described below. Enter the subrecipient’s County-District Number and print a copy of this approval. This completed form must be maintained locally as documentation of the approval and must be provided to auditors or monitors upon request. This form satisfies the requirement in 2 CFR 200.456. See 2 CFR 200.75 Participant Support Costs for a definition.

Name of Federal Grant

Any federal grant administered by the Texas Education Agency in which equitable services to PNP are required/allowable

Name of Grantee

All TEA subrecipients

County-District #

Date 2015-2016

Description of Costs

Describe the planned participant support cost.

Equitable services to private nonprofit schools (PNP) that are required, and therefore allowable, under federal program statute; this includes registration and travel costs for participating in allowable professional development activities.

Explain how the planned participant support cost is reasonable and necessary, allocable to the federal or state grant program, and properly documented by the application. For a cost that is related to providing equitable services to eligible private nonprofit schools, check the box below and leave this section blank.

These activities are required, and therefore allowable, under the specific program statute. Failure to provide these activities may be considered noncompliance with federal statute.

☐ Participant support costs are related to providing equitable services to eligible private nonprofit schools.

For TEA Use

☐ Request for prior written approval is approved as requested.

☐ Request for prior written approval is approved with the following changes:

This activity is retroactively approved to the start of the individual subrecipient’s federal grant as documented on the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) for federal programs requiring/allowing equitable services to private schools.

☐ Request for prior written approval is denied.

Signature of Chief Grants Administrator

L. Cory Green

Date

November 20, 2015
Division of Grants Administration
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- Request for prior written approval is approved with the following changes:
  - This activity is retroactively approved to the start of the individual subrecipient's federal grant as documented on the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) for federal programs requiring/allowing parental involvement.

- [ ] Request for prior written approval is denied.

Signature of Chief Grants Administrator: L. Cory Green
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