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Unified Application Outstanding Questions

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Presentation for LEAs

March 31, 2026

Overview

IN THIS MEETING, LEAs WILL

- Review UA completion progress;
- Discuss outstanding questions on UA completion
- Understand final steps

AGENDA

I. UA Completion Progress
II. Outstanding Questions
III. Message from OSE
IV. Next Steps

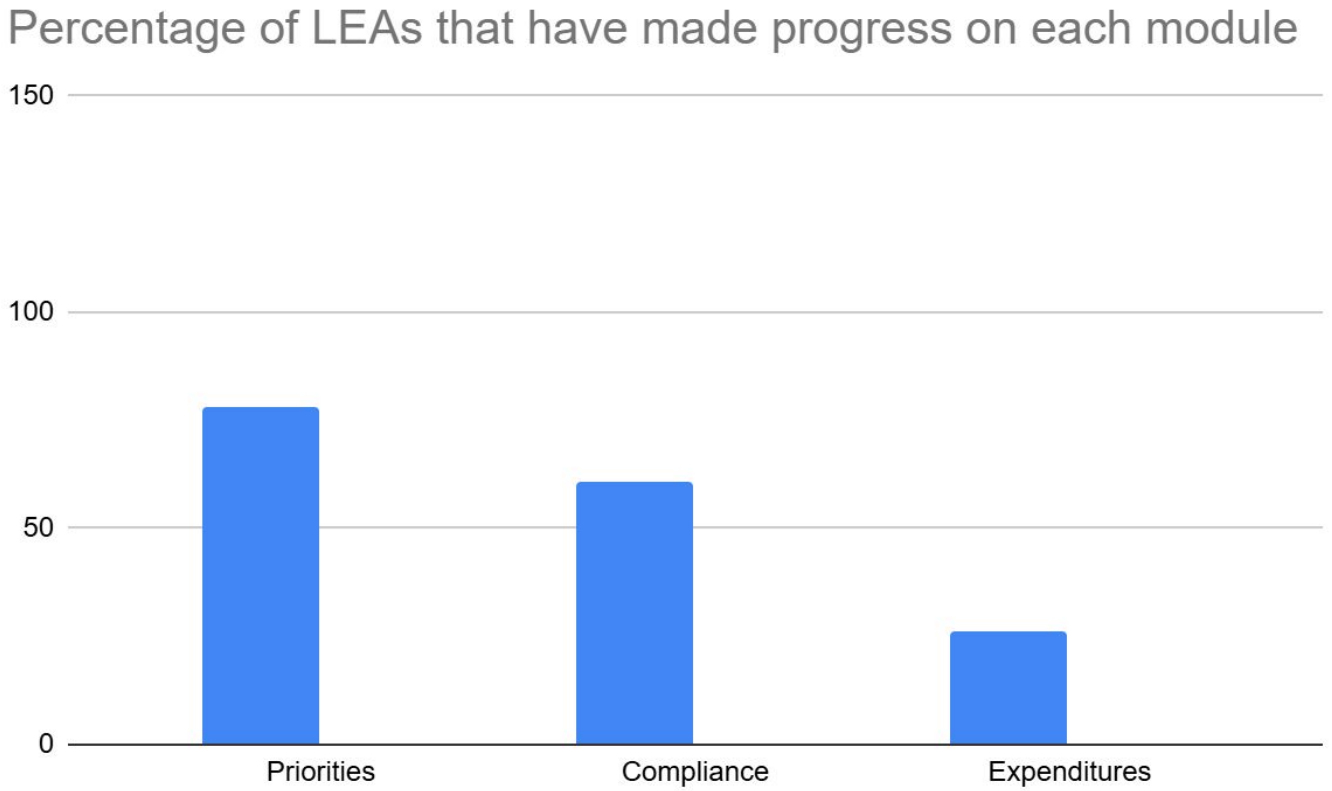
Key Milestones for the UA

Date	UA Milestone
February 17th	Pre-Application module opened
March 3rd	All modules open
April 15th	**UA due**

UA Completion Progress

Progress Update Across LEAs (1/2)

LEAs have started submitting the Unified Application. LEAs must complete all components of the ESEA modules and resolve any consistency checks before submitting the ESEA portion of the UA.



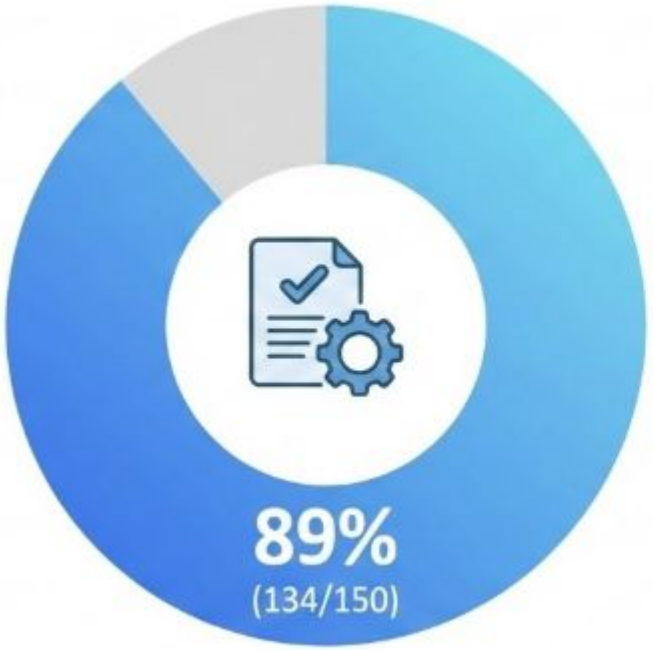
52% of LEAs have started the Priorities module.

41% of LEAs have started the ESEA Compliance module.

17% of LEAs have started the Expenditure Detail module.

Progress Update Across LEAs (2/2)

The IDEA application does not have the same level of complexity of inconsistency checks as the ESEA application, but every section must be completed.



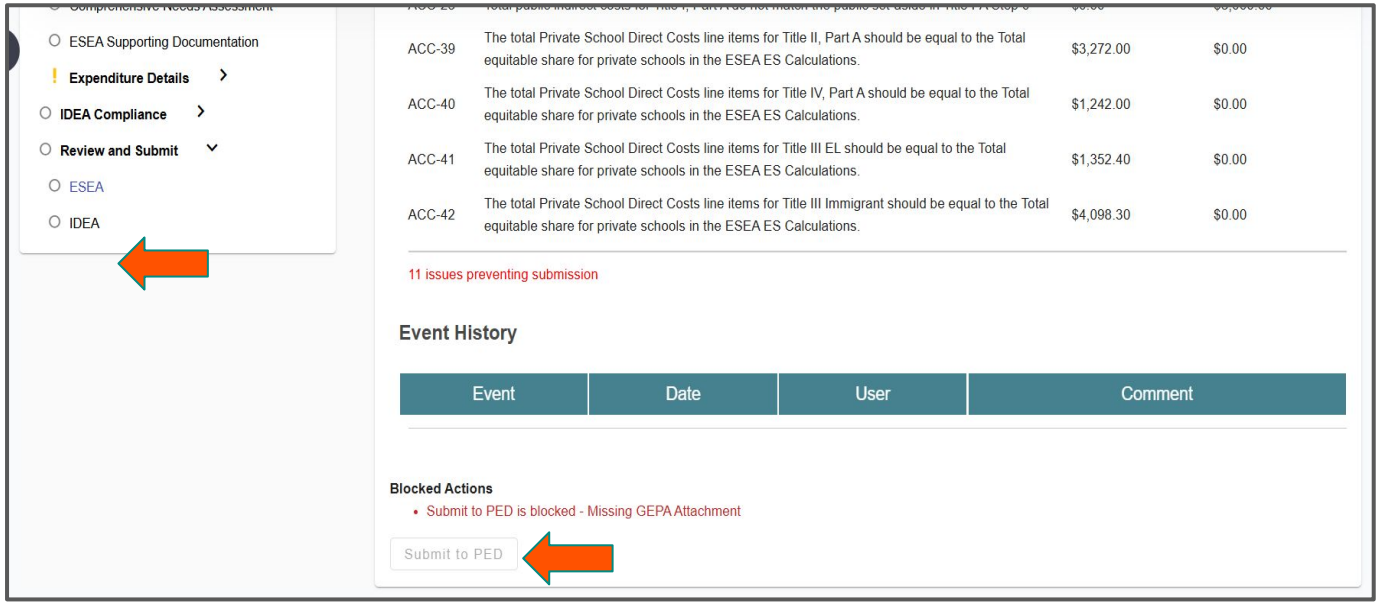
89% (134/150) of LEAs have started the IDEA application.

Progress update as of March 31, 2026. LEAs are actively engaging with the IDEA components.

Outstanding Questions

LEA Questions

1. **Can an LEA submit the UA if the IDEA portion is not finished?**
   a. Yes, LEAs can submit the ESEA and IDEA components separately.



LEA Questions

2. How should LEAs estimate the "total low-income students residing in participating attendance areas" in Title I-A Step 0A:

a. This amount should match the final poverty count of served schools in Step 3. LEAs should use the poverty count in Step 2A to estimate the public school count in Step 0A because this provides the highest possible count.

   i. If an LEA does not plan to serve all schools as Title I schools, then the LEA should lower its estimated poverty count from Step 2A. A public school poverty count that is too high will overestimate the public school proportionate share.

Prework

Total Current Year Funds	$1,014,750.70
Total Carryover Funds	$0.00
Total Funds	$1,014,750.70

Step 0A
Equitable Share for LEA Distribution

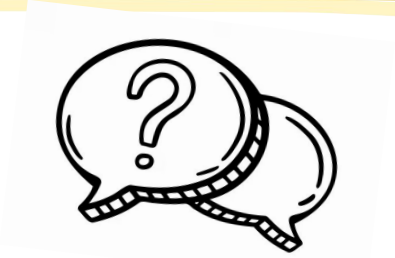
	Public	Private	Total
Total low-income students residing in participating Title I public school attendance areas	1,014	0	1,014
Proportionate share of low-income students that are public or private	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Total current funds available for distribution based on proportionate share	$1,014,750.70	$0.00	$1,014,750.70
Total carryover funds available for distribution	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total amount available for distribution	$1,014,750.70	$0.00	$1,014,750.70

Step 0 Determine Set-Asides | **Step 1** Determine Poverty Counts and Rank Public Schools | **Step 2** Identify Eligible Schools | **Step 3** Allocate Funds to Schools

Allocation Summary
Current Allocation Information

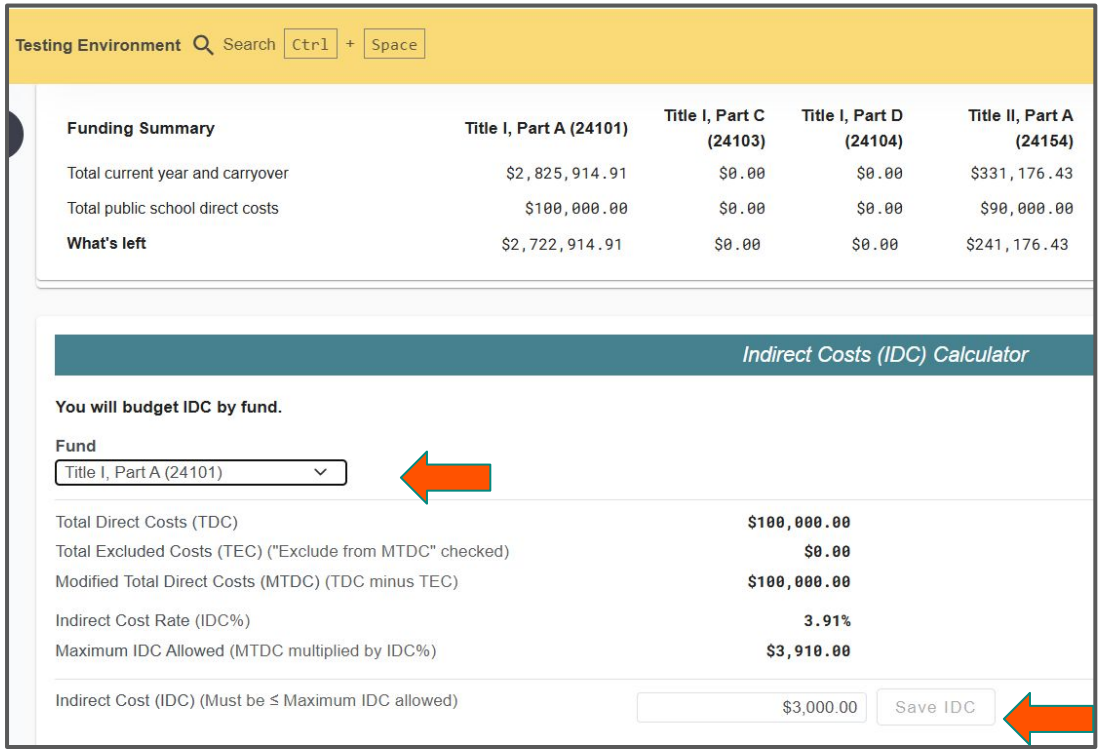
Total Amount Available to Allocate After Set-Asides	$719,940.00
Total Amount Allocated	$719,940.00
Total Amount Remaining	$0.00
Per-pupil amount if all eligible schools are served at the same rate	$710.00
Per-pupil value for 125 rule	$1,250.93
Total poverty count of served schools	1,014

LEA Questions



3. Where is the Indirect Cost Calculator located and how do you use it?

a. After you have entered all of your expenses, you can scroll to the bottom of the expenditure detail. Choose the fund and enter the amount you will take for IDC.



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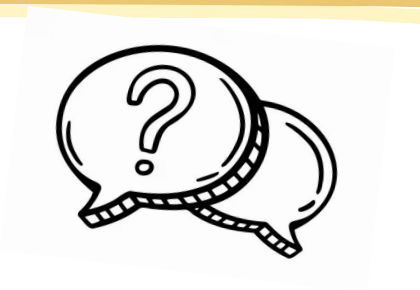
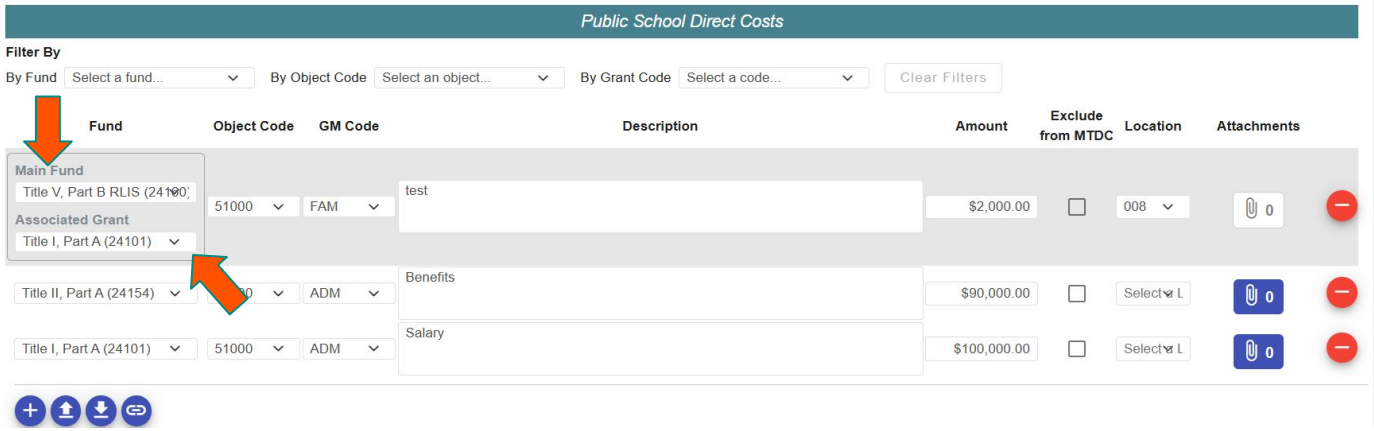


4. How do I indicate that I am associating Title V expenditures with a specific title fund?

a. With an expenditure listed under RLIS you must associate the expenditure with a title grant. Use the dropdown menu to list the associated grant.



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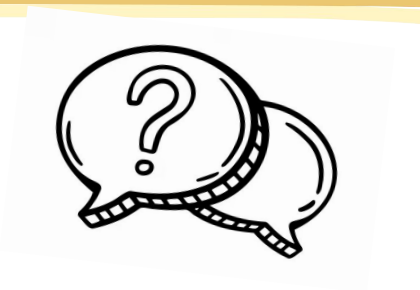

5. In the IDEA application, under Private School Proportionate Share, enter 0.

Message from OSE

Moving Forward

Next Steps

- LEAs should finalize and submit their UA on **April 15**.
  - ***If an LEA anticipates needing an extension to submit their application, the Planning Lead should contact the UA Helpdesk at Unified.App@state.nm.us.***
  - **Please note that each program will review and if changes need to be made, program leads will reach out.**

Planned Topics for Weekly Federal Programs

Further training on the Unified Application components will take place until applications are due. Planning leads should ensure personnel attend sessions relevant to their LEAs; not all sessions will be applicable to all LEAs.

Date	Phase	Audience *denotes mandatory	Description Tentative & Subject to Change
~~March 3~~	~~Application Completion~~	~~Federal Programs Directors*~~ ~~All LEA Roles~~	~~Title IV; IDEA Application; Launching~~
~~March 10~~	~~Application Completion~~	~~Federal Programs Directors*~~ ~~All LEA Roles~~	~~Overview of finance processes that will stay the same and any differences~~
~~March 17~~	~~Application Completion~~	~~All LEA Roles~~	~~Outstanding Questions~~
~~March 24~~	~~Application Completion~~	~~Federal Programs Directors*~~ ~~All LEA Roles~~	~~Submitting the Application & Overview of approval process~~
~~March 31~~	~~Application Completion~~	~~All LEA Roles~~	~~Outstanding Questions~~
April 7	Application Completion	All LEA Roles	Application Review & Approval
April 14	Application Completion	Federal Programs Directors* All LEA Roles	Outstanding Questions
April 15	UA Submissions Due		

UA Office Hours

UA Office Hours | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams.

Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Exit Survey: Questions & Feedback

Link to exit survey

https://forms.gle/2PyVpAFLj8ASjqco8

Please send any questions regarding the Unified Application to:

Unified.App@state.nm.us.