## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.287]

## 21st Century Community Learning Centers; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1995

Purpose of Program: To award grants to rural and inner-city public elementary or secondary schools, or consortia of such schools, to enable such schools to plan, implement, or to expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social service, cultural, and recreational needs of a rural or inner-city community.

*Eligible Applicants:* Rural and innercity public elementary or secondary schools, or consortia of such schools. In accordance with the absolute priority published elsewhere in this part of this issue of the **Federal Register**, eligible applicants are limited to schools located in an Empowerment Zone or a

Supplemental Empowerment Zone. Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: July 25, 1995. Deadline for Intergovernmental

*Review:* September 23, 1995. *Applications Available:* June 12, 1995.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$700,000. *Estimated Range of Awards:* \$75,000– \$150,000.

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

Estimated Number of Awards: 7.

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

Budget Period: 12 months.

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.

*Priorities:* Eligible applicants are limited for this competition by the Absolute Priority published elsewhere in this part of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Applicants must also address the following absolute priority.

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 20 U.S.C. 8244(b), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet the following absolute priority and the priority found elsewhere in this part of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Absolute Priority: Projects that offer a broad selection of services that address the needs of the community.

Grants awarded may be used to plan, implement, or expand community learning centers which must include not less than four of the following activities:

(1) Literacy education programs.

(2) Senior citizen programs.

(3) Children's day care services.(4) Integrated education, health, social

service, recreational, or cultural programs.

(5) Summer and weekend school programs in conjunction with recreation programs.

(6) Nutrition and health programs.

(7) Expanded library service hours to serve community needs.

(8) Telecommunications and technology education programs for individuals of all ages.

(9) Parenting skills education programs.

(10) Support and training for child day care providers.

(11) Employment counseling, training, and placement.

(12) Services for individuals who leave school before graduating from secondary school, regardless of the age of such individual.

(13) Services for individuals with disabilities.

## **Application Requirements**

Each application must include— (a) A comprehensive local plan that enables the school or consortium to serve as a center for the delivery of education and human resources for members of a community;

(b) An evaluation of the needs, available resources, and goals and objectives for the proposed project in order to determine which activities will be undertaken to address such needs; and

(c) A description of the proposed project, including—

(1) A description of the mechanism that will be used to disseminate information in a manner that is understandable and accessible to the community;

(2) Identification of Federal, State, and local programs to be merged or coordinated so that public resources may be maximized;

(3) A description of the collaborative efforts to be undertaken by communitybased organizations, related public agencies, businesses, or other appropriate organizations;

(4) A description of how the school or consortium will serve as a delivery center for existing and new services, especially for interactive telecommunication used for education and professional training; and

(5) An assurance that the school or consortium will establish a facility utilization policy that specifically states—

(I) The rules and regulations applicable to building and equipment use; and (II) supervision guidelines.

## Definition

20 U.S.C. 8246 defines the term "community learning center" as an entity within a public elementary or secondary school building that—

(a) Provides educational, recreational, health, and social service programs for residents of all ages within a local community; and

(b) Is operated by a local educational agency in conjunction with local governmental agencies, businesses, vocational education programs, institutions of higher education, community colleges, and cultural, recreational, and other community and human service entities.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210(b). Under 34 CFR 75.210(c), the Secretary is authorized to distribute an additional 15 points among the criteria to bring the total to a maximum of 100 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the additional points as follows:

*Plan of Operation* (34 CFR 75.210(b)(3)). Five additional points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

*Evaluation Plan* (34 CFR 75.210(b)(6)). Ten additional points are added to this competition for a possible total of 15 points.

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For Users of TDD or FIRS: 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.

For Electronic Access to Information: 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. 8241-8246.