

The State Director of Arkansas Reading First is writing USDOE to formally request a waiver of the Tydings Amendment which will extend the period of availability for funds with source code S357A070004, issued by USDOE 2007 to the State of Arkansas which are set to expire December 2009. The request asks that the expiration on the balance on these funds be extended to September 30, 2010. The balance on this funding is \$3,488,594.98 as of March 31, 2009. The state has also asked to extend the tydings on a supplemental grant received on September 18, 2008 in the amount of \$540,999. The PR/AWARD # is S357A070004A.

By extending the tydings period, schools will have use of the money they need to pay coaches' salaries and support their Reading First Grants through the 2009-2010 school year.

A request was not made for an extension of the 2008 funds.

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