ELPA v. Title III

Required and Allowable Uses

# ELPA Funds

ELPA (state) funds are divided into two categories; the English Language Proficiency Program (ELPP), and Professional Development and Student Support Program (PD/SSP).

* **ELPP** funds **must** be used to administer and implement evidence-based English language development (ELD) program and identify and assess English learners. This includes translation of core academic activities (i.e. conference translation, translating regular communications home).
* **PD/SSP** funds **must** be used to provide **effective professional development** related to teaching English learners (ELs) for all educators who work with ELs, and to expand programs to assist ELs in achieving greater content proficiency.

# Title III Funds

Title III (federal) funds must be used to **supplement** the programs described above. These funds must only be used to provide **additional** services, staff, programs or materials that are not provided with State resources; federal funds cannot pay for core ELD programming or ongoing EL-related PD.

### Examples of allowable activities for Title III funds:

* Upgrading ELD program objectives and effective instructional activities.
* Improving ELD programs for ELs by identifying, acquiring, and upgrading curricula, instruction materials, educational software and technology, and assessment procedures that improve content and language acquisition.
* Providing community participation programs, family literacy services, and parent outreach and training activities to EL students and their families (outside of required academic activities such as conferences).
* Providing tutoring and intensified instruction for EL students.
* Offering early college high school or dual/concurrent enrollment programs or courses designed to help ELs achieve in postsecondary education.
* Improving instruction for EL students, including EL students with a disability or identified as gifted in a specific area.

### Additional Considerations:

* Curricula:
  + Core ELD program = use ELPA
  + Supplemental (in addition to core program)= may use Title III
* Staff salary:
  + EL teacher/coordinator providing instruction, services, or coaching teachers as part of your core programming = use ELPA
  + Staff member providing **additional services** on top of regular ELD core programming and requirements- may use Title III
* Professional Development or outside consultant fees:
  + Is the PD being provided to support teachers in implementing core ELD program? (i.e. SIOP or sheltered instruction)= use ELPA
  + Is the PD in addition to training provided as part of your core ELD program (i.e. in addition to SIOP training, certain staff members receive training on working with dual-identified students)= may use Title III