

1. *What type of expenditures will the USDE reimburse? What documentation will we need to receive reimbursement?*

USDE is expected to issue federal grant allowability guidance soon. TEA will issue guidance as soon as it is received. In the meantime, document the expenditures as you normally would and include the need for the expenditure, the reasoning for the expenditure, why federal funds are needed to address the need, and that it is COVID related. If possible, consider a subcat or local option code in your accounting system so that you can specifically identify these types of costs should USDE deem they are allowable uses of federal grant funds in this situation.

2. *What happens to my Federal/State grant funding if expenses (travel/conferences/etc) are now cancelled?*

USDE is expected to issue federal grant allowability guidance soon. TEA will issue guidance as soon as it is received. TEA expects some flexibility in this area but know that your 2019-2020 federal grant funds generally have a 27-month life and this year's funds will carryover into next school year. For federal grants that have statutory limitations on carryover, TEA can issue Ed-Flex waivers. For grants that do not have statutory carryover limitations, TEA has flexibility to allow higher percentages than normal.

3. *Will there be exceptions for carry over amounts for Title funds and grants?*

Yes. For federal grants like Title I, Part A that have statutory limitations on carryover, TEA can issue Ed-Flex waivers. For grants that do not have statutory carryover limitations, TEA has flexibility to allow higher percentages than normal.

4. *Is TEA requesting flexibility from Feds on federal funding awards?*

Yes, TEA will request waivers under ESSA, Section 8401 related to various EDGAR federal regulations, such as extending the period of availability (life) of the funds when needed. These ESSA waivers can generally cover all federal grant programs when they are waiving EDGAR requirements. These waivers can also be requested for specific ESSA programmatic requirements. However, IDEA does not have a similar waiver provision for IDEA programmatic provisions such as MOE.

5. *What types of flexibility are available for federal funding?*

USDE is expected to issue guidance soon around types of allowable expenditures, such as for activities, services, or materials that may be cancelled. Please note the federal regulations do not allow a grantee to obligate federal grant funds for travel until the date the travel is taken so a grantee should not have travel obligations prior to the actual trip.