Supplemental General State Aid (SGSA) Overview & FAQs

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

**Type:** State

**Grant Overview:** SGSA is an allocation of state funds available to CPS to be distributed to qualifying schools. The amount of SGSA funds allocated is based upon the concentration level of students eligible to receive Free or Reduced (F/R) price meals under the Federal Nutrition Act and the National School Lunch Act during the immediately preceding school year.

**How are schools selected to participate in the grant?**
Schools with students who are F/R lunch eligible are eligible for SGSA funding.

**How are fund distribution amounts determined?**
On one date of the year (i.e. – “20th Day”), F/R data is compiled through the Online Data Acquisition module (ODA) to determine the number of students eligible for F/R lunch. A per pupil amount is applied to each of those F/R eligible students. To calculate your SGSA fund allocation, multiply the number of F/R eligible students by the FY14 per pupil rate (TBD). On approximately the “20th Day” of the school year, data from ODA will be compiled to adjust a school’s current year SGSA allocation based on new figures.

**What are some examples of allowable costs for this grant?**
All activities must be supplemental and must be used to improve the instruction in which priority is given to meeting the educational needs of disadvantaged students. Some examples are: reduced class size, substitutes, teacher assistants, supplies, workbooks, software, periodicals, fieldtrips tied to curriculum, and extra-curricular activities.

**What are some examples of unallowable costs for this grant?**
SGSA funds cannot supplant and be used for non-instructional purposes or capital expenses. Some examples are: salaries for quota positions, basal/primary textbooks, contracts for repair and maintenance of school building.