

Department of Grant Compliance and Administration

Statewide Training Series

Questions & Answers

Training Title: Maximizing Service Coordination and Collaboration for Migratory Students

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Q1: Can graduation gowns be purchased with Migrant funds?

A1: Ensure that the LEA has exhausted all possible sources (programs) that could provide the caps and gowns. Document the LEAs efforts to secure that service. Ensure it is an identified need. If there are no other available sources to provide these items, they may be purchased with MEP funds and loaned to students to be returned back to the LEA. Establish a process to determine such need that includes the lending process.

Q2: If the community or school cannot provide services to undocumented students, can MEP funds cover things like glasses, dental services, or mental health counseling?

A2: If there are no other programs that can provide these services, the MEP can provide these support services if they are an identified need; they are included in the Local Needs Assessment; and they are reasonable and necessary. Document the LEAs efforts to secure that service. Priority should be given to Priority For Service (PFS) students.

Q3: For services provided through collaboration that will be entered as non-migrant funded, will that affect funding?

A3: Services provided through collaboration entered as non-migrant funded supplementals does not affect the LEA funding.

Q4: Can recognition awards be purchased with MEP for MEP students?

A4: Awards are not allowed to be purchased with MEP funds. The LEA may reach out other programs or community agencies for donation of such items.

Q5: Can food be purchased to encourage parents to attend meetings?

A5: Chapter VII, Question C7 of the MEP Non-Regulatory Guidance (NRG) states that reasonable expenditures for refreshments or food provided during parent meetings or training are allowable, particularly when such meetings extend through mealtime. However, it does not distinguish between snacks and a meal. As long as there is a connection to a programmatic purpose and the cost is reasonable and necessary.