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Services Allocations for GU 1.0 & GU 2.0 Funds

The following is a quick reminder about how to think about budgeting through the GU 1.0 and GU 2.0 grant transition.

- Current GU 1.0 high school students can be served with 1.0 money through July 31.
- Any services for GU 1.0 high school students provided from July 31 - September 31 cannot have costs associated with them. You cannot spend any GEAR UP money on this group during this timeframe.
- Guidance about what budget to use for GU high school student services after October 1 will come once we know the outcome of a possible no-cost extension.
- Rising 6th graders for the GU 2.0 grant can be served beginning June 16, 2021. After June 16, we will be serving grades 6,7,8 in the middle schools using 2.0 funds.
Coordinator Salary Splits
As GU 2.0 has now officially launched in the middle schools, it is important that the GEAR UP Coordinator effort that is documented in the Time & Effort forms reflect this work in order to remain in compliance. Most Coordinators began working with middle schools in February to deliver welcome kits and begin developing services plans. Therefore, many districts started submitting split Coordinator T&Es in the February reimbursement packets submitted this month.

In order to demonstrate to the Department of Education in our upcoming Annual Performance Report that we have successfully launched the grant, it is important that the Coordinator begins work in the middle schools no later than March and that this is documented through the March T&Es submitted in April packets.

First GU 2.0 Match Packets Due
As you may know, GU 2.0 match will be reported quarterly; however, some districts are still reporting GU 1.0 match monthly. Therefore, some additional flexibility is offered during this time of transition between both grants in order to reduce administrative burden.

For now through September 2021, here are your options:
1. Prepare and submit GU 1.0 and GU 2.0 quarterly (in this option, one T&E per employee represents a 3-month period)
2. Prepare GU 1.0 and GU 2.0 monthly; submit quarterly (in this option, one T&E represents a 1-month period, and there will be 3 per employee for the quarterly submission)

In October 2021, all districts will transition to a quarterly match submission process for GU 2.0. Match packets will be organized quarterly by the following months and due dates:
Q2 Jan - Mar: Due Apr 15
Q3 Apr - June: Due Jul 15
Q4 July - Sept: Due Oct 31
Please contact Tim Walker (walkerta@appstate.edu) if you have any questions.

Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy (Deadline to Apply April 2)
The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) shared an exciting opportunity with us. Please share with you entrepreneurial-minded rising seniors! ARC is sponsoring the Appalachian Entrepreneur Academy that prepares the next generation of entrepreneurial thinkers. Seniors from across the Appalachian Region will participate in a learning experience designed to cultivate creativity and develop skills essential for entrepreneurial success. As part of the program, AEA students receive tech support, materials, and other resources to participate. At completion, students will receive a formal Certificate of Completion.

Phase 1 will be June 14-25, 2021 and will provide participants with an orientation retreat that includes an introduction to curriculum components, ideation and team formation, and teambuilding. Phase 2, which will be held from July 12-30, 2021, includes a Design Thinking workshop, mentorship and coaching, sessions with some of the Region’s entrepreneurs and thought leaders, and concludes with an elevator pitch event. Questions can be directed to academies@arc.gov.

Apply Here
**FileShare Manual**

Thank you to everyone in our districts who are working hard to ensure we receive the requested data files in ample time and securely. We are especially thankful to all the District Coordinators and Data Coordinators who send us the Monthly Data Files.

Appalachian State University is discontinuing the usage of FileLocker and migrating to a new data sharing platform called FileShare by Liquid Files starting on March 15, 2021.

As we all start learning to utilize the new platform, we have attached an instruction manual to guide navigating the FileShare platform. If you have any questions or need assistance with FileShare, please email Tongai at maodzwatl@appstate.edu.

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**Marketing & Communications Files**

Do you need anything in our GEAR UP Resource Folder personalized? Do you want us to create something similar in your district? We can tweak any resource to fit the needs of your district, and we encourage you to brainstorm any ideas of how our resources can serve your needs! Districts may use any of the resources from this folder at any time. If a district wants to make any edits to an existing item in the folder, they will need to complete the Resource Request form. We will continually add items to this folder, so be sure to check back often. If you would like App State to print a resource in the folder, please allow 30 days for printing and delivery of the materials. Contact Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.

*New items in the folder include GEAR UP Zoom backgrounds, test date reminders, social media posts, GEAR UP services login flyers, survey graphics, and more!*

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**Have Suggestions?**

We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the button on the left. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.