NCLB Title I Overview & FAQs

**CPS Department:** Office of Budget & Grants Management (OBGM)

**Type:** Federal

**Grant Overview:** The overarching goal of NCLB (or ESEA) Title I is to provide programs and resources for disadvantaged students to meet challenging state academic achievement standards. The students whom receive the benefits of this funding is based on which program is running at the school, Targeted Assistance or School Wide. Funds must be used for services that supplement, not supplant services that would otherwise be provided in the absence of NCBL Title I.

**How are schools selected to participate in the grant?**
Schools are determined through an eligibility study using membership, free or reduced lunch eligibility, and TANF counts. Schools at or above 40% Title I Index (%) are eligible to receive Title I funding.

**How are fund distribution amounts determined?**
By taking 60% of the total F/R lunch counts plus 40% of the total TANF A or W eligible student counts as the school (students in Kindergarten through 12th grade), we get the total Title I Eligible counts. That number is then divided by the total membership at the school to give us a Title I Poverty Index (%). For FY14, the per pupil BASE rate (amount TBD) at 40% Title I Poverty Index with that base rate increasing by an incremental dollar amount per percentage increase in the Title I Poverty Index. The resultant per pupil rate is then multiplied by the Title I Eligible count to give the Title I Allocation.

**What are some examples of allowable costs for this grant?**
Title I funds may be used for a variety of services and activities, most commonly for instruction in reading and mathematics. Some examples are: reduced class size, educational consultants, instructional programs, instructional workbooks, social services outreach, guidance, professional development, community/parent involvement.

**What are some examples of unallowable costs for this grant?**
Title I funds cannot supplant and be used for non-instructional purposes or capital expenses. Some examples are: core curriculum instructors, equipment for office or administrative use, contracts for non-instructional services.