



Guidance on Allowable Use of ELPA Funds

English Language Proficiency Act (ELPA) Program

(ELPA Program) C.R.S. 22-24-104

The ELPA Program is a categorical program that supports the requirement to provide an evidence-based English Language Development (ELD) program for all K-12 English Learners (ELs). Districts must provide ELD programs for all identified English learners. This responsibility includes students who enter the district after October count each year and who, therefore, are not included in the reported count for that year. ELPA provides funds to offset the cost of this programming, but ELD programming must be provided regardless of funds.

All K-12 students identified as ELs, based on the state approved assessments, and enrolled in evidence based ELD programs generate ELPA funding for up to five budget years, as reported and certified to CDE in the annual Student October Count. Years in program are not required to be consecutive, regardless of whether the student transfers to another district or leaves the state.

The ELPA Program provides funding intended to:

- Administer and implement evidence-based ELD programs and
- Identify and assess English learners.

The ELPA Program funding code is 3140.

Examples of Allowable Uses of ELPA Funds

- Teachers, Coaches and Coordinators working in ESL/Bilingual ELD program models
- WIDA Screener/W-APT and ACCESS for ELLs Administration and Training
- Support for EL data analysis, strategic planning, and implementation
- Jump start, summer school and newcomer programs
- Curricular resources to support ELD program models
- Program expansion to schools and grade levels identified as in need of more English language development support resources