

From: Spradley, Mackie
To: [Martinez, Monica](#); [Ramos, Shelly](#); [Green, Cory](#)
Cc: [Molina, Annie](#); [Stohl, Kristen](#); [Snyder, Jessica](#)
Subject: FW: Following-up
Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 6:00:00 PM

Today, we received this response from USDoE regarding the purchase of hand metal scanners and security cameras under Title IV, Part A. The other questions are still with the legal team and program leadership. Eve described it as an “active discussion.”

See her email below.

Mackie

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From: Birge, Eve [<mailto:Eve.Birge@ed.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 5:50 PM
To: Spradley, Mackie <Mackie.Spradley@tea.texas.gov>
Cc: Birge, Eve <Eve.Birge@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Following-up

Dear Mackie –

I believe that scanners and cameras would be allowable if they meet the following guidelines (it's the guns and the gun training questions that I don't yet have a response to)...

Scanners, cameras and crises management & response training are generally allowable costs under the SSAE program consistent with one of the three main purposes of the statutory program—supporting safe and healthy students. To be funded, these activities should be consistent with the school district's needs assessment, be a “reasonable and necessary cost,” and be consistent with the local application approved by the State educational agency (SEA) in this State-administered program.

Background:

- SSAE program funds can be used by a school district to purchase metal detectors or scanners provided that a number of primarily statutorily-required considerations are met as described below.
- SSAE is a state-administered formula grant program; therefore, the SEA must

From: Spradley, Mackie
To: ["LaWanda.Coffee@springbranchisd.org"](mailto:LaWanda.Coffee@springbranchisd.org)
Subject: FW: Re: Title IV, Part A Allowable Use of Funds
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:51:00 PM

Dear Ms. Coffee.

I apologize for the delay in you receiving this message. As you can see by the message below, the email returned.

Thank you for your patience and for contacting the Texas Education Agency.

Regards,

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From: Spradley, Mackie
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 11:49 AM
To: 'LaWanda.Coffee@springbranchisd.org' <LaWanda.Coffee@springbranchisd.org>
Subject: Re: Title IV, Part A Allowable Use of Funds

Dear Ms. Coffee,

Thank you for contacting the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding the allowable use of Title IV, Part A funds.

As per our phone conversation, school districts across the country have inquired about using Title IV, Part A funds to hire police officers, security officers, marshals, purchase guns and ammunition, as well as gun training. These questions have been sent to the United States Department of Education's legal team for Title IV, Part A.

At this time, we do not have guidance as to whether or not these activities or programs would be allowable. I did send another follow-up email to our state Title IV, Part A liaison to USDE and she mentioned that this is still before administrative leadership and the legal team. Therefore, my recommendation would be not to allocate funds for this use at this time without confirmed approval from the Federal government.

From: Spradley, Mackie
To: ["pseckman@pisd.net"](mailto:pseckman@pisd.net)
Subject: FW: Title IV, Part A- Allowable expenses
Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 3:17:00 PM

Good afternoon, Ms. Seckman.

Thank you for contacting the Texas Educational Agency (TEA) regarding Title IV, Part A.

Currently, we do not have guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding training for arming teachers with weapons and the purchase of guns as an allowable expense under Title IV, Part A. This question was sent to USDoE earlier this semester and has been forwarded to the USDoE legal team for review.

Keep in mind, TEA has provided additional resources for School Safety which are listed [here](#). Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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From: Seckman, Patti [<mailto:pseckman@pisd.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Curriculum <Curriculum@tea.texas.gov>
Subject: Title IV, Part A- Allowable expenses

Dr. Spradley,

The new recommended use of funds for school safety has prompted some questions from our superintendent, Dr. Paul Uttley. Are funding training for arming teachers with weapons and the purchase of guns allowable expenses of Title IV funds?

Thank you,

Patti Seckman

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Patti Seckman

From: [Alex Dominguez](#)
To: [Spradley, Mackie](#)
Subject: Re: Emailing - AARLEA TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT - School Marshal Licensing.pdf
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:23:38 PM

Got it! Ignore a portion of previous email

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2018, at 4:58 PM, Spradley, Mackie <Mackie.Spradley@tea.texas.gov> wrote:

FYI

The U.S. Department of Education **has not approved gun training** as one of the allowable uses of funds for Title IV, Part A. That is one of the questions posed to the Legal team and we have received guidance regarding this. Therefore, this activity is an unallowable purchase for LEAs and PNPs.

Regards,

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From: Alex Dominguez [<mailto:alex.dominguez@esc20.net>]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:01 PM
To: Spradley, Mackie <Mackie.Spradley@tea.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Emailing - AARLEA TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT - School Marshal Licensing.pdf

Hi Dr. Spradley.

Please see attached. Would this be an allowable training to be paid for by Title IV funds.
A private school is making the request.

Thanks.

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From: [Seckman, Patti](#)
To: [Spradley, Mackie](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Title IV, Part A- Allowable expenses
Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 4:50:32 PM

Dr. Spradley,

I appreciate your immediate response and will forward this information on to our superintendent.

Thank you,

Patti Seckman

On Mon, Jul 9, 2018 at 3:17 PM, Spradley, Mackie <Mackie.Spradley@tea.texas.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Ms. Seckman.

Thank you for contacting the Texas Educational Agency (TEA) regarding Title IV, Part A.

Currently, we do not have guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding training for arming teachers with weapons and the purchase of guns as an allowable expense under Title IV, Part A. This question was sent to USDoE earlier this semester and has been forwarded to the USDoE legal team for review.

Keep in mind, TEA has provided additional resources for School Safety which are listed [here](#).

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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[Grants](#) (Outside Source). ESSA was designed district has flexibility to meet the needs of their schools and campuses.

Please visit the TEA website for [Title IV, Part A](#) for additional information regarding the requirements of Title IV, Part A.

From: Brice, Kerri [<mailto:KBrice@esc7.net>]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Spradley, Mackie <Mackie.Spradley@tea.texas.gov>
Subject: Resource for Title IV Allowable Costs

Dr. Spradley,

Many of our districts are asking about how Title IV funds could be utilized for safety measures due to recent communications. Could you direct me to the best source of specific allowable and unallowable costs for Title IV?

Thank you,

Kerri Brice

Specialist

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