

Executive of Education (EOE)

MA Education Earmarks - Webinar

FAQ

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1. **1. What if I'm seeing the Earmark in GEMS?**
 - a. There are four agencies distributing these Earmarks. EOE is issuing the ones found in the EOE Grants system, which are separate from any Earmarks you may have received through another agency. This link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fair-share-supplemental-budget-education-earmarks> will show which agency is managing which Earmark.
2. **2. Is EOE connected to GEMS?**
 - a. No, EOE Grants and GEMS are separate systems.
3. **3. But I can see the 2517 in GEMS — is that an error?**
 - a. Not at all. DESE/GEMS manages a different set of Earmarks, so that's not an error.
4. **4. How are contacts updated?**
 - a. Your organization's User Access Administrator (UAA) is responsible for keeping contact information current in EOE Grants.
5. **5. My application doesn't properly reflect the schools using the allocations. Can I delete it and start over, or modify it?**
 - a. Please don't delete the application. Reach out to eoegrants@mass.gov, and we'll work with you to make the necessary corrections.
6. **6. What is the due date for the application?**
 - a. The target date to submit all Earmark applications is **November 3, 2025**. Submitting by this date ensures recipients can start drawing down funds as soon as possible.
7. **7. It looks like the two Earmarks we received from EOE were combined into one — how should we handle that in the budget?**
 - a. Please describe in your narrative how the funds will be used. We'll review it against the legislative language to make sure it aligns. It's also helpful if you add a separate line for each Earmark on the budget page for clarity.
8. **8. So the only thing we need to do is add a narrative?**
 - a. Yes — just include one budget line and a clear narrative. We'll review it to make sure it aligns with the legislative intent.