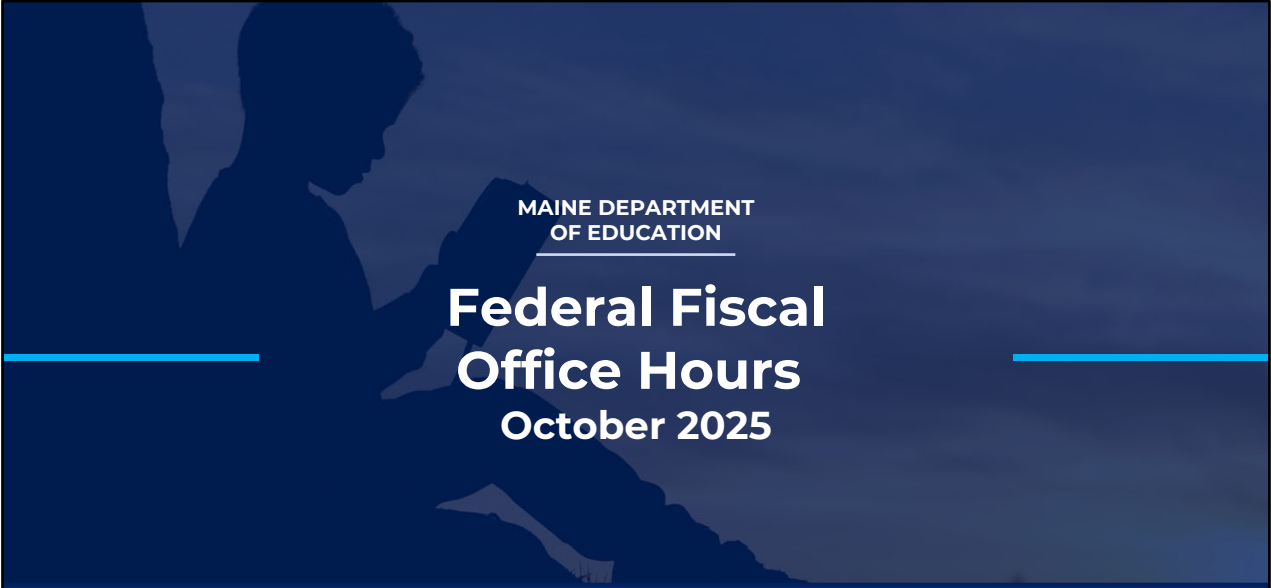




MAINE DEPARTMENT
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Federal Fiscal Office Hours October 2025

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Agenda

- **General Updates & Reminders**
 - Close out
 - Performance Reports
 - Summer Accruals
- **Team specific Updates**
- **Q & A**

Access to Funding During the Federal Government Shutdown

- During the current federal government shutdown, the Federal Grant Management System remains operational and available for Maine DOE program and fiscal staff to request reimbursements. Therefore, your federal grant-funded programs should be able to operate as usual for the foreseeable future.
- The U.S. Department of Education's contingency plan states that federal funding for programs such as IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act), and other forward-funded programs will remain available.
- While funding remains available, most federal staff members have been furloughed and are therefore unavailable to respond to requests for technical assistance. This may create some delays in processing reimbursements, but the Maine DOE has not received definitive information about that.
- The Maine DOE will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates. Our offices remain open and ready to support and assist you.



Funding Balances



Grant / Year	Period of Performance	Remaining funds
ESEA FY23 ESEA FY24 ESEA FY25 SIG FY24	7/1/22 - 9/30/25 7/1/23 - 9/30/26 7/1/24 - 9/30/26 7/1/23-9/30/25	\$428,198.39 <(1%)* \$1,547,822.96 (2%) \$16,525,890.95(24%) \$434,514.93 (39%)* <i>as of October 22, 2025</i>
IDEA FY24 \$57.8 FY25 \$57.2	7/1/23-09/30/25 7/1/24-09/30/26	\$1.9 Million remaining (3%)* \$19.3 Million remaining (33%) *these funds needed to be obligated by 09/30 in order to be drawn down by 12/15/25
Adult Education	FY 25 7/1/24-6/30/25 FY26 7/1/2025-9/30/26	\$166,401.90(remaining) \$1,475,325.20

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We draw your attention to funds that are yet to be reimbursed for each of the listed grants. We are aware that for many SAUs, these funds have been obligated and expended however, reimbursement has not yet been sought from the Department. We therefore encourage you to submit invoice reimbursements as soon as possible.

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Dichter, Megan, 2025-10-20T16:26:56.659

KJ1 1 [@Dichter, Megan] - thanks.

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General Reminders

Slide 5

- CT1** Should we include a slide regarding accrued salaries and what we expect to see on a reimbursement request? Accrued salaries post to the ledger on June 30th for wages earned during the current school year but are not paid out until July and August. ESEA wants to see a service period of July and August and will not reimburse for accruals until they are paid out.
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- KJ2 0** I've moved this slide but I think as folks add things the slides shift, none are ever set in stone. Please feel free to move and reorder as applicable.
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Reminder when Obligating Expiring Funds

If the obligation is for—	The obligation is made—
(a) Acquisition of real or personal property	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property.
(b) Personal services by an employee of the State or subgrantee	When the services are performed.
(c) Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the State or subgrantee	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services.
(d) Performance of work other than personal services	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the work.
(e) Public utility services	When the State or subgrantee receives the services.
(f) Travel	When the travel is taken.
(g) Rental of real or personal property	When the State or subgrantee uses the property.
(h) A pre-agreement cost that was properly approved by the Secretary under the cost principles in 2 CFR part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles	On the first day of the grant or subgrant performance period.

- For grants approaching close out - deadline to obligate is 9/30
- All funds must be timely and meaningfully obligated prior to 9/30 **with the vendor**
 - Statute does permit the services to be performed during the liquidation period however....
 - Payments for services must be completed within the liquidation period
 - We strongly recommend and it is best practice to obtain the services within the period of performance

[2 CFR § 76.707](#)



Funds that are expiring on 9/30 can be obligated until 9/30, however be mindful of the requirement when utilizing funds for purchased services. You can continue to use the funds for services within the liquidation period provided they were timely and meaningfully obligated by 9/30. Obligating a contract on 9/29 for services to be rendered mid-October would not meet the definition of a timely obligation. If you are in doubt, please reach out to the applicable federal program manager or fiscal lead. Travel and coursework must be completed before 9/30.

Close Out Reminders

- Understand closeout requirements and deadlines
 - Fiscal years (July 1 to June 30) vs. Reporting Periods (July 1 to September 30)
 - Grants4ME can not contain a service period beyond the end date of the period of performance
- Financial reconciliation and reporting
 - Reimbursement requests are timely and up-to-date
- Performance reporting and Closeout of Expiring Funds
 - i.e. FY25 Performance Report and FY23 closeout
- Record Retention
 - Retain all financial and programmatic records



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As we end the FY25 fiscal year, here are a few important closeout reminders to ensure compliance and meet all deadlines:

Please make sure you are familiar with the specific closeout requirements for your projects and awards. This includes both financial and programmatic obligations. Check your GANs for details—and don't wait until the last minute to submit reimbursement request. The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 for funding and auditing requirements; however, the performance reporting period for most programs extends from July 1 to September 30. It's important to distinguish between these two so that reporting and reconciliation are aligned correctly. To be able to accurately report expenses for the performance report, please be sure to complete all reimbursement request through September 30.

Be aware of the period of performance, especially for programs nearing the end of their performance period such as ESEA FY23 funding. Don't forget to finalize the FY23 closeout expenses—this includes updating performance reports and verifying all financial data is accurate and complete.

Lastly, remember that record retention is a critical part of the closeout process. All financial and programmatic records must be retained according to CFR requirements, which is three years from the date of submission for the final financial report. For example, FY24 ESEA

funds awarded on July 1, 2023 being utilized through the Tydings Amendment Year which ends on September 30, 2026, will be reported on a performance report submitted on November 1, 2026 (final financial report). The retention period for these documents would be through November 1, 2029.

Timely Draw down of funds

- Timely drawn down is the efficient and effective process of accessing and using federal grant funds within the allotted timeframe and according to grant guidelines.
 - **Key Terms**
 - **Period of Performance:** Begins with substantial approval of the SAU's application for funds.
 - **Obligation:** The legal commitment to spend funds through signed contracts, purchasing agreements, invoices.
 - **Expenditure:** The actual spending of funds.
 - **Closeout/Liquidation:** The final stage of the grant process where the recipient submits final requests and reports.



What is timely drawdown? The efficient and effective process of accessing and using federal grant funds within the allotted timeframe and according to grant guidelines.

- **Key Terms**
 - **Period of Performance:** The time during which the subrecipient can incur new obligations to carry out the work, services, and purchase items approved in the application.
 - **Obligation:** The legal commitment to spend funds through signed contracts, purchasing agreements, invoices. Funds cannot be obligated before the substantial approval date unless pre-award costs have been approved.
 - **Expenditure:** The actual spending of funds.
 - **Closeout/Liquidation:** The final stage of the grant process where the recipient submits final requests and reports.

Timely draw down of funds

- Subrecipient receives <\$250,000 = quarterly invoicing
- Subrecipients whose award (including transferred funds) > \$250,000 = monthly invoicing
- **Reimbursement requests**
 - A detailed expenditure report (trial balance)
 - Dates on expenditure report should align with the service period entered on the request page in Grants4ME
 - Other documentation such as Time & Effort, invoices, contracts upon request
 - Please keep in mind the turnaround time for payment of an approvable reimbursement request is approximately 30 days.



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As a general rule, subrecipients whose award is less than \$250,000 must submit reimbursement requests via the Department's online grant management system at least once per quarter, with billing periods ending on 9/30/20xx, 12/31/20xx, 3/31/20xx, and 6/30/20xx.

- Subrecipients whose award (including transferred funds) exceeds \$250,000 in value must instead submit reimbursement requests **monthly** throughout the period of performance for the award.

Reimbursement requests

- All invoices submitted for reimbursement in Grants4Me must be accompanied by a detailed expenditure report (trial balance). This report should only reflect the service period being billed on the invoice. Other documentation as required by the grant, i.e., Time & Effort, invoices, contracts, etc.
- Please keep in mind the turnaround time for payment of an approvable reimbursement request is approximately 30 days.

We acknowledge that not all submitted reimbursements are processed in a net 30 manner in order for this requirement to be implemented with fidelity. With that being said, if reimbursement is delayed, please work with your fiscal program contact. Generally, in these circumstances, the SAU is able to submit additional months (up to 3 months) in a submission however, the back up / supporting documentation **MUST** be broken out and

submitted via month.

Summer Accruals

- Accrued salaries – wages earned but not yet paid out
- Cannot be paid with current year funds
 - Accrued 6/30/25
 - FY 2026 funds are not available until 7/1/25
- Wages earned during summer programming cannot be accrued, they should be paid out when earned.
- Accrued salaries cannot be reimbursed until after they have been paid out
 - Service period on the reimbursement request should reflect the dates these wages were paid

Accrued salaries are wages earned but not paid out by the end of the current fiscal year. These are accrued on 6/30 and generally paid out over the summer months. Wages earned during summer programming should not be accrued the staff should be paid for those hours on a regular basis. These salaries cannot be reimbursed until they are paid out. The service period in Grants4Me should reflect the time in which the payroll posted. For example, if you submit an invoice for a service period of 6/30/25-6/30/25 and request reimbursement for accrued salaries; this request will be denied. The Service Period should match the dates payroll was paid. Accrued salaries are usually paid out over the summer months.

Slide 10

KJ1 [@Corson, Tyra] this is a placeholder slide for summer accruals. It was mentioned that there may be slides from the summer bootcamp that we could move over to this and use as a foundation. Can you check? Please also include some examples of what incorrect and correct submissions look like. Thank you for leading the discussion/presentation on this topic.

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KJ1 0 [@Corson, Tyra] - reminder about this slide before next week's session.

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Liquidation of funds

- [Updated February 27, 2025](#)
- These changes are reflected in [2 CFR 200.344](#)
 - 90 days for SAU liquidation
 - 30 days for SEA liquidation
- At minimum, **quarterly** invoicing
 - See grant coordinator
 - Submit invoices no later than **December 1** for sufficient time for process and approve.

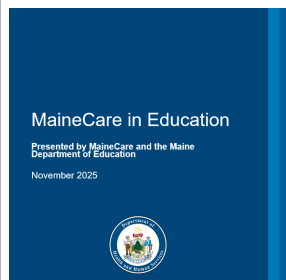
Federal Funding Stream	Obligation Date	Former Close-Out Date	**Revised Close-Out Date** All invoices must be submitted to Maine DOE by this date.
CTE (Perkins)	June 30	December 30	December 15 Any funds not invoiced by this date or invoices being returned after this date will no longer be available.
ESEA Federal Programs	September 30		
McKinney-Vento	September 30		
Adult Education	September 30		
IDEA	September 30		
ARP ESSER III	September 30		
ARP Homeless Children and Youth (HCY)	September 30		



Colene:

The DOE continues to request that invoices are submitted regularly, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis. Each federal program may have additional guidance regarding frequency of invoicing based upon allocation amount. The Department recently updated the end date for SAUs to liquidation funds to 12/15. This date change was to ensure timely processing. Although SAUs have until Dec. 15 to submit invoices, we strongly encourage SAUs to submit their invoices for closing grants by December 1. This allows DOE and DAFS sufficient time to communicate with you regarding required information and approve the reimbursement request for payment.

Upcoming Professional Development



MaineCare Enrollment and Billing Session for Business Managers and Special Education Directors

The Office of MaineCare Services (MaineCare) and the Maine Department of Education's (Maine DOE) Office of Federal Programs and Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education (OSSIE) will host a half-day MaineCare enrollment and billing introductory session for district leaders. This training will provide a broad overview of MaineCare billing, special education services that are billable under MaineCare, provide an update about anticipated addition of Chapter II, Section 106 to the MaineCare Benefits Manual and the upcoming related rate study. It will also offer an opportunity to ask SAU specific questions regarding MaineCare billing.

Coffee, refreshments, and lunch provided.

Audience: Special Education Directors and Business Managers

Date: November 4th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Location: The Senator Inn, 284 Western Ave, Augusta, Maine

In person attendance is at capacity, if you would like to join the meeting virtually, please register [here](#).



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Here's the link to the inline participation registration:

<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/b-0U-tHeSqO-XIYeRXhGWg>

Office Hours

All sessions are recorded and posted to the [Office of Federal Program's website](#)

- Shared with MEASBO for distribution

Next session: **January 22, 2026, at 10 am.**

Please ensure you register using the link on the Maine Professional Learning Calendar.





Child Nutrition



Child Nutrition



Updates / Reminders:

- November 1st – October Survey needs to be completed before claims can be filed.
- Alternate Economic Status Form Clarification (sent on 10/8 from school finance)
 - Alternate Economic Status Form Facts:**
 - Is** meant to be used for Economic Status reporting for use in Essential Programs and Services (EPS)
 - Must** be entered into your student information system (SIS) for economic status reporting as:
 - Alternate Economic Status Form for students who meet low-income criteria.
 - Full Price for students who do not meet low-income criteria.
 - The data collected from the Alternate Economic Status form **should not** be entered into your lunch program data system.
 - Cannot** be used for identifying eligibility for School Lunch Programming and serving students for lunch.
 - The data collected from the Alternate Economic Status form **should** only be in your student information system for Economic Status reporting.
 - It **should not** be entered into your lunch program data system.
- MEFS Code Verification
 - Please ensure that MEFS Child Nutrition numbers are accurate for reporting to DOE Finance and the completion of the yearly Child Nutrition AFR.
- Claim Reimbursement Timeline
 - Reimbursements will be issued after the 12th of each month, provided your claim is Approved by the 8th. Otherwise, the claim will be processed and paid the following month.



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The October Survey is the collection of Free, Reduced and Paid meal reimbursement claiming numbers for each school. Those participating in CEP the calculation is done by using the 1st year Direct certification approval percentage and Provision II is calculated on the base year approval free and reduced percentages. Directions for completing the October Survey (including the calculation method) are located on our CNPWeb claiming system Help tab. There is also a webinar posting on the Child Nutrition website as well.

I also added the reminder of the Economic Status Form that was sent out to Business Managers on 10/8 from school finance as there have been some confusion between the Child Nutrition's Free and Reduced School Meal application and the Alternate Economic Status Form. When completing the October Survey, please be sure the Economic Status Form is not being used.

MEFS Code Verification reminder – please make sure you are separating the Maine and Federal reimbursement funds by using the correct MEFS revenue code.

Claim Reimbursement Timeline



Adult Education



Adult Education Updates

MCCA and AEFLA/IELCE are now in Grants4ME

**New Grant and Fiscal Specialist on the Adult Ed State Team; Mike Emery
(Michael.emery@maine.gov)**



Deadlines –
AEFLA/IELCE/MCCA/ SMW-Fy26 Q1 Invoices due 10/31/25

Please direct questions to Megan.Dichter@maine.gov





Career and Technical Education

Career & Technical Education

Deadlines and Reminders:

- FY25 Perkins, Perkins Reserve, Industry Standards (state) and Middle School (state) Grants
 - All invoices and purchase orders must be dated by 9/30/25
 - All invoices must be submitted for reimbursement by 12/15/25
- FY26 Perkins, Perkins Reserve, Industry Standards (state) and Middle School (state) Grants
 - Aim for 50% spend down by 12/31/25
 - Check with CTE Directors that these grants have been approved by Maine DOE



ESEA Federal Programs



ESEA Substantial Approval Dates

Due to the delay in ESEA federal funds for fiscal year (FY) 26, it is possible for Titles II, III, and IV to have different substantial approval date than Title I and Title V. Please keep this in mind as you begin to obligate your FY26 ESEA funds.

Application Status: MDOE ESEA Consolidated Regional Program Manager Approved

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Title I, Part A	07/28/2025
Title I, Part D Subpart 1	07/28/2025
Title I, Part D Subpart 2	07/28/2025
Title II, Part A	09/02/2025
Title III, Part A	09/02/2025
Title III: Family Engagement	09/02/2025
Title III: Instruction	09/02/2025
Title III: Professional Development	09/02/2025
Title III: Immigrant	09/02/2025
Title IV, Part A	09/02/2025
Title IV: Well Rounded Education	09/02/2025
Title IV: Safe and Healthy Students	09/02/2025
Title IV: Effective Use of Technology	09/02/2025
Title V, Part B	07/28/2025



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Due to the delay in ESEA federal funds for fiscal year (FY) 26, it is possible for Titles II, III, and IV to have different substantial approval date than Title I and Title V. Please keep this in mind as you begin to obligate your FY26 ESEA funds. In the application from the sections screen you can choose the substantially approved dates page and a graphic like the one on the right side of your screen will appear. If the substantial approval date is 7/1/25 then I recommend reviewing the pre-award cost page in the application. This is where you will see the specific request for these funds. For example, if you needed Title I funds to pay for salaries and benefits before the substantial approval date then the request is made on the pre-award cost page in the application and approved by the regional program manager. In the case of a July 1st substantial approval date just viewing the substantial approval page indicated on this slide may not be enough to get the expense paid.

Performance Report Requirements

- Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
- Grants4Me – PR is embedded in the application and **due 11/14**
- ESEA Coordinator reports progress toward achieving measurable goals and completed projects
- Expenses from the Substantial Approval Date through 9/30/25 must be reported by the LEA Fiscal Representative or the ESEA Coordinator
- FY 23 ESEA Consolidated Grant Application must be closed out
 - This will require a LEA Fiscal Representative or ESEA Coordinator to report final expenditure under Performance Report Summary Page



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Successful administration of federal funds requires communication between the business office (manager) and the ESEA Coordinator and/or school principals. This communication should be ongoing throughout the year. We recommend that a minimum of quarterly meetings occur to make sure the business office and Coordinator/s are all on the same page. Business managers need to make sure invoicing is up to date so that the ESEA Performance Report can be submitted timely. Again, invoicing for expenses through 9/30 is essential for reporting expenses on the performance report. These figures can be submitted in Grants4Me either by the ESEA Coordinator or LEA Fiscal Representative. The FY 25 performance report is a page in the FY 25 ESEA consolidated application and has been turned on to be completed and submitted by 11/14. FY 25 funds for expenses incurred 10/1 or later will not be paid until the SAU has an approved FY 25 Performance Report. FY 23 ESEA Consolidated Grant Application must be closed out. This will require a LEA Fiscal Representative or ESEA Coordinator to report final expenditure under Performance Report Summary Page.

Please reach out to either the ESEA Management Analyst or the SAU's Regional Program Manager with any questions.

FY 26 ESEA Monitoring

- Monitoring instrument in Grants4ME is open
- Important dates to remember
 - One collection window
 - Initial submission is due by 1/9/26
- Monitoring levels can be found on your FY 26 GAN
 - Medium and High must complete the monitoring items in the instrument
 - High level must complete both medium and high items



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The monitoring instrument is open, and we are encouraging SAUs that have been notified to start working on these items. The submission due date is 1/9/25 this is the latest date in which documentation can be submitted for the initial review. If you are not sure what your SAU's monitoring level is; this information can be found on the FY 26 Grant Award Notice that is a page in the application.

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Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education



Slide 24

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[@ONeill, Colene] [@McGowen, Barbara A] can you update the slides for aOSSIE for the webinar on 10/23.
Please enter notes for the slides.

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OSSIE Fiscal Teams Updates

- The FY25 IDEA Year End Report is open. Sections to be completed include:

☐	IDEA 611 & 619	Only report inventory if the single item exceeds \$10,000
☐	Certification and Assurances	
☐	Maintenance of Effort	Coordinated Early Intervention Services- requires 2 years of data tracking
☐	Budget Summaries	
☒	D. Inventory of Equipment Purchased with Part B Funds (Year End Report)	Expenditures recorded from 07/01/2024-06/30/2025 for both School Age 611 and Preschool 619
☒	E. CEIS (Year End Report)	
☒	F. Expenditures Overview: IDEA School-Age 611 (Year End Report)	Attach trial balances for Fund 2470 & 2510 for the period 07/01/2024-06/30/2025
☒	G. Expenditures Overview: IDEA Preschool 619 (Year End Report)	
☒	Trial Balance	

- What expenses are recorded on the Year End Report?
 - All special education expenditures that have been reimbursed through Grants4ME as of June 30th (end of year 1) – Fund 2470 (5-22) and Fund 2510 (3-5) July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025
 - All expenses reimbursed through Grants4ME should be reflected on the Trial Balance – Fund 2470 and Fund 2510.
 - All expenses reimbursed through the Grants4ME should be reflected in the 4th Quarter upload to NEO.
 - Accrued payroll – NOT to be included on the YER – Accruals are liabilities not expenses.



FY 25 Year End Reports are open in the FY 25 IDEA application. The status must be changed to Revision Started in order to edit the information in the YER sections D- G and Trial Balance upload. Sections A (Maintenance of Effort), B (Excess Cost), and C (Parentally Placed Reporting) will be opening soon. The data for the MOE and Excess Cost sections are pulled from the uploaded and migrated 4th quarter actual expenditures from MEFIS and bulk loaded into Grants4ME. If SAUs are not meeting MOE based on their expenditures or reduction in student count the OSSIE fiscal team will reach out and work with districts to figure out allowable exceptions to reduce the MOE

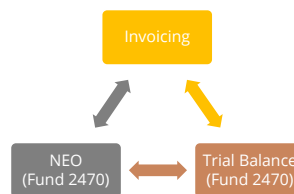
IDEA Fiscal Monitoring Cohort for FY25

The Fiscal Monitoring team provides oversight of the IDEA special education grant to ensure compliance with federal and state laws, regulations, and regulatory guidance.

Key Components to fiscal monitoring

What we monitor:

- Policies and Procedures
- Allowable use of Funds
- Budgets to actual expenditures
- Timely expenditures & reimbursement draw downs
- Time & Effort
- Maintenance of Effort & Excess Cost
- Equipment
- Fiscal Internal Controls
- Contracts



Reconciliation

A major part of the fiscal audit is the reconciliation of the federal grant award. The reconciliation process looks at the budgets in Grants4ME, the expenditures submitted for reimbursement through the grant invoicing module, the 4th quarter upload provided by districts to Maine Education Financial System (MEFS) and a copy of a trial balance for the grant period being audited.



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Your SAU is being fiscally monitored...now what? What to expect and why we monitor The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) fiscal monitoring procedure consist of Maine's process to ensure proper use of federal funds for special education. This includes monitoring how LEAs (Local Education Agencies) budget, spend, and account for IDEA funds. Our team is responsible for providing technical assistance to promote compliance and ensure LEAs are good stewards of federal funds. We will be working with SAUs to make sure they have the required policies and procedures in place in order to accept federal funds. These policies and procedures, once found compliant will be housed in Grants4ME in each SAU's document library for access across all federal programs.

OSSIE Fiscal Team Office Hours

Monthly office hours will resume in November for the 2025/26 school year.

Add to your calendar:

- November 26, 10 am [invite link](#)
- December – no meeting
- January 21, 10 am [invite link](#)
- February 25, 10 am [invite link](#)
- March 25, 10 am [invite link](#)
- April 22, 10am [invite link](#)
- May 27, 10 am [invite link](#)



Do you have a topic you would like discussed in office hours?
Email me: colene.oneill@maine.gov



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Members of the OSSIE Fiscal team come together to offer a monthly office hours. The team focuses on fiscal matters, in addition to timely specific information. We also hope that this creates a network of colleagues and provides an opportunity for questions to be addressed with all districts present.

We share the time and content of office hours with MEASBO and also collect feedback from MEASBO.

Potential topics:

MaineCare billing /SAC billing

IDEA budgeting 101- Applications/Year End Reports

Maintenance of Effort Check in

Fiscal Audit overview

We want to hear from you, what would make it worth your time? Suggestions?

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Office of School & Student Supports



Slide 28

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Office of School and Student Supports (O3S)

Expanding Access in School Environments (EASE) – 5 3 or 4? Year Grant Snapshot October 2025

YEAR	Performance Period	Total Allocation Amount	Awarded	Carryover Allowed	Total # of Subrecipients	# of subrecipients that depleted funds	% of total funds remaining (based on invoices)
1	10/11/23 – 12/31/25	\$1,000,000	10/11/23 – 12/28/23	YES	9	8	4.7 1.12(07/25)
2	6/28/24 – 12/31/25	\$1,000,000	6/28/24– 7/19/24	YES	9	7(+1)	7.2 16.3(07/25)
3	1/1/25 – 12/31/25	\$1,000,000	1/1/2025	NO	9	0	57.9 85.4(07/25)
4	1/1/26 – 12/31/26	\$1,000,000	Continuation?	NO	9	N/A	N/A
5	1/1/27 – 12/31/27	\$1,000,000	Non-Continuation	NO	9	N/A	N/A

Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) – 3 Year Grant Snapshot - October 2025

YEAR	Performance Period	Total Allocation Amount	Awarded	Carryover Allowed	Total # of Subrecipients	# of subrecipients that depleted funds	% of total funds remaining
1 - 3	10/2/2023 – 9/30/2026	\$4,315,895.15	10/11/23	One time allotment	15	1	48.7 *59.7 (July'25)



The EASE Grant has been issued a non-continuation for years 4 and 5. Several districts have become more diligent in completing spending for years 2 and 3. While not all districts will obligate of their funds prior to 12/31/2025, there are 3 districts on track to do so. The % total funds remaining is in comparison to numbers from November 2024. Year 2, for example illustrates there was 84.5% of funding remaining as of November, but by July, that number is down to 16.3% of the \$1,000,000 allotment for 3 of the 9 schools. The EASE annual convening is to be held at the University of Maine next week on July 29-30. This is an opportunity for both providers and administrators. The Stronger Connections Grant has dropped from 76.3% total funding remaining to 59.7%. With site visits this past spring and more this fall, there is a concerted effort to encourage schools to expedite planning and spending for the 3rd and final year of the grant.

Office of School and Student Supports (O3S)

- McKinney-Vento Subgrants
 - Year 2 of a 3-Year Subgrant Cycle (Next RFA Spring 2027)
 - Currently funding 8 SAUs
- Preventing Student Homelessness (state-funded)
 - Reallocation for Participating SAUs in FY 25
 - Revised FY 25 timeline: Obligation by March 31, 2026, and final invoices received by May 1, 2026
- Community School grants (Ch. 333) - only grants NOT included in Grants4ME for now



Team Office Hours

Team	Office Hour
ESEA Federal Programs	Second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am
Perkins V (CTE)	First Tuesday of the month 3-4pm on Teams
Federal Fiscal Office Hours	January 22, 2026, Register May 28, 2026, Register
Special Education Office Hours	See Team update page for dates
McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Office Hours	First Thursday of the month 3-4pm on Zoom



Register for Federal Fiscal office hours here:

<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlc-usrz4rH92YKUFTyP5obu8SdjBc0TDs>

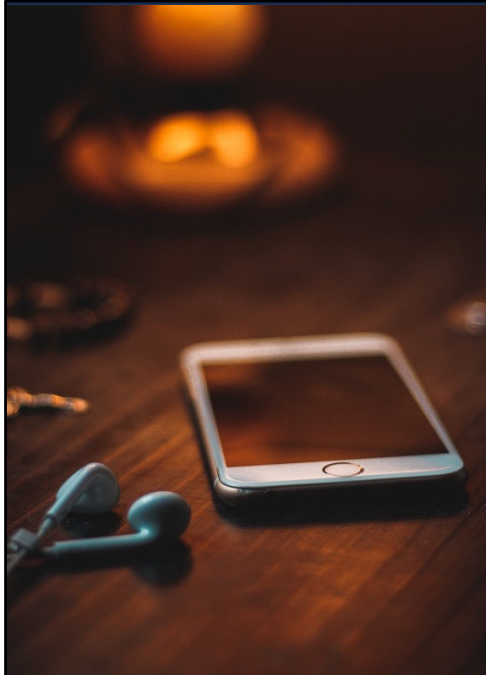
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