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Special Education Local Plan Area

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POLICY

SMALL LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY IMPACTION FUND

In San Mateo County SELPA, the unique issues facing small local education agencies has resulted in the creation of a small local education agency (LEA) fund. Funding has been set aside for the needs of small LEAs out of the High Cost Pool supported by all member LEAs of the SELPA. The special needs of small LEAs arise because they may be too small to have a full range of appropriate service options available for their students within their internal programs, and may be faced with a small number of students with specialized special education needs that require unique educational situations, services or placement options. Moreover, because of small numbers, transportation for these children to nearby LEAs or other placements is often very expensive.

Within the small LEAs there is a great diversity in the need for small, segregated classrooms, to create other unusual educational situations, and in the ability to absorb unusual costs. There is also variability in demographics, size and concentrations of students with high need disabilities within certain geographical areas within our SELPA.

With these considerations in mind, the following approach is recommended.

1. A small LEA is an LEA under 901 ADA per education code. There is \$110,000 reserved for the Small LEA Impaction Fund.
2. Effective 2015-2016, any eligible small LEA meeting the criteria stated in this policy (i.e., small size, not Community Funded, and impacted by unusual conditions or costs) may submit to the SELPA a memo requesting a portion of the Small LEA Impaction Fund which will be considered by the Administrator's Council and the County CBOs, with final approval by the SELPA Governing Board.
3. If an LEA is considered Community Funded that LEA will no longer be considered for an allocation.
4. The maximum potential allocation for any LEA is \$40,000.
5. This money must remain in Special Education.
6. Any dollars not claimed will revert to the High Cost Pool.



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