

Dear Head Start recipients,

The Office of Head Start will not approve the use of federal funding for any training and technical assistance (TTA) or other program expenditures that promote or take part in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. This includes expenditures for services provided by contractors or vendors. This guidance is consistent with the nondiscrimination provisions in Sec. 654 of the Head Start Act:

*(a) The Secretary shall not provide financial assistance for any program, project, or activity under this subchapter unless the grant or contract with respect thereto specifically provides that no person with responsibilities in the operation thereof will discriminate with respect to any such program, project, or activity because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, or beliefs.*

With your next application submission, Head Start grant recipients should carefully review their annual funding application, including the budget and budget justification narrative, TTA plans, program goals, and any other supplemental materials to ensure they are in accordance with this guidance.

Please direct any questions regarding this guidance to your regional office.

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