

Description of Title II-A–Improving Teacher Quality (Consolidated Application)

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Key Words: Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality, Teacher and Principal Training

Summary: Purpose of Title II-A is to increase improve student achievement by improving teacher and principal quality

The purpose of this title is to provide grants to state educational agencies, local educational agencies, state agencies for higher education and eligible partnerships in order to:

- (1) Increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools;
- (2) Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

To be eligible to receive a sub grant under this subpart, a local educational agency shall submit an application to the state educational agency containing such information as the state educational agency may reasonably require by means of the CCIP Consolidated Application. Each application shall be based on the needs assessment of local needs for professional development and hiring, as identified by the local educational agency and school staff. The needs assessment shall be conducted with the involvement of teachers, including teachers participating in programs under part A of title I, and shall take into account the activities that need to be conducted in order to give teachers the means, including subject matter knowledge and teaching skills, and to give principals the instructional leadership skills to help teachers, to provide students with the opportunity to meet challenging state and local student academic achievement standards.

The local educational agency will target funds to schools within the jurisdiction of the local educational agency that have the lowest proportion of highly qualified teachers; have the largest average class size; or are identified for school improvement under section 1116(b).