Objectives

This presentation will

• review the purpose of the IDEA Part C Annual Grant Budget Calculator (Budget Calculator) for collecting and reporting fiscal data;

• demonstrate how the Budget Calculator works; and

• discuss how state lead agencies (LAs) can use the Budget Calculator to complete Section III of the annual grant application and to plan, track, and inform fiscal decisions.
Purpose of the Part C Budget Calculator

- Plan and develop Section III of an upcoming Part C grant application;
- Provide a way for state LAs to track budget adjustments that may be necessary within the life cycle of the Part C grant;
- Track, record, calculate, and report current federal Part C grant funds; and
- Inform how to allocate funds in Section III of future Part C annual grant applications.
Instructions

The instructions for the Budget Calculator provide

• a description of the purpose of the Budget Calculator;
• tips for using the tool; and
• step-by-step guidance on how to use each worksheet in the Budget Calculator.
Design Features of the Budget Calculator

The worksheets in the Budget Calculator

• provide a way to document data sources for the six direct cost categories from the grant application;

• provide ease of data entry with auto-calculated totals; and

• allow staff to track funds effectively over the life cycle of the Part C grant award.
Using the Budget Calculator

• The Instructions and Budget Calculator can be accessed and downloaded at https://cifr.wested.org/resource/part-c-budget-calculator/.

• If you need TA on how to use the Budget Calculator, please reach out to your CIFR TA Liaisons.

• To contact your CIFR TA Liaisons, please go to https://cifr.wested.org/contact/ and select your state.
Additional Resources

- Quick Reference Guide on Use of IDEA Part C Funds
- Understanding the IDEA Part C State Grant Funding Cycle and Different Fiscal Years
Part C Budget Calculator Demonstration and Discussion