1. <u>Use of Funds</u> (*ESEA section* 4103(c)(2)(A)): Describe how the SEA will use funds received under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 for State-level activities.

The Department will use any funds for state-level activities received under Title IV, Part A, Subpart I to support programs and schools in addressing the needs of students as permitted by the requirements of this section. Permitted state-level uses of Title IV, Part A funds support identified priorities throughout the state's ESSA application. For example, various stakeholders suggested the potential usefulness of school climate survey data for educators in understanding the context of student success. Accordingly, a portion of state Title IV, Part A funds will be used to support the piloting of school climate surveys. Piloting such surveys will help Ohio understand their usefulness for informing school improvement initiatives and may support the development of future additional measures of school quality and student success.

Additionally, state Title IV, Part A funds may be used to support the following activities (subject to funding availability):

- Identifying approved evidence-based strategies on the effective use of technology (See Section A(4) on the evidence-based framework).
- Supporting schools with activities and resources related to curriculum alignment.
- Reimbursement for advanced coursework examination fees (e.g., Advanced Placement assessments) for economically disadvantaged students. Stakeholders have communicated much interest in continuing to provide support for this program.
- Other related priority activities to support school improvement initiatives.

2. Awarding Subgrants (ESEA section 4103(c)(2)(B)): Describe how the SEA will ensure that awards made to LEAs under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 are in amounts that are consistent with ESEA section 4105(a)(2).

The following are key features of the manner in which Ohio will ensure that awards made to districts under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 are in amounts consistent with ESEA requirements:

- Only Title I-eligible LEAs may apply for consideration to receive Title IV, Part A awards.
- The Department will ensure that each LEA submitting an application for Title IV, Part A funds for the 2017-2018 school year describes the LEA's needs and plans for using such funds in accordance with ESEA.
- Each applicant will be required to demonstrate how proposed uses of funds are integrated with the applicant's improvement plan and in coordination with other federal and state improvement funds.
- Each applicant will be required to satisfy all federally mandated assurances.
- The Department will review and approve applications for award consideration.
- Among other factors, the Department may use the number of economically disadvantaged students in determining the number of subawards and the amounts.
- In accordance with ESEA section 4105(a)(2), the Department will ensure that LEA subgrants are not less than \$10,000. Depending on the number and amounts of subawards, the Department may ratably reduce subawards according to 4105(b) to ensure each subaward is at least \$10,000.
- The 2017-2018 school year Title IV, Part A subgrants will be for a term of one year.