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Jamila Smith is the team leader for the Consolidated Grant to the Insular Areas in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of School Support and Rural Program. The Consolidated Grant program provides over \$84 million in federal funds to American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the Virgin Islands.



Ms. Smith leads a team responsible for overseeing the development and continuous improvement of federal supports to these unique and complex education systems. Previously, she managed technical assistance for Race to the Top state grantees through the Department's Reform Support Network and led the State Education Agency (SEA) Capacity Building Work Stream.

As the content lead for Technical Assistance, Ms. Smith served to strengthen the organizational capacity of SEAs by supporting implementation and sustainability of their proposed Race to the Top reforms. She has worked in education for over a decade, serving in the Department's Office of State Support and Risk Management Service. Her commitment to education reform was solidified early in her career at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia and The Salvation Army's Turning Point Program for Women and Children where she advocated for coordinated and timely assessment services for homeless elementary school children.