

Funding Waiver for Title I, Part A 1003 Subgrants



Waiver Timeline

- **February 16, 2023:** Public Comment Opens
- **March 2023:** Consultation with the Governor's office
- **March 9, 2023:** Presentation & discussion with the Montana Board of Public Education
- **March 14, 2023:** Webinar 1 for public input, 10:30am-11:30am
- **March 16, 2023:** Webinar 2 for public input 3:00pm-4:00pm
- **March 21, 2023:** Webinar 3 to respond to public comment and survey 4:00pm-5:00pm
- **April 18, 2023:** Education Advocates Meeting, 9:30am-10:30am
- **April 19, 2023:** Public Comment Closes



What is Title I, Part A, Section 1003 Funding?

- Section 1003 School Improvement funds provide financial resources to LEA for schools identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), any school identified as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) as defined by ESSA.
- School improvement funding supports the identified needs outlined in the school's improvement plan.



What is Title I, Part A, Section 1003 Funding?

- Funds are utilized to support goals/priorities identified in the schools' improvement plans.
- Funds must be expended in alignment with the reporting, monitoring, and level of evidence as defined by ESSA.
- Interventions supported with Section 1003 School Improvement funds must be based on strong, moderate, or promising evidence of a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes, as defined in ESEA section 8101(21)(A)(i)



Purpose of Waiver

- Extend the duration of the subgrants to LEAs designated as CSI for an additional year to include 2023-2024.
- Allow for funding used for improvement efforts to align with the same time frame schools are identified with the federal CSI designation.
- In the Fall of 2024, current schools identified in comprehensive support and improvement will have the opportunity to exit or will be moved into rigorous action.
- CSI schools received funding support for improvement starting in the 2018-2019 school year and were set to be in a 3-year cohort. However due to the waivers of the accountability system extending CSI designations from 2020-2021 to 2022-2023, the duration of subgrant funding will expire before CSI schools are eligible to exit in the 2023-2024 school year.



Written Comments

Any written comments should be submitted to essainput@mt.gov. Written comments will be accepted through April 19, 2023.