

CONSORTIUM FISCAL ADMINISTRATION DECLARATION

DESERT REGIONAL CONSORTIUM

CONSORTIUM INFORMATION

Organizational Information

Consortium Name	14 Desert
Long Name	Desert Regional Consortium
Short Name	DESERT
Address	RCOE - 47-336 Oasis Street, A-33 Indio, CA 92201
Website	www.desertregionalconsortium.org

Reporting Period

Start Date	07/01/2016
End Date	06/30/2017

2015 - 16 Grant Period

2015 - 16 Grant Number	15-328-12
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Consortium Administration

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MEMBERS

Member Name	Contact(s)	District / LEA Code
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Desert Sands Unified School District	Bellanich, Larry (760) 771-8612 larry.bellanich@desertsands.us	67058
Desert Community College District	Ramont, John <i>Director of Fiscal Services</i> (760) 773-2513 jramont@collegeofthedesert.edu	00930
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FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Funding Channel

The consortium has chosen direct funding

Rationale

The Desert Regional Consortium has opted to have direct funding for 2016-17. The DRC felt funding flowing directly to each member, without the intermediary of a fiscal agent, would be more expedient and better use of resources. The DRC will review member allocation requests and forward a budget plan for public comment, review and approval. Individual member districts are responsible for monitoring their allocations and providing district-certified quarterly reports to the Project Manager, who will review and roll up budget figures for official reporting with the assistance of a certifying official from each member agency via electronic portal. Required reports to the state will be reviewed carefully by all DRC members and approved at a formal calendared public meeting before submission to the state.

Approach

The Desert Regional Consortium members use Galaxy software to maintain all income and expenditures. Galaxy software is maintained by Riverside County Office of Education for all school districts/colleges and is audited annually. The fiscal information both Summary, as well as Detailed is used to enter data from all members for reports and justifications as required by the Chancellor's Office/CDE via electronic portal at the appointed reporting periods. The fiscal information is gathered by the Project Manager and entered via portal after being certified by a certifying official from each member agency prior to final submission.

Certifying Official / Coordinator

Mendoza, Guillermo

Certifying Official / Coordinator's Email

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ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

15-16 AEBG Funds

15-16 AEBG Entitlements	\$2,999,915
15 - 16 Member Allocations	\$0

16-17 AEBG Funds

16-17 AEBG Entitlements	\$3,063,316
16 - 17 Member Allocations	\$3,063,316

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS

#	Member Name	Consortium Allocations (15-16)	Consortium Allocations (16-17)
1	Coachella Valley Unified School District	\$1,391,386	\$1,568,864
2	Palm Springs Unified School District	\$230,000	\$256,000
3	Desert Sands Unified School District	\$215,038	\$330,604
4	Desert Community College District	\$869,599	\$442,500
5	Riverside County Office of Education	\$293,892	\$465,348
Grand Total		\$2,999,915	\$3,063,316

Funding Changes

For 2015-16 College of Desert (COD) received \$362,500.00 and for 2016-17 will receive \$442,500.00. In addition, our Desert Regional Consortium has elected to have no fiscal agent for 2016-17. As the committee budget was not embedded within the individual member's budgets, it was voted and approved unanimously to have the committee budget remain with COD and managed by COD (current fiscal agent), as a separate budget and not in addition to their allocation. The combination of the committee budget and COD allocation brought the total to \$869,599.00.

For 2016-17, no additional new monies were allocated for committee use, rather all new monies were fully allocated to all members.

Although it appears COD received less money for 2016-17, it in fact had an increase as did all members. The committee budget nonetheless had to be accounted for and as a result appears with COD's allocation for 2015-16. In the future, the committee budget will be embedded within member's budgets if necessary.

Consensus and Approval Process

The Desert Regional Consortium met in a formal public meeting. A quorum was established. Member recommendations for funding allocations and MOE for 2016-17 from the Steering Committee were presented for discussion and formal vote. A formal vote was taken and the motion was approved. Approval was reflected in the minutes.

OTHER RULES AND PROCEDURES

Additional Information

Attached is our Desert Regional Consortium Organization chart.

Supplementary Documentation

[desertregionalconsortiumorganizationalchartmay2016.docx](#)

SIGNATURE BLOCKS

Palm Springs Unified School District

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