

Title II, Part A Clarification on Allowable Expenditures

The purpose of the Title II, Part A (Title IIA) program is to provide grants to districts in order **to increase student academic achievement by improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in classrooms.**

- **ALLOWABLE TITLE IIA EXPENDITURES**

Title IIA allowable expenditures must fall into one of the following four categories:

- ✓ High quality professional development
- ✓ Class-size reduction
- ✓ Retention of highly qualified teachers (e.g., mentoring programs)
- ✓ Recruitment of highly qualified teachers (e.g., signing bonuses)

- **PAYING TEACHER SALARIES**

Other than stipends for professional development, Title II funds can only be used to pay the salaries of highly qualified teachers hired for the purpose of reducing class size.

- **PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS**

Title IIA funds may be used to purchase supplies and materials only if they are necessary for specific professional development activities (e.g., books for a book study). Title II does not permit the use of program funds to purchase materials and supplies that are not directly connected to the teachers' professional development.

- **FOOD AND BEVERAGE PURCHASES**

Historically, districts have requested to use federal Title funds for food and beverage purchases, most often when sponsoring professional development. A change in policy at the federal level now strongly discourages the use of federal Title funds to purchase food and beverages.

Only in unique circumstances could a compelling case be made that food and beverages purchased with federal funds are justifiable (e.g., professional development working lunch). To evaluate the appropriateness of using Title IIA funds for a working lunch, please review the Fast Fact on this issue at www.nd.gov/dpi.

NON-ALLOWABLE USES OF TITLE IIA FUNDS

- ✓ Title IIA funds **can never** be used to hire an aide/paraprofessional.
- ✓ Title IIA funds **can never** be used to purchase equipment (computers, iPads).

- **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

Title IIA funds **can never** be used to purchase instructional programs for students (e.g., licenses, software, curriculum). Title IIA funds can only pay for the professional development for instructional programs.

- **PROJECT CODES**

Districts should use the following codes to account for the Title IIA funds in their local accounting ledger:

- ✓ **Project Code 075** – Title IIA Teacher/Principal Training
- ✓ **Project Code 082** – REAP/Transferability