

Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 612.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The program is authorized under Title IV, section 4122, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-382 (October 20, 1994) (to be codified at 20 U.S.C. 7132, formerly at 20 U.S.C. 3211). This FY 1995 competition supports the sixth cohort of grants under the program.

The FY 1994 amendment of the statute modified the scope of authorized programs. Projects may now address violence prevention, in addition to alcohol and other drug abuse. Such projects must also serve as models for the field. This competition is covered by the scope of the amended statute and the application procedures in 34 CFR part 612. In the case of any inconsistency between the program regulations and the new statutory provisions, the statute will control.

#### Priorities

**Absolute Priority.** Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 612.21(d) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects designed to analyze successful project designs, policies, and results of projects supported under Institution-Wide or Special Focus Program competitions.

**Invitational Priority:** Within the absolute priority in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or both of the following invitational priorities. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets one or both of these invitational priorities does not receive absolute or competitive preference over other applications:

**Invitational Priority 1.** Applications by current or former recipients of grants under Institution-Wide or Special Focus Program competitions proposing to analyze the direct and indirect impacts of one or more fiscal-year cohorts of Institution-Wide or Special Focus projects for which departmental assistance has ended.

**Invitational Priority 2.** Applications by current or former recipients of grants under Institution-Wide or Special Focus Program competitions proposing to analyze special topics or issues related to the effectiveness of Institution-Wide or Special Focus projects, examples of

which have been selected from Institution-Wide or Special Focus projects for which departmental assistance has ended.

Topics or issues may include, among others—

(a) Multi-site data resulting from the use of the Environmental Assessment Instrument by selected Institution-Wide projects;

(b) Multi-site data resulting from the use by Institution-Wide projects of the Core Survey Instrument developed by selected Institution-Wide projects;

(c) The use by IHEs of student peers as a means of influencing other peers to reduce alcohol and other drug problems;

(d) The approaches used in IHEs to plan student social activities not involving alcohol or other drugs and the success of those approaches;

(e) IHE activities or organizational changes associated with empowering students, staff, and faculty to set positive social norms; and

(f) The role of the IHE president, chancellor, or other senior policy makers in preventing alcohol and other drug problems in IHEs.

#### Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under the Analysis and Dissemination Program, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 612.23(c)(3).

The program regulations in 34 CFR 612.22(b) 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:

**Key personnel** (34 CFR 612.23(c)(3)(iii)). Ten points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 25 points.

**Evaluation** (34 CFR 612.23(c)(3)(iv)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 15 points.

**For Applications or Information Contact:** FIPSE, FY 1995-F Competition, U. S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 205-0082 to order applications; or (202) 708-5750 for information. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of the 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. 7132.

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#### Drug and Violence Prevention Program in Higher Education—Special Focus Program Competition: Specific Approaches to Prevention Projects (Invitational Priority: Higher Education Consortia for Drug and Violence Prevention); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995

**Purpose of Program:** To provide grants to develop, implement, validate, and disseminate model programs and strategies to promote the safety of students attending institutions of higher education (IHEs) by preventing the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and by preventing violent behavior by such students.

**Eligible Applicants:** IHEs; and consortia of IHEs.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** June 5, 1995.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** August 4, 1995.

**Applications Available:** April 21, 1995.

**Available Funds:** \$1,400,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$45,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$36,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 30 to 60.

**Project Period:** 28 months.

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

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 612.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The program is authorized under Title IV, section 4122, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-382 (October 20, 1994) (to be codified at 20 U.S.C. 7132, formerly at 20 U.S.C. 3211).

This FY 1995 competition supports the seventh cohort of grants under the program.

The FY 1994 amendment of the statute modified the scope of authorized programs. Projects may now address violence prevention, in addition to alcohol and other drug abuse. Such projects must also serve as models in the field. This competition is covered by the scope of the amended statute and the application procedures in 34 CFR part 612. In the case of any inconsistency between the program regulations and the new statutory provisions, the statute will control.

#### Priorities

**Absolute Priority:** Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 612.21(c)(2)(iii)(B) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects designed to develop, implement, validate, or disseminate model programs or strategies that concentrate on specific approaches to the prevention of illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

**Invitational Priority:** Within the absolute priority in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive absolute or competitive preference over other applications:

Applications proposing to develop or implement higher education consortia for the prevention of illegal alcohol and other drug use and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

Applicants are invited to propose consortium arrangements to assist either (a) local IHE alcohol and other drug and violence professionals, or (b) IHE chief executive officers and other senior administrators. In these types of arrangements, participants would be expected to meet monthly to work toward the development, implementation, validation, or dissemination of their own comprehensive, institution-wide programs to prevent the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

#### Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for Specific Approaches to Prevention grants, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii).

The program regulations in 34 CFR 612.22(b) 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:

**Need** (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(A)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

**Methods and management plan** (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(C)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

**Evaluation** (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(E)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 15 points.

**For Applications or Information Contact:** FIPSE, FY 1995-D Competition, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 205-0082 to order applications; or (202) 708-5750 for information. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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#### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Paperwork Burden Reduction

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Paperwork Burden Reduction.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), provides notice that prior approval is no longer required for certain categories of costs for formula grant programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Rehabilitation

Act) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This change is intended to reduce paperwork burdens on grantees.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This change takes effect on April 21, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg March, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3124 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2551. Telephone: (202) 205-8441. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), in 34 CFR 74.27 and 80.30(b), require prior approval from the Secretary before various categories of otherwise allowable costs may be charged to any ED grant or subgrant. The following formula grant programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act are covered by this requirement: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) State Grants (Title I); Client Assistance Program (Title I, Part B); Innovation and Expansion (Title I, Part C), which is currently unfunded; Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (Title V, Section 509); Supported Employment (Title VI-C); Independent Living State Grants (Title VII-B); Centers for Independent Living (Title VII-C, Section 723); and Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (Title VII, Chapter 2), once the appropriation level reaches \$13 million. The following formula grant programs authorized by IDEA are also covered by this requirement: Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities (Part B); Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities (Section 619); and Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part H). The Assistant Secretary, OSERS, believes that it is no longer necessary to require prior approval for these formula grant programs with respect to certain cost categories and has authority, under a delegation from the Secretary, to exempt these programs from this paperwork requirement. The Assistant Secretary has decided that the prior approval is no longer required for seven cost categories and, under certain conditions, for an eighth cost category. The seven cost categories are—(1) Automatic data processing; (2) Capital expenditures; (3) Management studies; (4) Professional services; (5) Building space and related facilities; (6) Insurance and indemnification; and (7) Proposal costs.