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Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs—Demonstration Grants for Indian Children, Professional Development and Adult Education

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1995.

Purpose of Program: The purpose of each program is included in this notice under the programmatic information for each program.

Applications Available: July 19, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: September 29, 1995.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: August 17, 1995.

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) for the Professional Development Program, the payback provisions of 34 CFR §§ 263.1(b), 263.3, and 263.35-37, as published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 1995 (60 FR 33300).

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this program, the Secretary uses the Education Department General Administrative Regulations criteria in 34 CFR 75.210. These regulations 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 to the "Evaluation plan" criterion (34 CFR 75.210(b)(6)) for a possible total of 20 points.

- 84.062A Adult Indian Education.

Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) support planning, pilot, and demonstration projects designed to test and demonstrate the effectiveness of programs for improving employment and educational opportunities for Indian adults; (2) assist in the establishment and operation of programs designed to stimulate basic literacy opportunities for all nonliterate Indian adults and the provision of opportunities to all Indian adults to qualify for a secondary school diploma, or its recognized equivalent, in the shortest period of time feasible.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program are State and

local educational agencies, and Indian tribes, organizations, or institutions.

Priority

In making grants under this program, the Secretary will award 10 additional points to applications submitted by Indian tribes, organizations, and institutions of higher education, and Indian educational agencies. An application from a consortium of eligible entities that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127-.129 and includes an Indian tribe, organization, or institution of higher education, or an Indian educational agency shall be considered eligible to receive the 10 additional priority points.

Available Funds: \$1,698,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$65,000 to \$225,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$175,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7851.

- 84.299A Demonstration Grants for Indian Children.

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to projects to develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of preschool, elementary, and secondary Indian children, through activities such as—

(a) Innovative programs related to the educational needs of educationally deprived children;

(b) Educational services that are not available to such children in sufficient quantity or quality, including remedial instruction, to raise the achievement of Indian children in one or more of the core academic subjects of English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, art, history, and geography;

(c) Bilingual and bicultural programs and projects;

(d) Special health and nutrition services, and other related activities, that address the special health, social, and psychological problems of Indian children;

(e) Special compensatory and other programs and projects designed to assist and encourage Indian children to enter, remain in, or reenter school, and to increase the rate of secondary school graduation;

(f) Comprehensive guidance, counseling, and testing services;

(g) Early childhood and kindergarten programs, including family-based preschool programs that emphasize school readiness and parental skills, and the provision of services to Indian children with disabilities;

(h) Partnership projects between LEAs and institutions of higher education that allow secondary school students to enroll in courses at the postsecondary level to aid these students in the transition from secondary school to postsecondary education;

(i) Partnership projects between schools and local businesses for school-to-work transition programs designed to provide Indian youth with the knowledge and skills the youth need to make an effective transition from school to a first job in a high-skill, high-wage career;

(j) Programs designed to encourage and assist Indian students to work toward, and gain entrance into, an institution of higher education; or

(k) Other services that meet the purpose of this program.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program include a State educational agency, local educational agency, Indian tribe, Indian organization, federally supported elementary and secondary school for Indian students, Indian institution, including an Indian institution of higher education, or a consortium of such institutions that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127-.129.

Priorities

(1) In making multiyear grants under this program, the Secretary will award 10 additional points to applications that present a plan for combining two or more of the activities described above over a period of more than one year.

(2) In making grants under this program, the Secretary will award 10 additional points to applications submitted by Indian tribes, organizations, and institutions of higher education, including a consortium of any of these entities with other eligible entities. An application from a consortium of eligible entities that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127-.129 and includes an Indian tribe, organization, or institution of higher education shall be considered eligible to receive the 10 additional priority points.

Available Funds: \$1,873,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$75,000 to \$225,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$150,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7831.

- 84.299B Professional Development.

Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indian people; (2) provide training to qualified Indian