



To the Administrator Addressed

DATE:	September 16, 2021
SUBJECT:	Approved ESSA Fiscal Waivers
CATEGORY:	Federal Grants
NEXT STEPS:	Share with federal program staff and business office

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact operations in over 1,200 local educational agencies (LEAs), as well as private schools, in Texas. To assist LEAs affected by COVID-19, TEA requested and was approved for fiscal waivers to provide subgrantees additional flexibility under I.

- o McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

Impacts to Grantees:

- x This waiver relates to the 2019-2020 ESSA funds listed above that would have otherwise expired on September 30, 2021.
- x TEA is extending the end date for the 2019-2020 ESSA Federal Consolidated Grant and the 2019-2020 Title V, Part B Rural and Low-Income (RLI) Schools Program Grant.
- x Due to the approved waiver, the new end date is June 30, 2022. This new end date provides time for final reporting and grant closeout procedures.
- x LEAs need to be aware that in order to provide these extensions covered under the federal waiver, you will have two open grant applications running concurrently. You will have the 2019-2020 application open to allow the extension under the waiver and you will have your normal 2021-2022 application (which will include your 2020-2021 carryover funds) open until June 30, 2022. During this time, you must ensure you drawdown all the 2019-2020 funds, preferably before drawing your current year funds.
- x Any 2019-2020 funds not drawn by June 30, 2022, will be forfeited by the LEA and returned to the federal government.
- x The budget amendment deadlines for these two grant applications have also been extended to April 1, 2022. The LEA may only amend the budget schedules for these two 2019-2020 grant applications that have been extended; no programmatic amendments will be accepted.

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