

Request for Tydings Waiver for Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is requesting a Tydings waiver for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 of the Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant (SSAE) program, which is a program authorized under section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). If the waiver is approved, FFY 2022 funding for the grant program will be extended through September 30, 2025.

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 SSAE grant program, and as an invitation for the public to provide feedback on the proposed waiver request. Please submit your comments by **September 23, 2024** via email to 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 or by phone at 410-767-0472.