

SEA Matching Costs Guidance

Non-regulatory guidance (Q & As)--Applicants should review the provision of EDGAR concerning matching because the answers below do not fully discuss all provisions of that regulation:

Q. Does matching for the FLAP program have to be new funds, or can it be from funds the SEA is currently using to support foreign language education?

A. Matching funds are not limited to new funds. An SEA, to the degree it has current expenditures and will continue those expenditures during the project period, would be allowed to count those as matching expenditures in their FLAP application.

Q. If the SEA is planning a school-based project that will have statewide significance, can the local educational agency (LEA) and its partner, an institution of higher education (IHE), provide the full match? Is there any requirement that the SEA provide a portion of the match?

A. The statute states that the Federal share shall be 50%. As long as the other 50% is from a non-Federal source and entity, the State or one of the project partners may provide that share. However, since it is a grant to the SEA, the SEA is responsible for the match being provided, and would be held liable if it were not.

Q. May Federal grant funds be used for the matching requirements of another Federal grant?

A. Unless authorized by statute, Federal grant funds may not be used to fulfill the matching requirements of another Federal grant. This prohibition does not include this section, general revenue sharing funds distributed under 31 U.S.C. 6702.

Q. May items used for cost sharing in another Federal grant be used to satisfy the cost-sharing requirement of the FLAP grant?

A. A cost sharing contribution may be counted as cost sharing towards only one Federal project.

Matching Example: SEA with University and LEA partners

Project Director

30% of salary	\$15,000
Fringe benefits	3,500
SEA	

Assistant

10%	\$ 3,011
Fringe	1,164
SEA	

Principal Inv.

20%	\$16,056
Fringe	4,014
University partner	

Technology Consultant

10%	\$9,500
Fringe	500
University partner	

Summer Immersion Consultant

20%	\$ 6,451
Fringe	1,613
University partner	

Evaluator

100%	\$10,000
University partner	

5 Project Coordinators

10%	\$25,000
LEAs	

Meetings

SEA	\$ 2,500
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Supplies

SEA	\$3,000
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Instructional Materials

LEAs	\$30,000
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Total**\$131,309****General Information:**

- FLAP grantees are required to match the Federal share for each fiscal year of the grant. If an SEA receives \$100,000 annually from the FLAP program, then it must match \$100,000.
- There is no waiver option available for SEAs.
- The non-supplanting requirement does not apply to the FLAP program.
- Sub-grants are not allowed under the FLAP statute. Contracts are allowed.
- The SEA, as recipient and fiscal agent, is responsible for the grant being properly implemented and is held accountable for all decisions made pertaining to the grant.