

Subject: RE: Glenn Thompson Grant for Automotive Technology

I have just finished a phone conversation with Congressman Thompson's staff in Washington, D.C. I was told that, although the legislation has passed that awards the funding to the automotive program, it may take until July 2009 before we are contacted by a federal department to start the process of getting the funds to Warren County. In the past, that was the US Department of Education, and the process involved completing a grant application for the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

The application is a formality; USDoE cannot block these funds based the application, as they have already been approved legislatively.

Once the application has been submitted, we may not receive actual funds until sometime in October 2009 or later. According to the congressman's staff, we should have up to two years to spend the appropriation as was outlined by Mr. Bish when he originally requested it.

I believe that Mr. Bish is going to receive the same information, so I will compare notes with him and get back to you if I got anything incorrect.

Please let me know if you need additional information and I will work with Mr. Bish to get it for you.

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