



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: October 20, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2017-2018 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program Allocations under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965***

Attached are the 2017-2018 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program federal allocations for school divisions that qualify (Attachment A). The total amount of the Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, federal allocation is available through the reimbursement process as of July 1, 2017. The terms of the grant award for these funds are found in Attachment B.

The ESEA specifies the following eligibility criteria for Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, funds: 1) 20 percent or more of the children ages 5-17 served by the division are from families with incomes below the poverty line; and 2) all public schools in the division have a locale code of 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43. Locale codes are assigned to schools by the [National Center for Education Statistics](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/ipedsdata/locales/) according to the physical address of each school that is matched against a geographic database maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau. The locale definitions are listed below.

- **Locale code "32" (Town-Distant):** Territory inside an Urban Cluster that is more than 10 miles and less than or equal to 35 miles from an Urbanized Area.
- **Locale code "33" (Town-Remote):** Territory inside an Urban Cluster that is more than 35 miles from an Urbanized Area.
- **Locale code "41" (Rural-Fringe):** Census-defined rural territory that is less than or equal to 5 miles from an Urbanized Area, as well as rural territory that is less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an Urban Cluster.
- **Locale code "42" (Rural-Distant):** Census-defined rural territory that is more than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an Urbanized Area, as well as rural territory that is more than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an Urban Cluster.
- **Locale code "43" (Rural-Remote):** Census-defined rural territory that is more than 25 miles from an Urbanized Area and also more than 10 miles from an Urban Cluster.

Based upon these criteria, the following school divisions are eligible for 2017-2018 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, funds:

- Accomack County
- Appomattox County
- Brunswick County
- Buchanan County
- Buckingham County
- Buena Vista City
- Carroll County
- Charlotte County
- Colonial Beach, Town of
- Covington City

- Cumberland County
- Danville City
- Dickenson County
- Essex County
- Franklin City
- Franklin County
- Galax City
- Grayson County
- Greensville County
- Halifax County
- Henry County
- Lancaster County
- Lee County
- Lunenburg County
- Martinsville City
- Mecklenburg County
- Middlesex County
- Northampton County
- Northumberland County
- Norton City
- Nottoway County
- Page County
- Patrick County
- Prince Edward County
- Richmond County
- Russell County
- Smyth County
- Southampton County
- Sussex County
- Tazewell County
- Westmoreland County
- Wise County
- Wythe County

The 2017-2018 grant funds are allocated to the eligible divisions above on a prorated basis using Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

If the school division has already received programmatic approval for the 2017-2018 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, consolidated or individual application, it must be amended to reflect the current award indicated in Attachment A. If the school division has not submitted a Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, application, one must be submitted for review and approval.


To minimize the occurrence of unliquidated funds due to school divisions failing to expend and/or request reimbursement for the full amount of funds that they are awarded, school divisions are required to encumber 85 percent of each award year's Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, allocation by September 30 of the following year (within 15 months). School divisions are permitted to carry over up to 15 percent of their allocation for any fiscal year. The Department will reallocate funds that have not been encumbered within the allotted 15 month period of each program year to other eligible school divisions according to the procedures provided in Attachment C.

Please direct all Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, questions to Dr. Lynn Sodat, Director, at lynn.sodat@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2870.

Attachments:

- A. [*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program, 2017-2018 Grant Allocations*](#) (PDF)
 - B. [*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Terms of Grant Award*](#) (PDF)
 - C. [*Virginia Department of Education Reallocation Procedures for Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income Schools Funds*](#) (PDF)
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Link:

[National Center for Education Statistics Locale Boundaries webpage](#) 

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