

2017-2018 Undergraduate Resident and Mentor Stipend Allocations: Funding Guidance

In October 2017, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved funding to provide yearlong undergraduate residents and their assigned mentors a stipend. That funding is now accessible in eGMS. Below are frequently asked questions about how to access and disburse these funds.

How does a school system access the funds?

School systems will first need to update the Central Data in eGMS. The Central Data components include key planning decisions, contact information, and assurances. This grant is titled “**Formula Transition_Believe and Prepare.**” School systems will need to complete assurances and contact information specifically for these funds.

Once the Central Data is completed, school systems will be able to view and access the stipend funds for 2017-2018. School systems will need to complete and submit a budget for these funds. **School systems must submit their budget no later than January 15, 2018.**

Who is eligible for the mentor and resident stipend?

- **Undergraduate** residents in yearlong residencies are eligible for a \$2,000 stipend.
- Mentors of **undergraduate** residents in yearlong residencies are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend.
- TIF districts have received additional funds to provide a larger stipend to residents and mentors. TIF districts have received [guidance](#) on how to allocate those stipends.

Does the stipend amount include benefits?

No. The school system may deduct the cost of benefits from the total stipend amount or use school system funds to fund benefits.

What are the timelines for utilizing these funds?

8(g) funds awarded are available from **July 1, 2017- June 15, 2018**. Any Federal funds (IDEA, Title I) awarded are available from **October 1, 2017- September 30, 2018**.

School systems can determine when to pay stipends to mentors and residents. Most school systems pay half of the stipend in December or January and the other half in May.

How should a school system determine which funding sources should be used when paying stipends?

Funding for stipends includes up to three funding sources—Title I 1003a, IDEA, and 8(g). The Department used each resident’s school placement, certification area(s), and students served to determine how much of each funding source would be allocated to each school system. The Department uploaded a detailed excel file to each school system’s FTP titled “district code_district name_2017-18_resident and mentor stipend allocations.” This file provides information regarding funding source distribution for 2017-2018 allocations.

If a mentor is supporting more than one resident do they receive more than \$1,000?

No, mentors will only receive a \$1,000 stipend regardless of how many residents they may be assigned. View the FTP file to see the exact amount that was allocated for each mentor.

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If a resident has two mentors do both mentors receive \$1,000?

No, in this case the mentor stipend is split between the two mentors. View the FTP file to see the exact amount that was allocated for each mentor.

Who can provide assistance?

Please reach out to Nicole.Bono@la.gov or Michelle.Carter@la.gov with any questions or issues you have regarding your 2017-2018 stipend allocations.