

Louisiana Department of Education
Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council - July 2021

21-22 IDEA Budget Approval Update

The Process:

As part of the IDEA 611 Budget Process, SEAs are required to draft, post and solicit public comment regarding the proposed budget on an annual basis. The draft budget application must be posted for 60 days while the period for public comment must be at least 30 days. The LDOE met these requirements by posting the [draft application](#), an updated "[Description of Activities](#)" document as well as creating and disseminating a survey to elicit feedback from the general public regarding funding priorities. All materials were posted to the [LDOE website](#), placed in weekly newsletters, and included on monthly calls.

Grant Award Amounts:

The total IDEA 611 grant award amount was \$248,605,484, of which 87% is sent directly to Local Education Agencies (LEAs), 11% is state set aside, and 2% for state administration.

In addition to IDEA 611 funding appropriated through the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), supplemental funding dedicated to serving students with disabilities was appropriated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) in a total amount of \$41,128,214. Under IDEA 611, SEAs may reserve a portion of the overall block grant for state activities (e.g. "Set-Aside" and "Administration"). Unlike IDEA 611, however, all funds appropriated through ARP will flow through directly to LEAs to supplement 611 formula funds and may not be reserved for state-level activities.