

## **Request for Tydings Waiver for Title I, Part A, Title I, Part C, Title I, Part D, 1003A School Improvement and McKinney-Vento Grant Programs**

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is requesting a Tydings waiver for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 of the Title I, Part A Basic Grants to LEAs, 1003(a) School Improvement, Title I, Part C Migrant Education, Title I, Part D Neglected and Delinquent Programs, which are programs authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In addition, the McKinney Vento grant program is included in the request. This grant is subject to the provisions of Sections 721-726 of Subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), December 2015 (Public Law 114-95). If the waiver is approved, FFY 2022 funding for the grant programs will be extended through September 30, 2025.

The reason for Maryland's waiver request is due to the continued availability of less restrictive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds which impacted the LEAs' ability to fully expend Title funds aligned to program goals. If the waiver request is approved, MSDE will ensure that the fidelity of the Title I, Part A-funded programs and the McKinney Vento programs is maintained and that the targeted students are successful in achieving the established goals. MSDE will provide oversight and support to these programs from inception to completion, ensuring effective implementation.

As required under ESSA section 8401(b)(3)(A), prior to submitting a waiver request for any program authorized under ESSA, the State must provide the public and local education agencies (LEAs) with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment and provide input on a proposed waiver request.

This communication serves as notice of MSDE's intent to submit a Tydings waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) for FFY 2022 of the Title I, Part A, and McKinney Vento Grant Program. and as an invitation for the public to provide feedback on the proposed waiver request. Please submit comments on behalf of your LEA by **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** via email to [doss.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:doss.msde@maryland.gov). Copies of all public comments received will be included as part of the waiver request submission.

If you have any questions, comments, or input regarding the proposed waiver request, please contact Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent; Division of Student Support and Federal Programs by email at [mary.gable@maryland.gov](mailto:mary.gable@maryland.gov) or by phone at 410-767-0472.