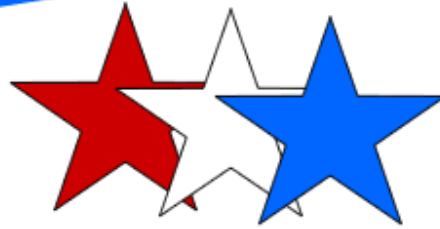


Learning The Randolph Way

Randolph Field
Independent School District



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ARRA and Ed Jobs Fund

Randolph Field ISD – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Use

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) is for the purpose of restoring education funding for the support of elementary, secondary and post-secondary education, as applicable, early childhood education programs and services and to improve student achievement. School districts and charter schools awarded funds are to target one or more of the following critical reform areas: increase efforts to institute rigorous post-secondary standards and high quality (valid, reliable) assessments, enhance pre-kindergarten to post-secondary data systems that track progress and foster continuous improvement, continue to improve teacher effectiveness and support the equitable distribution of qualified teachers across the state; and expand the state’s support and effective interventions for the lowest performing schools.

SFSF funds may be used for any activity authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), or Perkins Act, subject to limited prohibitions in the ARRA and the specific requirements of the relevant act. Funds may also be used for school modernization, renovation, and repairs. Refer to the program guidelines for SFSF funds for additional information on allowable uses of funds. For additional flexibility, USDE guidance provides that SFSF funds may be used as allowed under ESEA Title VIII - Impact Aid for general expenses such as salaries and equipment and that such use is not limited to LEAs that receive Impact Aid funds.

RFISD plans to use the SFSF funds for the following:

Computers - teachers and students	\$ 150,000
Payroll expense	583,033
Special Education cooperative	200,000
Utilities expense	250,000
	<u>\$ 1,183,033</u>

Based on criteria supplied from the Texas Education Agency and posted in their frequently asked questions guide (FAQ) relating to SFSF funds, we will use the funds to pay for utilities, payroll, and computers which are all allowable under Title VIII, Impact Aid program. We are also making payments to our special education cooperative under IDEA B.

Randolph Field ISD – Education Jobs Fund

The Ed Jobs program is a new federal program that provides \$10 billion in assistance to states to save or create education jobs for the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 school years. Jobs funded under this program are exclusively for **school-level** employees that provide educational and related services for early childhood, elementary, and secondary education. Source: U. S. Department of Education (USDE) Guidance, April 15, 2011. The Ed Jobs program is authorized in Public Law No. 111-226 (Act), which President Obama signed on August 10, 2010.

Since the Randolph Field ISD (the District) had an approved 2009–2010 or 2010–2011 grant application for ARRA Title XIV State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) from TEA, we are not required to complete a grant application for the Ed Jobs grant.

The Ed Jobs grant is paid on a reimbursement basis, as with all federal grants. The District may draw down funds through the automated expenditure reporting (ER) system. The District must comply with cash management rules for drawing down no more cash than is necessary to meet three days' needs. Refer to the NOGA transmittal letter for additional information related to cash management and interest earned.

The District must use its funds only for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing **school-level** employees, to recall or rehire former **school-level** employees, and to hire new **school-level** employees, in order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services. The District may use Ed Jobs funds to pay the costs of benefits for **school-level** employees even if the salaries of those individuals are not paid with Ed Jobs funds. Source: USDE Guidance, April 15, 2011, and May 11, 2011

For purposes of this program, the phrase “compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services” includes, among other things, salaries, performance bonuses, health insurance, retirement benefits, incentives for early retirement, pension fund contributions, tuition reimbursement, student loan repayment assistance, transportation subsidies, and reimbursement for childcare expenses **for school-level employees**. In addition to teachers, employees supported with program funds may include, among others, principals, assistant principals, academic coaches, in-service teacher trainers, classroom aides, counselors, librarians, secretaries, social workers, psychologists, interpreters, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, information technology personnel, nurses, athletic coaches, security officers, custodians, maintenance workers, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers. USDE Guidance, April 15, 2011

RFISD plans to use the Education Jobs funds for the following:

Retention bonus for qualifying employees - \$186,501.00