

SAE-SAHE Administrative Funds Sharing

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<p>Query: The Title IIA money in our state is kept very separate between the SAHE and the SEA. Unfortunately the limited amount of money available to administer the SAHE competitive grant program is being deeply felt. We were wondering if other states have negotiated with their SEA to provide additional resources for the SAHE to administer their competitive award program.</p>	
<p>From: Massachusetts</p>	
<p>Responses:</p>	
Mississippi	<p>I have been fortunate in cultivating a very open line of communication with our SEA and we are in the discussion stages of renegotiating the amount that the SAHE receives for administration of the grants. The SEA appears very receptive and supportive. But this would never have happen if I had not worked very hard to open the lines of communication and it did not hurt that I initiated the conversation about additional funds in the presence of the federal rep.</p>
Utah	<p>In Utah we accept whatever the SAHE amount is to run the program. Quite frankly, it never occurred to me to do otherwise. In Utah we work very closely with the SEA. When I found I had some money left over, I helped to support an SEA Title I grant to serve a severely disadvantaged district.</p>
Michigan	<p>The SAHE portion of the Title II funds are administered within Michigan Department of Education but still kept very separate from the SAE portion of the funds. However, the Department of Education funds 40% of my position from other funding sources to supplement the .05% administrative funds available through the SAHE. Its probably not necessary to say that full coordination of the SAHE program should ideally be a full 100% of a position.</p>
Arkansas	<p>The Arkansas Department of Higher Education negotiated with the Arkansas Department of Education at the beginning of the 5-year consolidated plan for NCLB funds for additional administrative funds for the SAHE from the SEA administrative funds. The Deputy Directors of each agency signed a memorandum of understanding for the increased amount and wrote this into the appropriate section of the consolidated plan. This procedure ensured that if personnel change, the agreement would still be honored. This works for Arkansas. The two agencies work cooperatively on the planning for the Title Part A funding, but the SAHE administers the competitive portion. The funds are kept separated. We have found that it takes more administrative funds than was originally allowed so we are glad that we negotiated for more administrative funds in the beginning.</p>
Puerto Rico	<p>Our agencies agreed a 5.09% of the SAHE funds for sub-grants, for the SAHE administration allocation.</p>