2025-2026 Migrant Supplemental Application GMS Handbook



This handbook is based on the information available as of March 2025 and is subject to change as additional information and guidance become available from the federal government.

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General Information

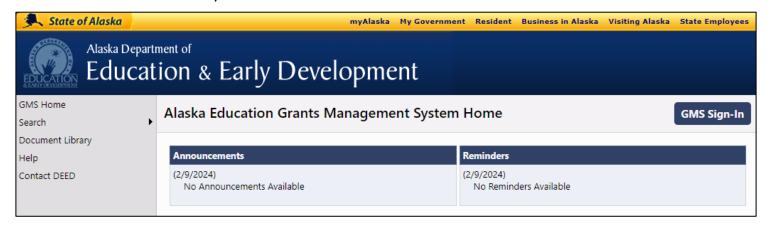
Updates for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) continues to ensure that all policies, practices, as well as the Migrant Supplemental Application are aligned to the updated law.

No changes were made to the Migrant Supplemental Application for FY26. The updates made to the 2025-2026 Migrant Supplemental Application Handbook were minor editorial updates, such as year references.

Overview of the Grants Management System (GMS)

The Grants Management System (GMS) is the online tool DEED uses to administer several grants. To access GMS, go to gms.education.alaska.gov. Each user must have a User ID set up by the district's User Access Administrator to enter information into the system.



Overview of Migrant Supplemental GMS Application

Once logged into GMS, to access the Migrant Supplemental application, locate the blue sidebar menu on the upper-left side. Select Funding, then Funding Application, and then **Migrant Supplemental**. This navigates the user to the Migrant Supplemental Sections page. The Sections page is considered the homepage of the Migrant Supplemental application as it displays the status of the application as well as links to each of the sections and pages that comprise the application.



More detailed application instructions are provided later in this handbook, but below is an abbreviated description of all Sections and instructions for the Migrant Supplemental application:

- Application Status Automatically records and displays the current approval level of the application.
- Change Status To Indicates current options for changing the status of the application. When beginning a draft, users must select Draft Started to open the application. Additionally, this is where users indicate that their draft application is complete and they want to submit the application to the next level of approval either within the district or to DEED.
- **Grantee Checklist** Districts are able to read feedback from DEED on this page. If the application is returned unapproved, DEED Program Manager will describe what revisions must be made in order for the application to be approvable.
- **History Log** Automatically documents and displays key changes in application status. Additionally, allows district and DEED to create comments which are displayed here and may also be sent to users via email from the Create Comment page.
- Allocations Allocation for the grant is shown here.
- Migrant Supplemental Grants The Migrant Supplemental application includes specific sections for Migrant Literacy and Migrant Travel grants. However, only the individual programs that a district qualifies and receives an allocation for will be displayed here. Each grant found within the Migrant Supplemental application has a section has similar sub-sections:
 - Accept/Waive Indirect Cost Waive or accept and apply the approved indirect rate.
 - Budget Enter dollar amount and narrative description of planned expenditures, categorized according to chart of account codes.
 - Budget Overview Summary screen showing budget totals by account codes and purpose code. This screen is for viewing information only.
 - Related Documents Upload any additional documents, if necessary. There are no required related documents.
- Assurances Enter the district Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and agree to required statements.
- **Substantially Approved Dates** Automatically records and displays the date on which the district's Authorized Representative last approved and submitted the online application to DEED.

Submission and Approval

Once the grant application has been completed by the district staff with the Migrant Supplemental Update role, the user will mark the application as *Draft Completed*. Next, the district business manager who has been given the Fiscal Representative Role will review and either approve or return to the Migrant Supplemental Update role. The last approval step at the district level is the Authorized Representative Approval. Once the Authorized Representative has approved the application submission, it will be submitted to DEED and automatically given a Substantially Approvable date by the system.

Application Status	Change Status To	Who Can Make this Change
Not Started	Draft (Revision) Started	Grantee (Program) Update
Draft (Revision) Started	Draft (Revision) Completed	Grantee (Program) Update
Draft Completed	Fiscal Representative Approved	Grantee Fiscal Representative
Fiscal Representative Approved	Authorized Representative Approved	Grantee Authorized Representative

In a small district where one district representative may fill several of the user roles, the application will still need to be approved by each user role before it can advance through the district and onto DEED. Even in a case as mentioned above, **DEED expects a minimum of two people to participate in the application process and be given distinct approval roles to assure fiscal oversight and accountability**.

See the DEED GMS Workflow Process one-page document in the GMS Document Library for a helpful infographic on the application approval process or see the <u>GMS Approval section</u> in this handbook.

GMS won't Submit Application

If GMS does not allow the district to submit the application, go to the Sections page, find the Validation column, click on Messages in the All row and then search the messages for any errors written in red and correct.



DEED Review

Once the district submits the Migrant Supplemental application, DEED program and grants staff will review the application. DEED aims to approve or return applications within three weeks of receiving. The DEED Program Manager(s) will mark each item in the checklist as *OK* or *Needs Attention*. If any items in the funding application are marked as *Needs Attention*, the application will be returned by the DEED Program Manager to the district for revisions. This cycle will continue until the application is approvable.



Migrant Supplemental GMS Application Instructions

These instructions address each section of the Migrant Supplemental application in the GMS system.

Grantee Checklist

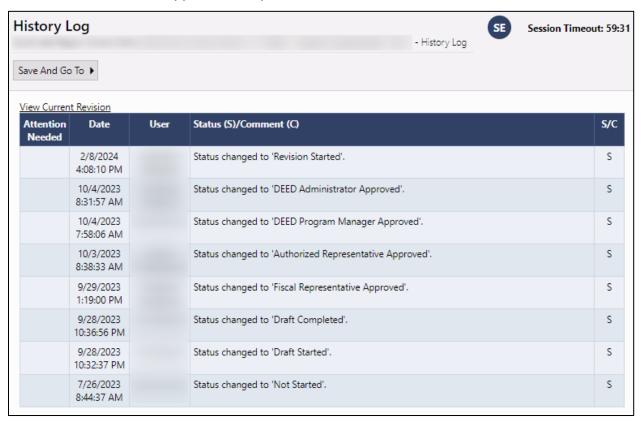
The Grantee Checklist is a tool to help communicate feedback to the district after the DEED Program Manager has reviewed the submitted application. Specifically, if the application (or revision) is not approved by DEED and is returned to the district for further revisions, the district should locate and read the Grantee Checklist. DEED Program Manager(s) provides comments in the Grantee Checklist regarding the specific revisions that are needed for the application to be approvable.

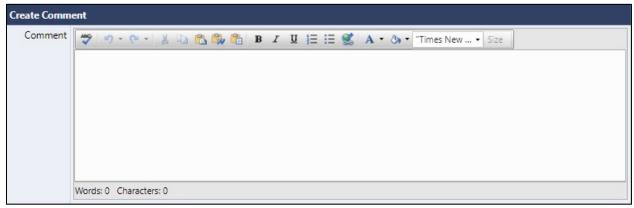
- The DEED Program Manager will review the application and mark each section of the Checklist as *Not Applicable, OK*, or *Attention Needed*, as applicable. If any sections are marked *Attention Needed*, the DEED Program Manager will provide feedback and will return the application unapproved.
- Upon receiving the returned, unapproved application, the district should find the Grantee Checklist.
- To save or print the Checklist, select Print in the same row on the far-right side of the Sections page. Select
 Print again on the next page. Once GMS has generated the document, the district can retrieve it by selecting
 Document Library in the blue sidebar menu on the upper-left side, and then find the document at the top
 of the Document Library.
- The district will read the Grantee Checklist, looking for any sections marked *Attention Needed*. Each section marked *Attention Needed* also has a window for the DEED Program Manager to write notes that should be checked for additional comments. If the district is unclear about instructions or feedback in the Grantee Checklist, the district should contact the DEED Program Manager.
- The district will change status to *Draft Started* and use the information provided in the Grantee Checklist to
 revise the application by adding information, clarifying explanations, or correcting errors. **Note:** All changes
 and revisions must be made in the application itself, not in the Grantee Checklist nor in an email to a DEED
 Program Manager.
- Once all requested revisions have been made and the draft is complete, the application must go through the usual in-district approval process (first to Fiscal Representative and then to Authorized Representative) before the application can be re-submitted to DEED for approval.

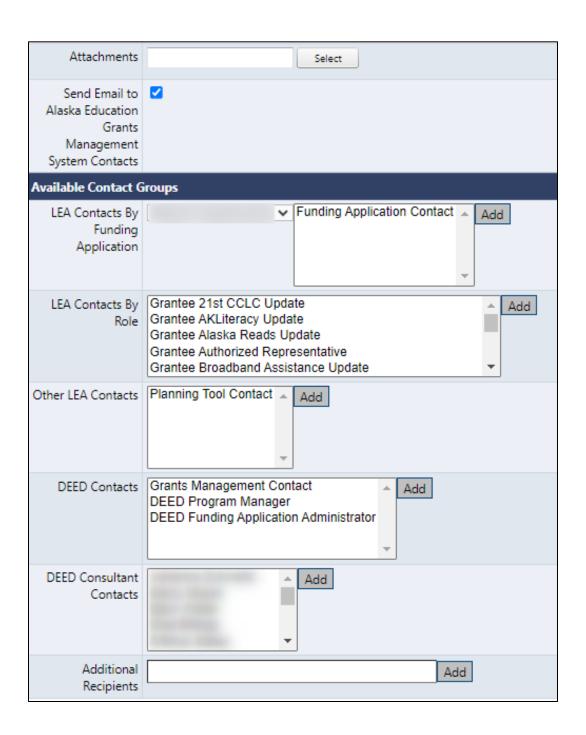
History Log

The History Log will automatically record status changes to an application such as *Draft Started*, *Draft Completed*, *Fiscal Representative Approved*, and *Authorized Representative Approved*. In addition, the History Log will record all comments from the district to DEED and from DEED to the district. Use the *Create Comment* link under the History Log on the Sections page to send a question or comment to DEED or to any other users in the system. All comments are preserved and become part of the application documentation.

Note: To notify DEED or another GMS User that a comment has been added to the history log, check the "Send Email to GMS Contacts" and add applicable recipients.

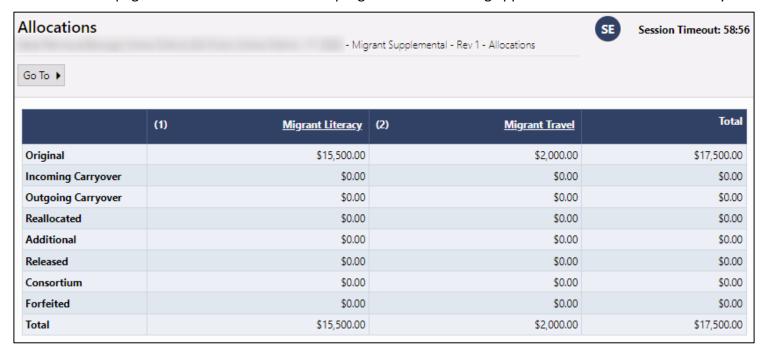






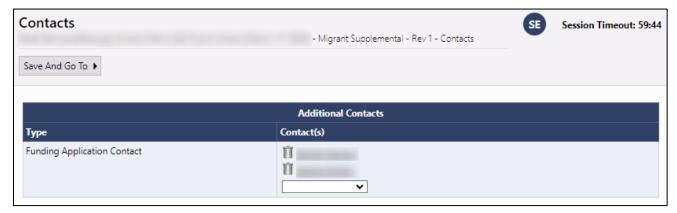
Allocations

The Allocations page shows the allocations for all programs in the funding application. This screen is view only.



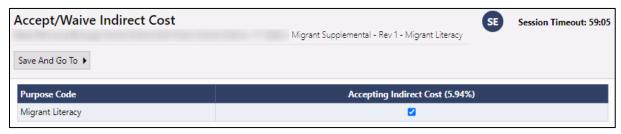
Contacts

Use the Contacts screen to select the Funding Application Contact for the application. If a district representative does not appear on the dropdown menu, a district representative with the User Access Administrator role will need to add them as a user and assign appropriate roles. It is imperative that this page is kept updated so that notifications and emails are received by the correct district representative.



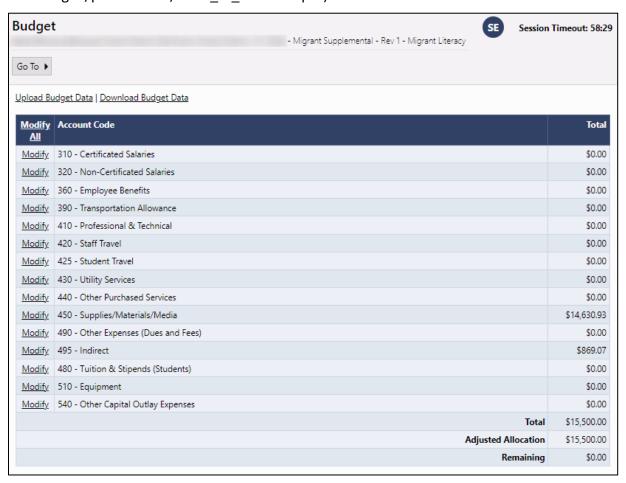
Accept/Waive Indirect Cost (For All Grants)

Use the Accept/Waive Indirect Cost screen to apply indirect cost rate for each grant. The approved indirect rates for each district will be entered into the system by DEED. Check the box to accept the indirect rate for the purpose code as desired.

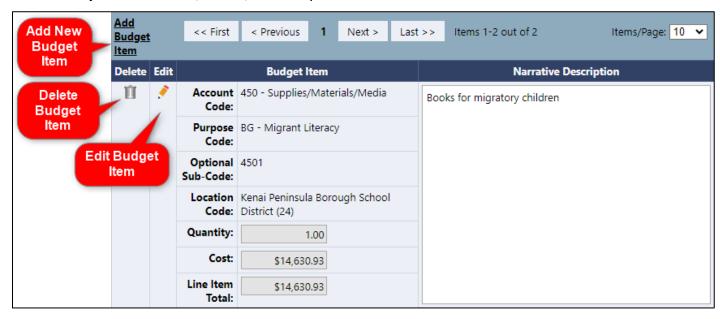


Budget (For All Grants)

Budget information is entered by each account code. To match expenditures to the correct account code, see the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Uniform Chart of Accounts (education.alaska.gov/publications/chart_of_accounts.pdf)



Click on **Modify** in order to add, delete, or modify entries in an account code.



To enter an item, select Add Budget Item.

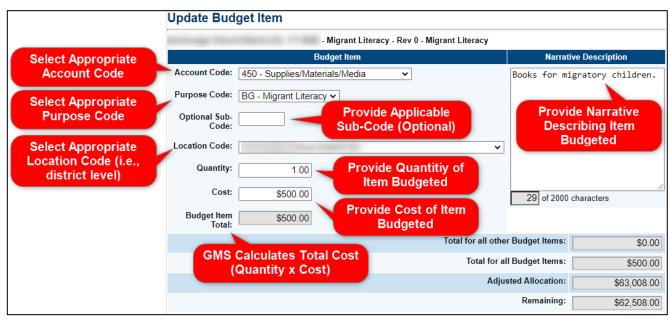
If desired, enter an applicable sub-code (or object code such as teacher salary within Certificated Salaries). The sub-code must be within the account code in the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development <u>Uniform Chart of Accounts</u>.

Select the appropriate Purpose Code.

Select the appropriate **Location Code** to indicate whether the expense is a district level expense or if it is for a specific school within the district. Using Location codes to assign expenses to a specific school are optional and not a requirement.

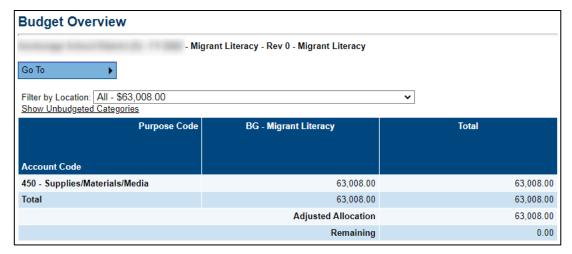
Enter the **Quantity** and **Cost** of the item. The total will be automatically calculated. The district may choose to enter multiple items of the same unit cost or enter items individually.

Enter information in the **Narrative Description** to clearly delineate the expenses in each entry. A thorough Narrative Description allows the reviewer to understand what is being budgeted.



Budget Overview (For All Grants)

The Budget Overview page shows the totals that have been budgeted by account code and, if utilized, purpose code. This screen is view only.



Related Documents (For All Grants)

No required related documents for the Migrant Literacy Grant or Migrant Travel Grant. Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

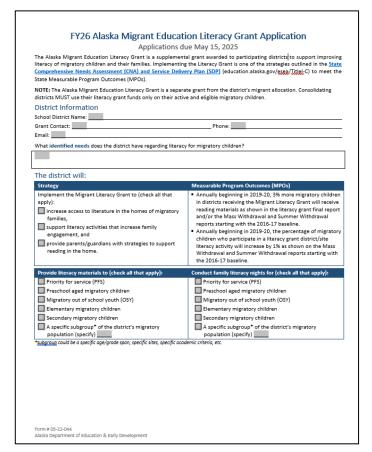
Migrant Literacy Grant Overview

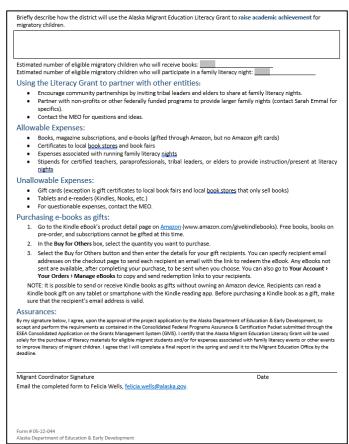
Paper Application

Districts interested in receiving a Migrant Literacy Grant must complete a brief paper application. This application is sent to districts in the spring and is due by May 31. Within the application, districts must:

- Describe the literacy needs of migratory children
- Provide which strategies from the State Service Delivery Plan the district will perform with the grant
- Provide which groups of migratory children they will serve (e.g., PFS, preschool, dropouts)
- Describe how the district will use the Alaska Migrant Education Literacy Grant to raise academic achievement for migratory children.
- Provide estimated number of migratory children who will receive books and estimate numbers of migratory children who will participate in a migrant family literacy night.

The paper application is used to determine the district's Migrant Literacy Grant allocation.





GMS Application

Districts utilize the Grants Management System (GMS) for budgeting and requesting reimbursements for the Migrant Literacy Grant. Districts are required to submit a quarterly Request for Reimbursements and Final Expenditure Reports to DEED through GMS for the cost of the books and associated activities.

Uses of Funds

Allowable Costs

In general, the Migrant Literacy Grant is for purchasing books for distribution to eligible migratory children. The goal of the Migrant Literacy Grant is to support districts in improving literacy with migratory children and their families. Family literacy nights are encouraged, as well as supporting literacy efforts of migratory children who are not yet in school or migratory children who have dropped out of school. Please note that districts that have schools consolidating their Title I-C funds into their Title I-A Schoolwide programs must use their literacy grant funds only on their currently eligible migratory children.

The district may order books and reading materials and distribute them in the manner that suits the district and the migratory children. Funds may be used to support literacy events in conjunction with the book distribution. Additionally, the grant may be used for stipends for certified teachers, paraprofessionals, tribal leaders, or elders to provide instruction/present at migrant literacy nights.

Allowable Uses of Migrant Literacy Grant Funds	Service Code
Books	Α
Magazine subscriptions	Α
E-books	Α
E-reader subscriptions	Α
Gift certificates to local bookstores***	Α
Gift certificates to local book fairs (Scholastic, etc.)	Α
Expenses associated with running migrant family literacy events led by a certified teacher	L1*
Expenses associated with running migrant family literacy events led by a non-certificated individual	L2**

^{*} Must be led by a certified teacher paid with Title I-C funds,

Unallowable Costs

Prohibited Uses of Migrant Literacy Grant Funds
The purchase of gift cards (including Amazon)
E-reading devices (Kindle, Nook, etc.)
Food (unless with migrant family literacy event)

Period of Availability

All costs must be encumbered by June 30 and funds will not carry over.

Migrant Literacy Grant Final Report

A short report will be submitted by the district to DEED in the spring supplying the number of books ordered, the number of students served through the book distribution, the number of students served at any applicable literacy events, whether Migrant Literacy Grant funds were used to pay for a certified teacher at that literacy event, and a brief description of the books and activities provided by your district with the grant funds.

^{**} Must be led by a non-certificated individual paid with Title I-C funds,

^{***} District should have a process to ensure that children are choosing appropriate books from the local bookstore.

Migrant Travel Overview

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development issues grants to school districts to pay for individuals' travel to attend specific meetings. In FY2025, DEED will issue travel grants to school districts for two activities:

- **State Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Travel:** Applicable districts will receive financial support for their nominated State PAC member to travel to and from PAC meetings.
 - The <u>Alaska Migrant Education State Parent Advisory Council</u> (education.alaska.gov/esea/titlei-c/pac) meets annually and is comprised of members from six (6) regions in Alaska. The council helps the Department develop, implement, and review plans for the State MEP.
- State Continuous Improvement Cycle Travel: Applicable districts will receive financial support for their nominated Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) / Service Delivery Plan (SDP) committee member to travel to and from the approved CNA and SDP committee meetings.
 - The purpose of the CNA is to identify and assess the unique educational needs of migratory children that result from their migratory lifestyle and other needs that must be met in order for migratory children to participate effectively in school.
 - The purpose of the SDP is to outline strategies for meeting the needs of migratory children identified in the CNA and to set Measurable Program Objectives (MPOs) on which the migrant education program will be evaluated.
 - o To view Alaska's most recent Comprehensive Needs Assessment or Service Delivery Plan, visit the <u>Alaska Migrant Education webpage</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleI-C).

Funding

DEED considers the approximate number of in-person meetings and the distance which the individuals would have to travel to attend the meetings when determining the allocation amount for each grant.

Grant

Allocations are provided to districts that nominated a representative who was selected to be in the State PAC or CNA/SDP Committee. It is the district's responsibility to book any travel and accommodations for their representatives to attend the meetings.

Uses of Funds

The approved representative book travel through the district travel procedures and the district is reimbursed via the Migrant Travel Grant. Qualifying reimbursable expenses include airfare, hotel, per diem, taxi fare (to/from airport), and conference fees (if applicable). Meeting dates and locations are communicated to the district.

Funding Period

The funding period is July 1 through June 30. Carryover is not permitted.

Migrant Travel Budget

Purpose Codes

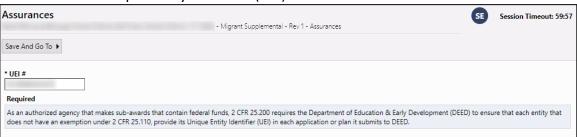
There are three purpose codes for the Migrant Travel budget:

- Migrant Travel: No expenses should be budgeted under this purpose code at this time.
- **CNA/SDP:** (Required) All travel expenses for the district's CNA/SDP committee member(s) should be budgeted under this purpose code. This does **not** include State PAC member travel.
- **State PAC:** (Required) All travel expenses for the district's State PAC member(s) should be budgeted under this purpose code. This includes State PAC members travel to attend the CNA/SDP meetings.

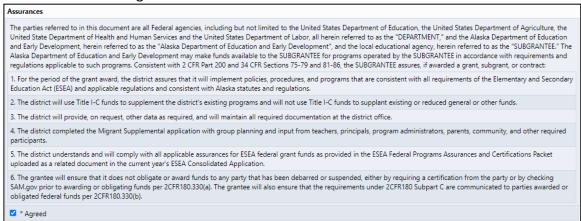
Assurances

The Assurances section describes the overall assurances that the district agrees to in accepting the federal funds under this funding application.

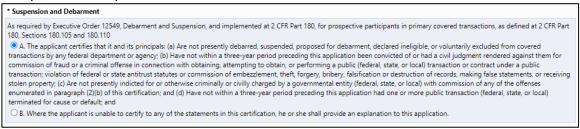
1. Insert district's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).



Review and check "agreed" under the assurances box.



Complete the Suspension and Debarment section.



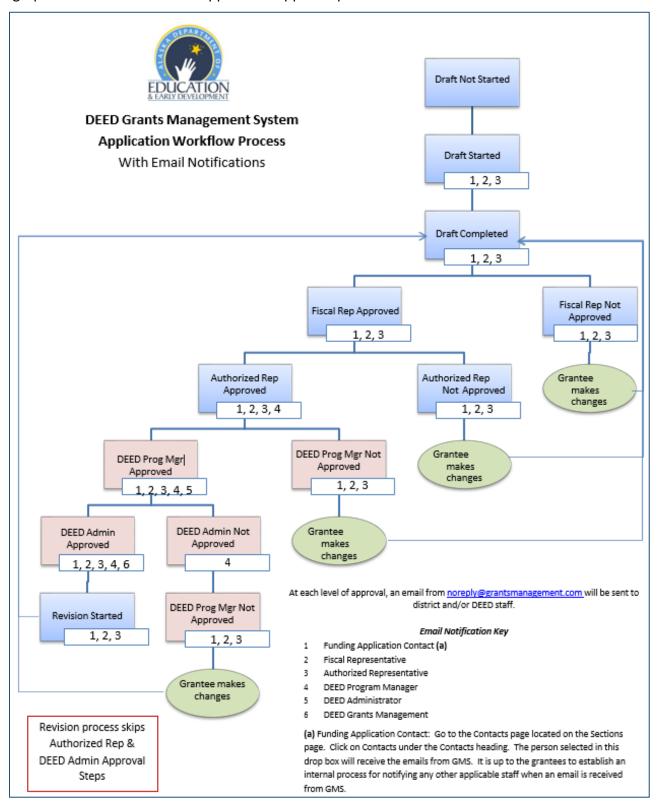
Substantially Approved Dates

The "Substantially Approved Dates" section is "view only" and presents the dates on which the Authorized Representative last approved the online application for submission to DEED.

Appendices

GMS Application Approval and Re-Submission Process

The infographic below illustrates the application approval process.



GMS User Roles

Role	Description
User Access Administrator	Allows a grantee user to administer other users for the grantee. Add
Maintains the users in the system for the	new users, assign roles, delete roles, and resets passwords. DEED must
district.	add this user to the system.
Grantee (Funding Application) Updates	Allows a grantee to enter and edit information in the appropriate
Updates the application, budget revision, and	funding application. More than one user can be assigned this role.
reimbursement requests for appropriate	
funding application.	
Grantee Data View	Allows a grantee user to view unapproved items for the grantee.
Allows user to view without making any	
changes in the system.	
Grantee Planning Tool Data Entry	Allows a grantee to enter and edit the planning tool. The planning tool
Updates planning tool.	includes goals, strategies, and fiscal resources that can be used for any
	funding application.
Grantee Fiscal Representative	Allows a grantee to take actions associated with a business manager.
Approves the application, budget revisions, and	This user must provide approval before submission to the Grantee
reimbursements. Most likely the business	Authorized Representative.
manager.	
Grantee Authorized Representative	Allows a grantee to take actions associated with the authorized
Final approval of application and revisions.	representative, district superintended, or designee. This user provides
Most likely the superintendent or designee.	the final approval step for the application or revision to be submitted
	to DEED.
Grantee Superintendent	Allows superintendent or designee name to be printed on Grant
	Awards.

Title I-C Education of Migratory Children Activity and Purpose

Overview

Title I, Part C, is a program operated by the state Educational Agency (SEA) to identify and address the special educational needs of migratory children. The state may fulfill those responsibilities in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) by making a sub-grant to a local educational agency;
- (2) by making an arrangement with a public or nonprofit private agency to carry out a project under this part; or
- (3) by operating the state's migrant education program or projects directly.

Purpose [§1301]

The purpose of the Title I-C program is:

- (1) To assist states in supporting high-quality and comprehensive educational programs and services during the school year and, as applicable, during summer or intersession periods, that address the unique educational needs of migratory children.
- (2) To ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the states in curriculum, graduation requirements, and challenging state academic standards.
- (3) To ensure that migratory children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards that all children are expected to meet.
- (4) To help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to succeed in school.
- (5) To help migratory children benefit from state and local systemic reforms.

Definitions [§1309]

MIGRATORY CHILD - The term "migratory child" means a child or youth who made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months—

- (A) as a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher; or
- (B) with, or to join, a parent or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher.

MIGRATORY FISHER - The term "migratory fisher" means an individual who made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months and, after doing so, engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in fishing. If the individual did not engage in such new employment soon after the move, the individual may be considered a migratory fisher if the individual actively sought such new employment and has a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal fishing employment.

MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL WORKER - The term "migratory agricultural worker" means an individual who made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months and, after doing so, engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture, which may be dairy work or the initial processing of raw agricultural products. If an individual did not engage in such new employment soon after a qualifying move, such individual may be considered a migratory agricultural worker if the individual actively sought such new employment and has a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal agricultural employment.

QUALIFYING MOVE - The term "qualifying move" means a move due to economic necessity— (A) from one residence to another residence; and (B) from one school district to another school district, except— (i) in the case of a state that is comprised of a single school district, wherein a qualifying move is from one administrative area to another within such district; or (ii) in the case of a school district of more than 15,000 square miles, wherein a qualifying move is a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence.

Priority for Service [§1304(d)]

Section 1304(d) of the statute gives priority for services to migratory children who have made a qualifying move within the previous 1-year period and who—

- (1) are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the challenging state academic standards; or
- (2) have dropped out of school.

District plans must address the ways that districts will provide for the needs of migratory children who meet the criteria for a priority for service.

To learn more about Priority for Services, refer to the Migrant Education Program Records Manager Guide (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleI-C).

Alaska's Migrant Education Program (MEP) [§1306(b)]

Section 1306(b) authorizes migrant funds to be used to meet the identified needs of migratory children that result from their migratory lifestyle, and to permit these children to participate effectively in school. Migrant funds are to supplement services provided by other federal, state, or local funds. Alaska's Migrant Education Program is guided by the statewide Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and the state Service Delivery Plan (SDP) that identifies the measurable program objectives and the instructional strategies designed to meet the needs identified in the CNA. These are described below.

Each district must conduct a local needs assessment for the migratory children in the district and determine the specific needs in the district in accordance with the needs identified in the state CNA. The district will then choose the applicable strategies from the list of service delivery strategies in the state SDP that the district will implement to meet the needs of the district's migratory children. Each district should establish a local written service delivery plan that includes the local needs assessment and service delivery strategies used in the district, and the process for annually reviewing the effectiveness of the use of the Title I-C funds in meeting the needs of the migratory children and for revising the activities and strategies to be provided as necessary based on the results of the evaluation.

For information about specific allowable activities, eligibility of children, priority for services and other questions, see the USED Migrant Education Program guidance at <u>results.ed.gov/legislation</u>.

Alaska Comprehensive Needs Assessment and State Service Delivery Plan

The Alaska Migrant Education Program <u>Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA)</u> (https://education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleI-C/docs/cna_final_report.pdf) was updated as of December 2018. Needs were identified in the following four areas: Academic support, High school graduation, School readiness, and Support services.

The Alaska Migrant Education Program <u>Service Delivery Plan (SDP)</u> was updated as of February 2019. This plan outlines strategies for meeting the needs of migratory children identified in the CNA. It also sets Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs) on which the migrant education program will be evaluated.

Alaska MEP Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs) and Service Delivery Strategies

Title I-C funds must be used in accordance with the State <u>Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA)</u> and <u>Service Delivery Plan (SDP)</u>. The Alaska Migrant Education Program's Service Delivery Plan identifies strategies to serve migratory children and youth, including preschool migratory children and migratory children who have dropped out.

Additional Resources

- <u>DEED's Title I-C Webpage</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleI-C/)
- <u>Title I-C Spending Handbook</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleI-C/docs/SpendingHandbook-TitleI-C.pdf)
- <u>Provision of Services Guidance</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/Titlel-C/docs/ProvisionofServicesGuidanceTitlel-C.pdf)
- <u>Needs Assessment Guidance</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/Titlel-C/docs/NeedsAssessmentGuidanceTitlel-C.pdf)
- <u>Parent Engagement Guidance</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/Titlel-C/docs/ParentEngagementGuidanceTitlel-C.pdf)
- <u>Program Evaluation Guidance</u> (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/Titlel-C/docs/ProgramEvaluationGuidanceTitlel-C.pdf)
- Allowable Cost for Federal Funds (education.alaska.gov/ESEA/Titlel-C/docs/AllowableCostChecklist.pdf)
- <u>U.S. Office of Migrant Education</u> (ed.gov/grants-and-programs/formula-grants/formula-grants-special-populations/migrant-education-program-title-i-part-c--state-grants)
- Results (results.ed.gov)