

[CFDA No. 84.292B]

Bilingual Education: Field-Initiated Research Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide grants for field-initiated research conducted by current or recent recipients of grants under subpart 1 or 2 of Part A of Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (or Part A or B of Title VII of ESEA, as in effect prior to its amendment on October 20, 1994) who have received these grants within the previous five years. The Department assists research activities related to the improvement of bilingual education and special alternative instructional programs for limited English proficient children and youth.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, State educational agencies and local educational agencies that are current or recent recipients of grants under subpart 1 or 2 of Part A of Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (or Part A or B of Title VII of P.L. 100-297, the predecessor to Title VII of the ESEA). In order to be eligible for a grant under this program, an applicant must have received a grant under subpart 1 or 2 of Part A of Title VII, or Part A or B of Title VII of Pub. L. 100-297, within the previous five years.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 30, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 31, 1995.

Applications Available: April 21, 1995.

Available Funds: \$1,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000-\$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210.

The regulations in 34 CFR 75.210 provide that the Secretary may award up to 100 points for the selection criteria, including a reserved 15 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the 15 points as follows:

Meeting the purposes of the authorizing statute (34 CFR 75.210(b)(1)). Seven points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 37 points.

Plan of operation (34 CFR 75.210(b)(3)). Eight points are added to

this criterion for a possible total of 23 points.

For Applications or Information Contact: Cecile Kreins, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5090, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: Cecile Kreins (202) 205-5568. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7452.

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