RSU5 Federal Grant Programs
Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA):

Each year RSU5 applies to the state for federal allocations under ESEA. These amounts are not in the local school budget, but are approved (with other grants) under ARTICLE 21: EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS. These amounts vary and are set by the state. *As the status for Federal funding for the State of Maine is unclear, estimates* for the 2025-2026 school year have NOT yet been provided by the ***Maine Department of Education.*** Last year we received approximately $239,591.99 under Title 1A (disadvantaged students, used for supplemental instruction), $74,664.95 under Title IIA (teacher quality, used for professional development), $12,954.83 under Title III (Language Instruction for Multilingual Learner) and $24,464.58 under Title IV (Student support and academic enrichment.) The planning process for these projects occurs throughout the year. Public input is always welcome, and the involvement of parents in Title 1A planning is a requirement. Final applications are typically made by August which is the traditional deadline to apply for these funds.

Allocations for FY26 have not been finalized. If the allocations are similar to FY25 or within 20% of the FY25 allocations, we plan to proceed with projects with the following:

Proposed expenditures of federal grant funds in Title 1A for fiscal year 2026:
Based on FY25 preliminary allocations: Supplemental Instruction for Math and Literacy Estimated allocation $ $239,591.99
Salaries & Benefits: $237,591.99 Three teachers to assist students with difficulties in reading and math in Title 1A schools.
Supplies for Family Nights: $2,000

Proposed expenditures of federal grant funds in Title IIA for fiscal year 2026:
Based on FY25 preliminary allocations: $76,664.94 plus transfer in from Title IV of $24,464.58 -Total of Title IIA: $99,129.52
Contracted services: $ 70,000 Contracted professional development for teachers (includes conferences)
Supplies: $1,000.91 Books and supplies for professional development days
Travel: $9,294 Travel includes transportation and lodging expenses for professional development.
Private School Allocation: $18,834.61

Proposed expenditures of federal grant funds in Title III for fiscal year 2026:
Based on FY25 preliminary allocations: $12,954.83
Contracted services: $5000 Contracted professional development for teachers (includes conferences)
Supplies: $ 2,493.41 Books and supplies for family engagement
Travel: $3,000 Travel includes transportation and lodging expenses for professional development.
Private School Allocation: $2,461.42

Title 1A Project Title: Supplemental Instruction for Math and Literacy
1. Purpose: Students will receive specialized instruction to support their efforts to meet the Maine Learning Results in literacy and mathematics.
2. ESEA Goals: All students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading language arts and mathematics.
Objective 1 Increase the percentage of students who are at or above the proficient level in reading/language arts on state and local assessments.
Objective 2 Increase the percentage of students who are at or above the proficient level in mathematics on state and local assessments.

Title 1A Project Description:
Identified Title 1 students will receive supplemental individual and small group instruction from the Title I teacher. The Title I teachers will also consult with classroom teachers on the application of strategies to improve reading and math skills for identified students.

Title 1A Evaluation:
Progress will be measured through the use of locally developed standards attainment, standardized assessments, the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment 2.0 , and Maine Through Year Assessment. It is expected that at least 20% of the students who receive supplementary instruction will exit at or above state standards.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Alexander, RSU5 Asst. Superintendent at alexanderc@rsu5.org