

## Questions & Answers – Consolidated Federal Programs: What’s New

**Q: Can we dump data in the inventory tool all year as we use data to make decisions?**

A: Yes, it can be re-uploaded and revised. The data inventory and the application are meant to sort of be go hand-in-hand so you may get feedback from the CFP team at some point. The data should drive your decision-making around the sorts of activities you've decided you want to do. It can be ever-evolving as needs arise.

**Q: Can one data inventory for SU cover all schools? Why not? Please...**

A: The quick answer is no; you need to have a submission for the LEA as well as for each school that is going to spend funds. Part of the reason is Title I planning is done at the school level, both for targeted assistance program schools and schoolwide program schools. The data inventory is meant to cover some of those requirements. The second part is that in order to make your planning as targeted and as effective as possible you really need to understand, give evidence or unique context for each individual school.

**Q: Does the Data Inventory get submitted in the same way we submitted other supporting documentation when we submit our CFP?**

A: No, the data inventory is submitted on the continuous improvement plan side of your MTW applications. You've got a separate section within your GMS homepage where you submit your Continuous Improvement Plans, and the Data Inventory is a tab within that CIP application.

**Q: If the purpose of the inventory is to support grant investments could we consider only doing Part II in the future, beyond this year? Especially given much of the information is cut and pasted between the 2 sections.**

A: I don't have a great answer for you right now. I will say that the EQ team has taken the stance that the only data you need to include in Part One is data that's in direct support of the focuses that will be featured in your continuous improvement plans. As an example, if you are focusing on math proficiency and attendance in your continuous improvement plan, there is no expectation that data appear in your data inventory in part one outside of these two areas. But we may continue to ask for both because the Data inventory serves the dual purposes of supporting the CIP and CFP applications.

**Q: If we submit a CIP will we get feedback?**

A: A Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) rubric was developed, and there is specific criteria that needs to be met, so it is possible you will get those sent back.

**Q: When are CIPS due?**

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A: I don't have a great answer for that. They will not be due prior to the review of your CFP applications, but we will need to defer to future communication from the EQ team for their expectations regarding the continuous improvement plan.

**Q: Will you send us a template for comparability methodology requirements? With examples...**

A: Yes, that is our intent, Megan Kinlock and Kristine Seipel have been working on putting things together. The team has some of this drafted. There's some talk about this potentially existing in GMS. These things will be rolled out to you, more information to follow.

**Q: Does FY19 extension apply to Title I School Improvement funds?**

A: Anne indicates that it will.

**Q: Any new flexibility on devices connectivity?**

A: In terms of the CFP application yes, there is some flexibility around Title IV as long as it meets the allowable uses. In terms of the CARES act funds we are not entirely sure of what those allowable uses will be this early on.

**Q: Will the CARES Funding flow through GMS separate from CFP?**

A: Yes, it will be separate, but further information regarding CARES act will be forthcoming as these processes and guidelines are still in the planning stages.

**Q: How will the CARES act \$ be distributed to LEA's?**

A: Guidance will be forthcoming sooner rather than later.

**Q: If we have independent schools in our LEA, can they access funds through the CARES Act?**

A: Non-profit, approved or recognized independent schools will be eligible for equitable participation in CARES Act funds.

**Q: So the 15% limit on Title IV, that is gone, all of Title IV can be used on connectivity and hardware?**

A: 15% limit on Title IVA is removed For FY20 funds only (amendments due 4/20) so long as it still meets the allowable uses and intents of Title IV.

**Q: Can you give us a rough timeline for CARE guidance? Are there model investment descriptions somewhere?**

A: Angie - yes, there is a document and session this week that includes this information.

**Q: Is this the REAP hold up too, the census data? VT does not have REAP app available at the DoE on the eligibility worksheet now... application window is open for weeks and closing soon.**

A: All eligible LEAs have been contacted concerning applying for SRSA funds under REAP.