



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

July 1, 2013

Dr. Charles M. Roessel  
Acting Director Bureau of Indian Education  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
MS-3609 MIB  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Roessel:

Please find enclosed the U.S. Department of Interior's (DOI) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These funds are to be distributed under IDEA section 643(b) to those tribes and tribal organizations (as defined by Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), or consortia of those tribal entities on reservations that are served by elementary and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the DOI, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

Under IDEA section 643(b)(4), tribes, tribal organizations, or their consortia (all of which are referred to in this letter as tribal entities) must use these funds to assist State lead agencies under Part C of the IDEA in child find, screening, and other procedures for the early identification of children under three years of age who may be eligible for early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA as well as to provide parent training for, or early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families who reside on reservations. These funds are also issued with the understanding that the BIE will continue to submit the required annual and biennial reports under IDEA sections 618(a)(1)(B) and (C) and 643(b)(5) and 34 CFR §303.731(e) regarding payments made by the BIE to tribal entities and the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Enclosed are the BIE's funds currently available under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 – P.L. 113-6 for the IDEA Part C program. These funds are available for obligation from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015 in accordance with 34 CFR §76.709. The enclosed grant award of FFY 2013 funds is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require additional information. These inquiries may be necessary to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to IDEA Part C.

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 the BIE's ongoing commitment to the identification of, and provision of early intervention services to, infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on reservations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody Musgrove Ed.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

cc: Supervisor, BIE Early Childhood Education