

TITLE I

School Improvement Grants

\$3 Billion

PURPOSE

State formula grants help States to (1) build their capacity to provide leadership in implementing effective school improvement strategies for local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring; and (2) provide resources to LEAs to support local school improvement activities, including the implementation of effective school improvement, corrective action, and restructuring plans.

The U.S. Department has identified the following examples of specific projects that grantees might consider to achieve the objectives of the ARRA:

- » The application process for SIG funds will emphasize capacity-building at the State and local levels, including the identification of “best practices*” based on the State’s previous efforts to turn around low-performing schools,
- » including intensive and sustained professional development and extended-learning-time strategies; driving data-based decision-making*;
- » The targeting of improvement resources on the lowest-performing schools*, including high school “dropout factories” and their feeder schools;
- » Building partnerships between districts or schools and outside organizations with proven histories of success in turning around low-performing schools;

SCHEDULE

MILESTONE	DATE
The Department of Education will publish the notice inviting applications for new awards.	Not Available
The Department awards State formula grants.	Not Available
The department will develop a program performance measure relating to services in secondary schools.	2009-06-30

*(all items marked in red support RM Education Solutions for stimulus funds)

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