



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE
SERVICES

July 1, 2013

Honorable Elbuchel Sadang
Chief of Staff
Office of the President
Post Office Box 6051
Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

Dear Chief of Staff Sadang:

We have approved the Republic of Palau's (ROP's) application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B). Our approval is based on review of the application submitted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 13, 2013, including assurances provided in Section II and incorporated by reference to this letter as noted in Enclosure A.

Please note that as part of your application for FFY 2013, the ROP has made an assurance, pursuant to 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect during the FFY 2013 grant period. Any changes made by the ROP, after OSEP approval, to information that is a part of a State's application, must meet the public participation requirements in 34 CFR §300.165.

Enclosed is the ROP's FFY 2013 grant award for funds currently available under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 -- P.L. 113-6 for the IDEA Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015 in accordance with 34 CFR §76.709.

The amount shown in your award for the Section 611 program is only part of the total funds that will be awarded to you for FFY 2013. Of the \$10,974,865,803 appropriated for Section 611 in FFY 2013, \$1,691,482,803 is available for awards on July 1, 2013, and \$9,283,383,000 will be available for awards on October 1, 2013. Under the Section 611 formula, in a year in which the amount available for allocations to States decreases from the prior year, but is greater than the 1999 level, any amount available for allocations to States above the 1999 level is allocated based on the relative increases in funding that the States received between 1999 and the prior year.

Enclosure B provides a short description of how Section 611 funds were allocated and how those funds can be used. In addition, Table I in Enclosure B shows funding levels for distribution of Section 611 funds and the parameters for within-State allocations.

The enclosed grant award of FFY 2013 funds is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries may be necessary to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to IDEA Part B.

In Section V of its IDEA Part B application, pursuant to the authority in IDEA section 618(a)(3), the ROP was required to submit data on the total amount of ROP financial support made available for special education and related services for children with disabilities in State fiscal year (SFY) 2011 and SFY 2012. If OSEP receives information through audits, fiscal monitoring or other means that raises questions about the data the ROP has provided in Section V, OSEP will follow-up with the ROP.

As a reminder, all prime recipients of IDEA (Part B or Part C) funds, must report subaward information as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), as amended in 2008. First-tier subaward information must be reported by the end of the following month from when the award was made or obligated. FFATA guidance is found at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/rms-web-conferences.html>. Please contact your State's Fiscal Accountability Facilitator if you have further questions.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality educational services to children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melody Musgrove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Melody Musgrove, Ed.D
Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

- Enclosure A
- Enclosure B

cc: State Director of Special Education