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ALASKA NATIVE-NATIVE HAWAIIAN SERVING INSTITUTIONS PROGRAMS (CFDA #s 84.031N and 84.031 W)

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Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to provide the application package for institutions of higher education to apply for new awards in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 under the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program (TCCU), and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program (ANNH). Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), authorizes these programs. The overall purpose of these programs is to provide funds to eligible institutions of higher education to increase their self-sufficiency by improving academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability.

We are not inviting applications for new awards under the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP), which is also authorized under Title III, Part A of the HEA. FY 2005 awards under the SIP will be made to eligible applicants from the FY 2004 slate.

Eligible Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities may apply for a five-year individual development grant and/or a one-year construction grant. Eligible Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions may apply for a five-year individual development grant and/or a one-year renovation grant. This year, for the first time we are inviting separate applications for new awards for one-year renovation projects under the ANNH Program.

If you are a current recipient of a five-year individual development grant under the TCCU Program, you may apply for another five-year individual development grant. Please note that a TCCU that does not have an individual development grant will be given priority over those applicants that have an individual development grant.

If applying for a five-year individual development grant, you must provide budget information for all five years. Funding for years two through five will be contingent upon Congressional appropriations and the Department's determination that a grantee is making substantial progress.

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It is mandatory that applications for grants for FY 2005 under Title III, Part A, Programs be submitted electronically using e–Application that is available through the Department’s e-Grants System. An applicant, who is unable to submit an application through the e-Grants System, may submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. Specific instructions for electronic submissions as well as requesting a waiver are provided in this package.

You are reminded that you should not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with the guidance contained within this application package. I urge you to carefully read all the information contained in this package, including the eligibility requirements found in Sections 316 and 317 of the HEA, before preparing your application.

If you have questions, please contact the Title III, Part A program staff.

Sincerely,

Wilbert Bryant
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Higher Education Programs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the Title III, Part A, Programs?

Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) authorizes the following programs: the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP), the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program (TCCU), and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program (ANNH).

The purpose of these programs is to provide funds to eligible institutions of higher education (IHE) to increase their self-sufficiency by improving their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability.

Who is eligible to apply?

Only those Institutions of higher education designated as an *eligible institution* may apply for funding under the Title III, Part A, Programs. See program regulations, 34 CFR Part 607, sections 607.2 through 607.5.

How does an institution become designated as an “eligible” institution?

An IHE MUST first apply for and receive designation as an eligible institution before applying for a Title III, Part A, grant. The process for becoming designated as an eligible institution is separate from the process for applying for a grant.

The closing date for receipt of applications for FY 2005 eligibility was announced in the Federal Register dated November 30, 2004 and the closing date for receipt of applications was January 13, 2005.

Are there any special conditions that must be met?

An institution applying for a grant under the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program must also meet the definition of the term “tribally controlled college or university” in section 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978, and includes an institution listed in the Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994.

An institution applying for a grant under the Alaska Native-Serving Institutions Program must also, at the time of application, have a full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate enrollment of at least 20% Alaska Native students.

An institution applying for a grant under the Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program must also, at the time of application, have a full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate enrollment of at least 10% Native Hawaiian students.

What are some of the types of activities allowed under a Development Grant project?

A development grant helps you address and, perhaps, resolve a problem(s) you identify in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and helps you to strengthen your institution's academic programs, management capabilities, and fiscal stability. You may choose to carry out one or more of a wide variety of activities which are listed in the HEA, and include but are not limited to:

- Creating faculty development programs;
- Improving funds and administrative management processes;
- Developing and improving academic programs;
- Acquiring equipment that strengthens your ability to manage funds;
- Acquiring equipment that helps you strengthen academic programs;
- Providing student services;
- Jointly using facilities, such as libraries and laboratories; and
- Developing other activities that will promote growth and self-sufficiency.

For a thorough understanding of the wide variety of types of activities and costs allowed under a grant, review the program regulations in 34 CFR 607.10 and 607.30.

How many of the allowable activities may we propose to carryout?

Many grantees in the past have chosen to carryout one activity. However, you may propose to carry out several activities. If you decide to do more than one, they may be unrelated, may begin and end at different dates, and they may vary in duration.

What are some of the types of activities allowed under a TCCU Construction Grant project?

A one-year TCCU Construction grant may be used for construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities.

What are some of the types of activities allowed under an ANNH Renovation Grant project?

A one-year ANNH Renovation grant may be used for renovation and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory and other instructional facilities.

Is there a minimum and maximum award amount that may be requested for each grant application?

Yes. See the official Closing Date Notice for this information.

Are there mandatory page limits?

Yes. The mandatory page limits are as follows:

- Seventy (70) pages for individual development grant applications;
- Fifty (50) pages for construction grant applications under the TCCU program; and
- Fifty (50) pages for renovation grant applications under the ANNH program.

NOTE: An application that exceeds the mandatory page limit will be rejected.

Exactly what pages will be included in the page count?

Be sure to read and adhere to the specific instructions provided for each type of grant application. All required information (narrative, charts and budget narrative) will be included in the mandatory page count. Certain forms and certifications identified on page 25 are not included in the page count.

Are there specific font types and sizes that we must use?

Yes. See the official Closing Date Notice for this information.

Are we required to submit an application electronically?

Yes. All applications **MUST** be submitted through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site:

<http://e-grants.ed.gov>

What is the deadline for submitting applications?

You must submit your application via e-Grants by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on March 21, 2005.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE DATE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

What if we are unable to submit electronically?

If you are unable to submit an application through the e-Grants system, you may submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. In your request you must explain the reason or reasons that prevent you from using the Internet to submit an application. Submit your request no later than two (2) weeks prior to the deadline date to:

Dr. Maria E. Carrington
U.S. Department of Education
Title III, Part A
1990 K Street, N.W.
Suite 6033
Washington, DC 20006-8513

What happens if the Internet is unavailable and we are unable to submit electronically?

See the official Closing Date Notice for this information.

Does the e-Grants system allow for electronic signatures?

Not yet. Within three (3) working days after submitting your application electronically, you must fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center. **For specific instructions see the official Notice published in the Federal Register.**

How will we know that you have received an application on time?

When you “submit” your application electronically you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

Will my State government need to review my application?

If you are an Alaska Native-Native Hawaiian Serving Institution your application is subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Also see the State Single Point of Contact for intergovernmental Review In Appendix V.

NOTE:

- If your State is not listed, it does not require intergovernmental review, and you do not have to take further steps.
- If your State is listed, contact the person identified by your State to learn what procedures you must follow for getting the State to review your application.

- If your institution is a TCCU you are not subject to intergovernmental review, and need not contact the State.

How are applications evaluated and scored?

Applications determined eligible to be read are reviewed by panels of three (3) non-Federal experts who read and evaluate your application based on the information that you provide and scored using the weighted selection criteria.

What happens if the selection process ends in a tie?

The program regulations provide a tie-breaker mechanism that the Department uses to determine who will receive a grant if two or more institutions have the same score and funds are insufficient to fund all of them. We award up to three (3) additional points to applicants who demonstrate that they:

- (1) Have an endowment fund where the market value, per full-time equivalent (FTE) student, is less than average market value, per FTE student, at similar institutions (one point);
- (2) Have expenditures for library materials, per FTE student, which are less than the average expenditures, per FTE student, at similar institutions (one point); and
- (3) Will carry out one or more of the activities listed in 34 CFR 607.23(b)(3)(i)-(vi) (one point).

If a tie still remains after applying these criteria, we give the highest rank to institutions whose combined library expenditures and endowment values for each full time student are lowest. Be sure to submit the required tie-breaker Information.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT ENDOWMENT INVESTING

May we allocate Title III, Part A, grant funds for endowment investing?

Yes. If you are a SIP or TCCU development grant recipient, you may invest up to 20 percent of the grant to establish or increase your endowment. See specific information regarding endowment investing found in Appendix III.

Will we need to match and invest the endowment funds?

Of the 20 percent of a development grant award that you may allocate to your endowment, you must:

- ❑ Match one (\$1) local dollar for every two (\$2) Federal dollars for those whose grant started 10/1/98 but one (\$1) local dollar for every one (\$1) Federal dollar for those whose grant started 10/1/99 or after.
- ❑ Invest both the grant and matching funds for 20 years. During that period, you may spend up to 50 percent of the cumulative income (appreciation, interest and dividends) earned on the investment. At the end of the twenty (20) years, you may spend both the principal and the income.

Is there a required date to raise the matching funds?

You must simply raise your matching funds BEFORE you draw down the Federal funds. In other words, you may draw down a portion of your Title III Federal funds for endowment investing anytime during the five-year grant period but you must FIRST raise your non-Federal matching funds. By and large, you will draw down Federal monies for endowment investing according to the budget years in your original budget request to the Education Department.

May we make changes to the endowment line item of our budget?

Yes. You must follow the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR 74.25) and any other pertinent rules while doing so. You may increase or decrease the amount or change the year in which you are to use the monies for endowment investing, but you must get prior written approval from the ED program officer if it's going to change the scope or objectives of your project.

May we use monies for endowment investing even though we did not propose to do so in our original project budget?

It's extremely likely that if you suddenly want to use lots of monies for endowment, the rest of your project will suffer or the scope and objectives of your approved project will change. If you want to propose this change, you would need to submit a written request to your program officer for approval. The question in the program officer's mind undoubtedly would be: will the project suffer if the grantee wants to move monies out of the project into endowment investing? Rarely are you allowed to change the scope and objectives of your approved project.

What may NOT be used as a required non-Federal match of Federal monies?

You may not use pledges, deferred gifts, Federal funds, borrowed funds, or endowment/quasi-endowment monies that existed at your institution on the deadline date for your original submission of Title III eligibility data back before your grant project started. It's obviously wisest to go out and get NEW donors rather than simply use some old donor monies for matching purposes. But that is not an absolute must.

How long must we invest the Federal and matching funds and at least half of the income (appreciation, interest and dividends)?

You must invest for a period of 20 years from the start of your grant project.

How do we draw down our Federal funds for endowment investing?

Consult your business office, as they are familiar with drawdown procedures of Federal grant monies.

In investing both the Federal and matching funds, what is the most important principle to follow?

DIVERSIFY. Diversify your monies among stocks, bonds and other investment vehicles and diversify WITHIN those groups of investment vehicles.

When do we report on our endowment fundraising and investing?

You will report this information in your annual performance report, which is normally due in the spring of each of the project's first four budget periods. Your final performance report will be due within 90 days after the termination of your grant. Additionally, you will receive an Endowment Reporting Form annually for the term of the endowment.

For what purposes may we use up to 50 percent of the cumulative income from our endowment investment?

You may use up to 50 percent of income for costs of operating the institution, including general operating and maintenance costs, costs of administering and managing the endowment fund and costs associated with buying and selling securities, such as stockbroker commissions and fees to load mutual funds.

What are the most important sections in the old Endowment Challenge Grant regulations that still pertain to grantees that wish to use a portion of project monies for endowment investing?

Pay close attention to sections 628.42 through 628.47 of the old Endowment Challenge Grant regulations.

What if we don't raise all the matching funds we project to raise in a particular 12-month budget period?

If you do nothing, the Federal monies will automatically carry over into the next available 12-month budget period. If there is no additional budget period, the funds will revert to the Federal Treasury. If, however, you wish to use the monies for something other than endowment investing, you must request approval to do so.

DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

This section provides you with information critical to your successful completion and submission of a five-year Individual Development Grant application.

Remember, the development grant application may not exceed 70 pages.

When developing your application, be sure to address the selection criteria (34 CFR 607.22) as precisely as possible to ensure your application contains the information readers will need to judge the quality of the proposed development project.

Your Individual Development Grant application should contain the following:

1. Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED Form 424)

Use the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED Form 424) as the official request for Federal funding. This form is accessible on-line using our e-Application system. A copy of that form is also included in the package for your review. Remember to fax a signed copy of this form to our Application Control Center (ACC) within three (3) days of submitting your application through the Internet. Be sure to place a check next to Non-Construction under *Application* when responding to # 10 under “*Type of Submission*” on the ED 424.

2. Project Abstract

Content: When writing the project abstract for your application, be sure to do the following:

- ✓ Include a heading with the name of your institution and the state where it is located along with contact information;
- ✓ Include a brief description about your institution and an overview of your project;
- ✓ Identify the type of grant you are applying for; and
- ✓ Limit your abstract to one page.

3. Table of Contents

4. Introduction

Content: Introduce your institution to the reader by describing its distinguishing features, including:

- Your institution's level (2-year/4-year); control (private/public); affiliation; primary service population; and programs of study (e.g., liberal arts,

- technical programs).
- Student Body Characteristics (Include the number of students-either full-time equivalent or headcount - and the racial, ethnic, age, and gender breakdown).
- Faculty Characteristics (Include the number of full-time and adjunct faculty and faculty to student ratio).

5. Tie-Breaker Information

If the selection process ends in a tie and funds are not sufficient to fund all institutions, we will use the information provided here to determine who will receive a grant. In accordance with Section 607.23(b) the Secretary will award up to three (3) additional points based on the information provided here.

Content: On a separate sheet of paper provide the following information:

TOTAL FALL 2002 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STUDENTS = _____

- a. Total market value of endowment fund at the end of 2002-2003 \$ _____
- b. Total expenditures for library materials during 2002-2003 \$ _____

Endowment Investing

Have you elected to participate in the Endowment Fund investing component of the Title III, Part A, Programs? _____ Yes _____ No

6. Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Narrative.

As part of developing the CDP and the grant award application, we presume that your institution has analyzed the major problems affecting it, and designed specific strategies to address and possibly resolve these problems. You should be ready to carry out the proposed project once you receive the grant and should not use the funds for intensive planning activities.

Content: This is the narrative portion of your application where you address the weighted selection criteria that the readers will use to evaluate your application and to assess the strengths and weaknesses of your proposal. Address the selection criteria (34 CFR 607.21) as precisely as possible, and in the same order as they appear in the application to ensure your application contains the information readers will need to judge the quality of the proposed development grant project. The weight of each criterion is noted in parentheses.

(a) Quality of the Applicant's Comprehensive Development Plan. (Total 30 points)

(1) The strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are clearly and comprehensively analyzed and result from a process that involved major constituencies of the institution.

Maximum Points: 12 points

Content: Describe and analyze your institution's strengths, weaknesses/ significant problems in the following three areas:

1. Academic Programs,
2. Institutional management, and
3. Fiscal stability

We are considering "weaknesses" and "significant problems" to be one and the same. Use the grant funds to address some of these weaknesses and problems. Here are some guidelines for stating the problems:

- State what is "too high" or what is "too low". For example, the percentage of freshmen students who fail four courses is too high. When you state the problem this way, the objectives become obvious. *E.g.*, "To decrease, from 42% to 30%, the percentage of freshmen students who fail four courses."
- Avoid problem statements that declare the problem as "the lack of " or "the need for" the very solution you are proposing for funding. *E.g.*, "The problem with our academic programs is a lack of or need for student services outside the classroom. Thus, we propose an activity to establish those student services." This type of statement usually contains circular reasoning.
- Provide summaries of or excerpts from data, reports, evaluations or studies that demonstrate that you have objectively and thoroughly analyzed your institution's main problems.
- Describe the process you used to formulate the above information.
- Provide evidence of the extent and nature of the faculty, staff, students, community, industry, and other major constituents' involvement in this process. You may rely on previously written information, such as a self-study for accreditation, as long as your process for developing the information involved the major constituencies' representatives and reflects your institution's current situation.

(2) The goals for the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are realistic and based on comprehensive analysis.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Based on a comprehensive analysis of your institution's strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems, state only the institutional goals you plan to address using Title III, Part A, funds.

(3) The objectives stated in the plan are measurable, related to institutional goals, and if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Focusing only on the institutional objectives that are specifically related to your proposed Title III, Part A, activities, provide measurable objectives for how you will reach each of the goals as you discussed in #2. Achieving the objectives outlined should contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution.

EXAMPLE:

Specific Tasks

Institutionalize personnel, programs and services.

Methods Involved

Operational funding budgeted and allocated to sustain improvements.

Tangible Results

Program, services and personnel fully institutionalized.

(4) The plan clearly and comprehensively describes the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources.

Maximum Points: 8 points

Content: In this section, describe the following:

1. The methods your institution will use to integrate practices and improvements developed into its operations and, if appropriate, continue them after the grant ends. For example, provide specifics on how your institution will obtain approval from appropriate internal and/or external governance authorities to conduct new or revised curricula and use new intervention strategies. What will the time period be for these actions?
2. The resources you will need to institutionalize newly developed practices and improvements and, most importantly, how you will fund them. In particular, discuss how your institution will fund operational costs such as personnel, maintenance, and upgraded equipment. For example, one way to ensure that positions continue after the grant ends is for your institution to pay a percentage of the salary during the grant and increase that percentage during years two, three, four, and five.

3. If you are applying under the TCCU or ANNH Program, incorporate your institution's five-year plan for improving the assistance it provides to the target student population (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) within your CDP. If you are an applicant under the TCCU Program, you will also need to address your institution's plan to increase rates at which American Indian secondary school students enroll in higher education, and to increase overall post-secondary retention rates for American Indian students.

(b) Quality of Activity Objectives. (Total: 10 points)

(1) The extent to which the objectives for each activity are realistic and defined in terms of measurable results.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Using the Activity Objectives and Performance Indicators Form (ED Form 851A-2), state your annual objectives for each activity, which, when combined with their performance indicator(s), are measurable and realistic (not too high, not too low). Connect each objective to the problem or weakness it should address, as you described in the CDP. In addition:

- DO NOT identify process objectives such as: "To establish a college-wide committee", whose measurement is: "We formed a committee." Identify processes or tasks under the Implementation Strategy, as discussed next.
- DO use words such as "to increase" or "to decrease" since you are more likely to be describing a genuine, outcome objective.
- DO NOT begin your objective with words such as "to provide," "to develop," or "to establish." This heightens the likelihood you may be describing a process or task rather than an outcome objective.
- DO provide a realistic number of objectives and performance indicators for each activity and for each year you are requesting funds for an activity.

Use a separate Activity Objectives and Performance Indicators Form (ED Form 851A-2) for each activity.

(2) The extent to which the objectives for each activity are directly related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: In narrative format, describe how meeting the objectives of each activity will address a problem identified in the CDP, and affect your institution's ability to address its goals for its academic programs, institutional management, or fiscal stability.

If you need funds for more than one activity, you may propose different start and end dates and vary the duration of each. For example, you may need only three years to develop a new curriculum but five years to develop a new management information system. Any proposed activity should address a critical problem that the CDP describes as hindering institutional growth and self-sufficiency. If you propose to use up to 20% for endowment investing, do not write an activity narrative regarding this use of endowment investing, as we do not consider it an activity in the usual sense.

Title each activity so that the reader readily knows your focus. Allowable activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Faculty development;
- Funds management;
- Administrative management;
- Development of academic programs;
- Improvement of academic programs;
- Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management;
- Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening academic programs;
- Student services; and
- Joint use of facilities (e.g., libraries and laboratories).

The HEA lists the allowable activities for the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, the Alaska Native- Serving Institutions Program, and the Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program. See HEA, Sections 311, 316, and 317 respectively.

(c) Quality of Implementation Strategy (Total: 25 points)

(1) The extent to which the implementation strategy for each activity is comprehensive.

Maximum Points: 10 points

(2) The extent to which the rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity is clearly described and is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects.

Maximum Points: 10 points

Content: Explain why you chose a specific method for implementing an activity. Include how you determined that this method would be most effective, indicating relevant studies or projects that you reviewed and experts that you consulted.

(3) The timetable for each activity is realistic and likely to be attained.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Using the Implementation Strategy and Timetable Form (ED Form 851A-3), do the following:

- Chart an implementation strategy to meet your objectives for each year you are requesting funds and for each activity.
- Use time frames that are realistic for completing a task. Chart each of the five years using the budget period of October 1 to September 30.
- Describe in a comprehensive, sequential and clear manner who will do what and how they will do it to meet the objectives of each activity.
- Identify, by title, the primary participants who will carry out the tasks to meet the objectives. Describe how the personnel will perform the tasks and the results you expect from them.

(d) Quality of Key Personnel (Total: 10 points)

(1) The extent to which the past experience and training of key professional personnel are directly related to the stated activity objectives.

Maximum Points: 7 points

(2) The extent to which the time commitments of key personnel is realistic.

Maximum Points: 3 points

Content: Provide a position description for each key position that the grant will support and a resume for the project director and any other key personnel identified. Also describe the qualifications you require for the position and the amount of time the person will allot to the project.

If you want to use a consultant, include a position description and explain why a consultant is more advantageous than using the institution's personnel.

(e) Quality of Project Management Plan (Total: 10 points)

(1) The extent to which procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure efficient and effective project implementation.

Maximum Points: 5 points

(2) The extent to which project coordinator and activity directors have sufficient authority to conduct the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: The project management plan is an important part of the project. For this section, do not complete an Activity Objectives and Performance Indicators Form (ED Form 851A-2).

The following information applies to the Title III, Part A, coordinator position:

- In addition to a position description provided under “Quality of Key Personnel”, include in this section, the coordinator's required qualifications (education, experience, training) and the specific duties of the position. Directly relate the duties to the stated purposes and objectives of the project.
- Indicate on the Activity Budget Form (ED Form 851A-4) how much time the Title III, Part A, Coordinator will commit to the project. Make the time commitment realistic, not too high nor too low, relative to the tasks the individual will perform.

Note: Your Title III, Part A, Coordinator's time commitment to a project may vary considerably from that in another project or another institution's project. One project focused on developing a management information system, for example, may have a coordinator who is the director of technology in the ordinary hierarchy of the college. He or she may allot 10 percent time to coordinate the project for which the college will pay. On the other hand, a new coordinator of a faculty development project may be an instructional developer with a 50 percent time or maybe 100percent time commitment paid for with Title III, Part A, funds. Carefully think through the management structure and time commitment that will work best at your institution and specify the reasons for your choice.

- Describe the procedures the project coordinator (project director) will use to manage and monitor the project's progress such as how information will be provided to key administrators so they can integrate project activities with related, on-going institutional activities.
- Describe the project coordinator's (project director) administrative authority over the activity director(s) who is normally responsible for accomplishing a specific activity's objectives. Also, describe the administrative authority of the activity director(s) over subordinates.
- Chart the lines of authority of the project coordinator to key institutional decision makers, including the president.

(f) Quality of Evaluation Plan (Total: 10 points)

(1) The extent to which the data elements and data collection procedures are clearly described and appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives and to measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Describe the data collection procedures the institution will use to identify the data elements, objectives, and goals identified in the CDP. Include

measure attainment of activity. Include procedures for analyzing and using both formative (outputs) and summative (outcomes) data.

(2) The extent to which the data analysis procedures are clearly described and are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project on achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Describe in detail the project's evaluation plan, including who, what, when and how. Define the baseline indicators of progress that you will use.

The detailed evaluation plan should:

- Produce a valid assessment of your implementation strategies;
- Result in annual, quantifiable evidence of the extent to which you attained your objectives for each activity and your goals for which funding is requested;
- Include the data elements and collection procedures that you will use; and
- Describe procedures for analyzing and using both formative and summative data.

All applicants must submit a plan to conduct a project evaluation as part of their grant activities. The planned evaluation should be systematic in assessing the worth of a project and useful in guiding project objectives and focus primarily on determining the outcomes and impacts of the project relative to those objectives. The evaluation should also serve to strengthen the management of the project and lead to better knowledge of what works in producing the desired outcomes.

An individual or organization, independent of the project team (and all of its partners), but not necessarily external to the grantee institution, should execute the project evaluation plan. This independent evaluator should assist in the initial preparation of the evaluation plan and be willing to work alongside the project team throughout the duration of the project. The evaluator should possess good evaluation skills commonly found among practitioners of the American Evaluation Association. Helpful websites to consult when preparing an evaluation plan include:

- Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education: www.ed.gov/FIPSE
- National Science Foundation: www.ehr.nsf.gov/rec/main.asp?????
- Kellogg Foundation: <http://www.wkkf.org/> (for their evaluation handbook)

The project director and team should be committed to gathering the best evaluation data possible for formative and summative purposes. Projects should collect baseline data before the project starts as a basis for measuring progress. Projects are also required to produce data for performance measures that the Department of Education uses to address the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Current GPRA indicators for the Title III, Part A, Program are:

1. Academic Quality: The percentage of Title III, Part A, project goals relating to the improvement of academic quality that are met or exceeded will increase or be maintained over time.
2. Student Services and Outcomes: The percentage of Title III, Part A, project goals relating to the improvement of student services and student outcomes that are met or exceeded will increase or be maintained over time.
3. Institutional Management and Fiscal Stability: The percentage of the Title III, Part A project goals relating to the improvement of institutional management and fiscal stability that are met or exceeded will increase or be maintained over time.

GPRA indicators are not, however, intended to replace other project specific indicators. The information collected, as part of the project evaluation should be aligned with the measurable performance objectives specific to the project. The quantitative and qualitative evaluation data, along with GPRA data, are the basis for judging the success of the project and for evidence-based funding decisions aimed at achieving the best results possible with the funding available. Grantees are required to collect data and report on progress towards meeting the GPRA indicators and other project specific indicators in their annual performance reports.

A summary of the evaluation report must be included in the final performance report submitted by the project to the Department of Education. The report, which also includes fiscal and management performance information, is due within 90 days after expiration of the award. The evaluation report should be included as an appendix to the final performance report as well as available upon request. (Please see EDGAR, 34 CFR 75.217 for information on how project performance may affect future funding).

For the Title III, Part A, programs; the evaluation plan should produce a valid assessment of the implementation strategies. It should also result in annual, quantifiable evidence of the attainment of objectives for each activity and of the goals in the CDP.

NOTE: While the Department does not require an external evaluation, you may find it useful to hire an outside expert to periodically evaluate the project or a particular activity. If you propose hiring an external evaluator, indicate your reasons for using a consultant.

(g) Budget (Total: 5 points)

The extent to which the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and scope.

Maximum Points: 5 points

Content: Review the program regulations, (34 CFR 607.10 and 607.30), for guidance on which activities and costs are allowed. For example, you may not use your grant funds to:

- Recruit students,
- Carry out activities that are operational rather than developmental,
- Carry out student activities such as entertainment, cultural or social enrichment programs, student publications, social clubs or associations,
- Pay for organized fund raising,
- Cover indirect costs.

Demonstrate and justify that all costs are reasonable in today's market and necessary to accomplish your activity objectives. Please pay particular attention in your justification to those (per item) costs exceeding \$25,000, excluding salaries and fringe benefits.

Using the Activity Budget Form (ED Form 851A-4) and the Other Budget Information Form (ED 851A-5), provide detailed, itemized budgets for each activity and for project management/evaluation for each year you want grant funds. Complete a separate ED 851A-4 and ED 851A-5 for each activity and for project management/evaluation. You must provide details so we can determine if the costs are necessary and reasonable.

7. Budget Information (ED Form 524).

First, carefully read the instructions contained in this booklet. Then, using the Summary Budget Form (ED 524), prepare a summary budget for the entire project that totals all the costs by category for each year of the grant. Complete the ED Form 851A-5, itemizing items common to the entire project summary budget.

If you want to use up to 20 percent of grant funds to establish or increase your institution's endowment fund through endowment investing, enter the amount of your contribution in the summary budget on the "other" line. If you have additional items for the other category, separate the endowment contribution

from the other items and make 2 entries for “other”. Endowment monies should be listed first. Do not write an activity narrative regarding endowment investing.

Note: Check all totals within an activity budget and between the activity and summary budgets.

8. Activities Identification and Ranking List

If you propose to carry out more than one activity, you must:

- (1) Identify those activities that would be a sound investment of Federal funds if funded separately;
- (2) Identify those activities that would be a sound investment of Federal funds only if funded with the other activities; and
- (3) Rank the activities in preferred funding order.

9. Description of Prior Title III, Part A, Funded Activities

If applicable, briefly describe all activities your institution carried out under a previous Title III, Part A, program grant that ended on or after September 30, 1999. If you did not complete them, explain why. Please indicate if your institution did not receive a Title III, Part A, Program grant during this time period.

10. Required Assurances and Certifications

All applicants must submit these forms electronically, as a part of your application.

- ✓ General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Section 427 Requirement. **Please refer to the GEPA 427 requirements outlined in the “Notice to All Applicants” for instructions on completing this statement**
- ✓ Assurances – Non-Construction Programs (SF 424-B)
- ✓ Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (ED 80-0013)

11. Other Assurances and Certification Forms

At the time of submission (in addition to the forms listed above) you will need to include the following institutional certification forms (if applicable):

- ✓ Alaska Native-Serving Institutions Certification (ED 851A-7)
- ✓ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Certification (ED 851A-8)
- ✓ Dual Submission Certification (ED 851A-9)
- ✓ Endowment Fund Assurance Form

- ✓ Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED 80-0014)
- ✓ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF – LLL)

Carefully read the instructions for each form and be sure to provide all the requested information.

TCCU CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

This section provides you with information critical to your successful completion and submission of a one-year TCCU Construction Grant application.

Remember, the construction grant application may not exceed 50 pages.

When developing your application, be sure to address the selection criteria (34 CFR 607.22) as precisely as possible to ensure your application contains the information readers will need to judge the quality of the proposed construction project.

Be sure to place a check next to *Construction* under *Application* when responding to # 10 under “*Type of Submission*” on the ED 424.

NOTE: Your Construction Grant application must address items numbered 1 through 11 above (the same information required of a development grant applicant and in the same order).

ANNH RENOVATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

This section provides you with information critical to your successful completion and submission of a one-year ANNH Renovation Grant application. **Remember, the renovation grant application may not exceed 50 pages.**

When developing your application, be sure to address the selection criteria (34 CFR 607.22) as precisely as possible to ensure your application contains the information readers will need to judge the quality of the proposed renovation project.

Be sure to place a check next to *Construction* under *Application* when responding to # 10 under “*Type of Submission*” on the ED 424.

Your Renovation Grant application must address items numbered 1 through 11 (the same information required of a development grant applicant and in the same order).

REQUIRED FORMS

The following pages contain the REQUIRED forms, instructions and some samples, necessary to complete your specific application package. Read the instructions carefully for each form that you are required to complete and be sure to send it electronically as part of your application package. **NOTE:** These required forms **WILL NOT** be included in the mandatory page count.

- ✓ Application for Federal Education Assistance (A separate ED 424 for each type of application)
- ✓ ED Form 851A-1
- ✓ ED Form 851A-2
- ✓ ED Form 851A-3
- ✓ ED Form 851A-4
- ✓ ED Form 851A-5
- ✓ Standard Form 424B
- ✓ ED Form 524
- ✓ General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Requirement
- ✓ ED 80-0013

OTHER FORMS, CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The following pages contain additional assurance and certification forms and instructions necessary to complete your specific application package. Read the instructions carefully for each form that applies to your specific application. Be sure to send it electronically as part of your application package. **NOTE:** These required forms **WILL NOT** be included in the mandatory page count.

- ✓ ED Form 851A-6
- ✓ ED Form 851A-7
- ✓ ED Form 851A-8
- ✓ ED Form 851A-9
- ✓ ED 80-0014
- ✓ SF-LLL

Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424)



U.S. Department of Education

Form Approved OMB No. 1890-0017 Exp. 02/28/2005

Applicant Information

1. Name and Address

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Organizational Unit

Empty box for Organizational Unit

City State County ZIP Code + 4

2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number |____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|

6. Novice Applicant ___ Yes ___ No

3. Applicant's T-I-N |____|____| - |____|____|____|____|____|____|

7. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ___ Yes ___ No (If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 84.____|____|____|____|

Title: AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBALLY CONTROLLED

8. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) |____|

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM (TCCU)

- A - State B - Local C - Special District D - Indian Tribe E - Individual F - Independent School District G - Public College or University H - Private, Non-profit College or University I - Non-profit Organization J - Private, Profit-Making Organization

5. Project Director: _____

Address: _____

K - Other (Specify): _____

City State Zip code + 4

Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Application Information

9. Type of Submission:

- PreApplication -Application ___ Construction ___ Construction ___ Non-Construction ___ Non-Construction

12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period? ___ Yes (Go to 12a.) ___ No (Go to item 13.)

10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?

- ___ Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): ____/____/____ ___ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.) ___ Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. ___ Program has not been selected by State for review.

12a. Are all the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations? ___ Yes (Provide Exemption(s) #): _____ ___ No (Provide Assurance #): _____

11. Proposed Project Dates: ____/____/____ ____/____/____

Start Date: End Date:

13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: _____

Estimated Funding

- 14a. Federal \$ _____ . 00 b. Applicant \$ _____ . 00 c. State \$ _____ . 00 d. Local \$ _____ . 00 e. Other \$ _____ . 00 f. Program Income \$ _____ . 00 g. TOTAL \$ _____ . 00

Authorized Representative Information

15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this preapplication/application are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.

- a. Authorized Representative (Please type or print name clearly.) _____ b. Title: _____ c. Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____ d. E-Mail Address: _____ e. Signature of Authorized Representative _____

Date: ____/____/____

Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424)



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Applicant Information

1. Name and Address

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Organizational Unit

Empty box for Organizational Unit

City

State

County

ZIP Code + 4

2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number |____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|

6. Novice Applicant ___ Yes ___ No

3. Applicant's T-I-N |____|____| - |____|____|____|____|____|____|

7. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ___ Yes ___ No (If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 84.____|____|____|____|

Title: _____ NATIVE HAWAIIAN-SERVING INSTITUTIONS _____ PROGRAM _____

8. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) |____|

- A - State B - Local C - Special District D - Indian Tribe E - Individual F - Independent School District G - Public College or University H - Private, Non-profit College or University I - Non-profit Organization J - Private, Profit-Making Organization

5. Project Director: _____

Address: _____

K - Other (Specify): _____

City State Zip code + 4

Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Application Information

9. Type of Submission:

- PreApplication -Application ___ Construction ___ Construction ___ Non-Construction ___ Non-Construction

12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period? ___ Yes (Go to 12a.) ___ No (Go to item 13.)

10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?

___ Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): ____/____/_____

12a. Are all the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations?

- ___ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.) ___ Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. ___ Program has not been selected by State for review.

___ Yes (Provide Exemption(s) #): _____

___ No (Provide Assurance #): _____

11. Proposed Project Dates: ____/____/_____

Start Date: End Date:

13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: _____

Estimated Funding

- 14a. Federal \$ _____ . 00 b. Applicant \$ _____ . 00 c. State \$ _____ . 00 d. Local \$ _____ . 00 e. Other \$ _____ . 00 f. Program Income \$ _____ . 00 g. TOTAL \$ _____ . 00

Authorized Representative Information

15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this preapplication/application are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.

a. Authorized Representative (Please type or print name clearly.) _____

b. Title: _____

c. Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

d. E-Mail Address: _____

e. Signature of Authorized Representative _____

Date: ____/____/_____

Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424)



U.S. Department of Education

Form Approved OMB No. 1890-0017 Exp. 02/28/2005

Applicant Information

1. Name and Address

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Organizational Unit

Empty box for Organizational Unit

City State County ZIP Code + 4

2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number |____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|

6. Novice Applicant ___ Yes ___ No

3. Applicant's T-I-N |____|____| - |____|____|____|____|____|____|

7. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ___ Yes ___ No (If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 84.____|____|____|____|

Title: ALASKA NATIVE-SERVING INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM

8. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) |____|

- A - State B - Local C - Special District D - Indian Tribe E - Individual F - Independent School District G - Public College or University H - Private, Non-profit College or University I - Non-profit Organization J - Private, Profit-Making Organization

5. Project Director: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip code + 4

Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Application Information

9. Type of Submission:

- PreApplication -Application Construction Non-Construction

10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?

- Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): ___/___/___ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.) Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. Program has not been selected by State for review.

11. Proposed Project Dates: ___/___/___ ___/___/___

Start Date: End Date:

12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period? ___ Yes (Go to 12a.) ___ No (Go to item 13.)

12a. Are all the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations? ___ Yes (Provide Exemption(s) #): ___ No (Provide Assurance #):

13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: _____

Estimated Funding

- 14a. Federal \$.00 b. Applicant \$.00 c. State \$.00 d. Local \$.00 e. Other \$.00 f. Program Income \$.00 g. TOTAL \$.00

Authorized Representative Information

15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this preapplication/application are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.

- a. Authorized Representative (Please type or print name clearly.) b. Title: c. Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____ d. E-Mail Address: e. Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: ___/___/___

Instructions for Form ED 424

- 1. Legal Name and Address.** Enter the legal name of applicant and the name of the primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity.
- 2. D-U-N-S Number.** Enter the applicant's D-U-N-S Number. If your organization does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain the number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL: <http://www.dnb.com>.
- 3. Tax Identification Number.** Enter the taxpayer's identification number as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.** Enter the CFDA number and title of the program under which assistance is requested. The CFDA number can be found in the federal register notice and the application package.
- 5. Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
- 6. Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" or "No" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, **leave blank**.

Check "Yes" if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check "No" if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.

- 7. Federal Debt Delinquency.** Check "Yes" if the applicant's organization is delinquent on any Federal debt. (This question refers to the applicant's organization and not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.) Otherwise, check "No."
- 8. Type of Applicant.** Enter the appropriate letter in the box provided.
- 9. Type of Submission.** See "Definitions for Form ED 424" attached.
- 10. Executive Order 12372.** See "Definitions for Form ED 424" attached. Check "Yes" if the application is subject to review by E.O. 12372. Also, please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001). Otherwise, check "No."
- 11. Proposed Project Dates.** Please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001).
- 12. Human Subjects Research.** (See I.A. "Definitions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424.")

If Not Human Subjects Research. Check "No" if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time

during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 12 are then not applicable.

If Human Subjects Research. Check "Yes" if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check "Yes" even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I.B. "Exemptions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424.")

12a. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations. Check "Yes" if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I.B. "Exemptions." In addition, follow the instructions in II.A. "Exempt Research Narrative" in the attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." Insert this narrative immediately following the ED 424 face page.

12a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations. Check "No" if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II.B. "Nonexempt Research Narrative" in the page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." Insert this narrative immediately following the ED 424 face page.

12a. Human Subjects Assurance Number. If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) or Multiple Project Assurance (MPA) with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter "None." In this case, the applicant, by signature on the face page, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

13. Project Title. Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.

14. Estimated Funding. Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor.

Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate **only** the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 14.

15. Certification. To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. Be sure to enter the telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the authorized representative. Also, in item 15e, please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001) in the date signed field.

Paperwork Burden Statement. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1875-0106**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to:** Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W. ROB-3, Room 3633, Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

Definitions for Form ED 424

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225). For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

Type of Submission. "Construction" includes construction of new buildings and acquisition, expansion, remodeling, and alteration of existing buildings, and initial equipment of any such buildings, or any combination of such activities (including architects' fees and the cost of acquisition of land). "Construction" also includes remodeling to meet standards, remodeling designed to conserve energy, renovation or remodeling to accommodate new technologies, and the purchase of existing historic buildings for conversion to public libraries. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "equipment" includes machinery, utilities, and built-in equipment and any necessary enclosures or structures to house them; and such term includes all other items necessary for the functioning of a particular facility as a facility for the provision of library services.

Executive Order 12372. The purpose of Executive Order 12372 is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The application notice, as published in the Federal Register, informs the applicant as to whether the program is subject to the requirements of E.O. 12372. In addition, the application package contains information on the State Single Point of Contact. An applicant is still eligible to apply for a grant or grants even if its respective State, Territory, Commonwealth, etc. does not have a State Single Point of Contact. For additional information on E.O. 12372 go to <http://www.cfda.gov/public/eo12372.htm>.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information." (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the **only** involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of **exemptions** are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and

(b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. *If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to research involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed.* [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked "Yes" for Item 12 on the ED 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects "exempt research" or "nonexempt research" narrative and insert it immediately following the ED 424 face page.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "Yes" for item 12 a. and designated exemption number(s), provide the "exempt research" narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED

that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "No" for item 12 a. you must provide the "nonexempt research" narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) **Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics:** Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable

(2) **Sources of Materials:** Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) **Recruitment and Informed Consent:** Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) **Potential Risks:** Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) **Protection Against Risk:** Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) **Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained:** Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

(7) **Collaborating Site(s):** If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

Copies of the Department of Education's Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4248, telephone: (202) 708-8263, and on

the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/humansub.html>.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TITLE III, PART A PROGRAMS
Title III, Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by Public Law 102-325

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COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS FORM

1. NAME OF APPLICANT INSTITUTION:

2a. Participating Institutions	2b. DUNS Number	2c. Location (City and State)	2d. Funds Requested

**COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING
INSTITUTIONS FORM
(ED FORM 851A-1)**

INSTRUCTIONS

The applicant coordinating institution should complete ED FORM 851A-1, as instructed below:

1. Enter the name of the institution that will serve as the coordinating institution of the cooperative arrangement. Provide the legal name of the applicant institution of higher education applying for the grant. This institution should be the same as designated in the Application for Federal Assistance Form.
2. Fill in the requested information in items 2a - 2d.

INSTRUCTIONS -- (ED FORM 851A-2)

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FORM

Each applicant for a development grant, including the coordinating institution in a cooperative arrangement, must complete the Activity Objectives and Performance Indicators Form (ED FORM 851A-2).

Complete ED FORM 851A-2, as follows:

1. Enter the name of the institution submitting the application. If the applicant is a cooperative arrangement of institutions, enter the name of the coordinating institution. This should be the same institution as listed on the Application for Federal Education Assistance Form.
2. Enter the title of the activity as it appears in the narrative.
3. Describe the objective(s) to be achieved for each activity in each year of the project period. List the activity objectives in chronological order for each year of the proposed project period.
4. Describe the performance indicator(s) that you will use to measure the extent to which the objective has been met.

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Activity Objectives and Performance Indicators

1. NAME OF APPLICANT INSTITUTION:

2. ACTIVITY TITLE:

3. MAJOR OBJECTIVES IN MEASURABLE TERMS

4. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

INSTRUCTIONS -- (ED FORM 851A-3)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND TIMETABLE FORM

An applicant for a development grant must submit an Implementation Strategy and Timetable Form (ED Form 851A-3) for each proposed activity -- for each year in which funds are requested to support the activity.

Submit a separate ED Form 851A-3 for each activity. You may reproduce the form or generate it on your computer.

A sample of a completed ED Form 851A-3 form follows the blank form.

Complete ED Form 851A-3, as follows:

1. Enter the name of the institution submitting the application. If the applicant is a Cooperative Arrangement of institutions, enter the name of the coordinating institution. This should be the same institution as listed on the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED Form 424).
2. Enter the title of the activity as it appears in the narrative.
3. Identify the tasks, in chronological order, that you must complete in carrying out the implementation strategy.
4. Identify the principal staff - by position title - that will actively perform the day-to-day major tasks of the activity. Do not list persons who will have only a supervisory or administrative responsibility.
5. List the specific methods that you will use to accomplish the tasks and do so in chronological order.
6. Identify tangible results that you will be able to document.
7. Indicate the proposed time frame for accomplishing each specific task. The time frame should show the completion of the task within one budget period (i.e., Federal fiscal year, October 1-September 30).

**GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TITLE III, PART A PROGRAMS
TITLE III, HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 102-325**

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND TIMETABLE FORM

1. NAME OF APPLICANT:

2. ACTIVITY TITLE:

**3. SPECIFIC TASKS TO
BE COMPLETED**

**4. PRIMARY
PARTICIPANTS**

**5. METHODS
INVOLVED**

**6. TANGIBLE
RESULTS**

**7. TIMEFRAME
FROM/TO**

INSTRUCTIONS -- (ED FORM 851A-4) ACTIVITY BUDGET FORM

An applicant for a development grant must submit a separate Activity Budget Form (ED FORM 851A-4) for each activity and for project management/evaluation.

Do not submit this form if you are applying for a planning grant.

NOTE: Use the Other Budget Form (ED FORM 851A-5) to provide itemized details on the specific categories of costs.

Complete ED FORM 851A-4, as follows:

Note: An activity budget form is required for each activity for which funds are requested. Place all activity budget forms immediately following the Project Evaluation Plan in your application, numbering the form with the appropriate page number. If you use more than one page to provide the required information, number the pages in consecutive order, and indicate the total number of pages used to list the costs of the activity.

Item 1. Enter the name of the institution submitting the application and the title of the activity.

If the applicant is a Cooperative Arrangement of institutions, enter the name of the coordinating institution. This should be the same institution as listed on the Application for Federal Education Assistance Form.

Item 2. Activity Number:

Enter an activity number for each activity in the application. Begin with the activity that the institution ranked as priority one.

Item 3. Budget Categories by year.

Enter the amount of funds for each year (1st year-5th year) by object class category (3a-3g).

Enter the amount of funds you are requesting for each category of cost in the "Total Funds Requested" column.

3a. PERSONNEL COSTS

Enter the title of each position for which funds are requested and the percentage of time that staff person will commit to the activity in the specific year. Do not include consultants or other personnel who are not entitled to fringe benefits: Include those costs under the "Other" category.

3b. FRINGE BENEFITS

Enter the percent rate at which the applicant institution calculates fringe benefits.

Enter the total amount requested for Fringe Benefits for each year.

3c. TRAVEL

You may use grant funds only for travel that is necessary and related to achieving the objectives of a specific activity during a specific budget period.

Enter the total funds requested for travel in each year. Include transportation and per diem. Do not include freight costs or consultants' travel expenses. Include those costs under the "Other" category.

3d. EQUIPMENT

Include the cost for all non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year, and having an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. However, consistent with the institution's policy, lower limits may be established for equipment and those items included here.

Do not include the cost for renting equipment. Include those costs under the "Other" category.

3e. SUPPLIES

Include the cost of all tangible personal property other than that covered under the "Equipment" category above.

Personal property is property other than real property (land and buildings).

3f. CONTRACTUAL

Include the estimated cost of contractual agreements with another institution of higher education or an organization or business. (Please follow the regulations in EDGAR, 74.40-74.48).

Do not include costs for consultants. Include those under the "Other" category.

Complete all contractual agreements only after receipt of a notification of grant award.

3g. CONSTRUCTION

Enter the estimated costs for construction or renovations.

3h. OTHER

Include all direct costs not covered by 3a-3i. Some examples are communications, freight costs (not included by vendor purchase price), equipment rental, computer use charges, summer employment stipends, consultant costs, etc.

3i. TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES

Enter the sum of all costs (3a-3i) for each year in the appropriate column. The total for the first year should be the same as the amount listed on the Application for Federal Education Assistance Form (ED 424).

Enter the sum for all categories for all years under the "Total Funds Requested" column.

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ACTIVITY BUDGET (To be completed for every major activity for which funding is requested)

1. Name of Applicant Institution:	Activity Title:
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3. Budget Categories By Year	First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year		Fifth Year		Total Funds Requested
Object Class	% of Time	Funds Requested	% of Time	Funds Requested	% of Time	Funds Requested	% of Time	Funds Requested	% of Time	Funds Requested	
a. Personnel (Position Title)		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
SUB-TOTAL											
b. Fringe Benefits %											
c. Travel											
d. Equipment											
e. Supplies											
f. Contractual											
g. Construction											
h. Other											
i. TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	\$

INSTRUCTIONS -- ED FORM 851A-5

OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION FORM

Submit an Other Budget Information Form (ED Form 851A-5) for each activity and for Project Management/Evaluation for each of the years for which you are requesting funds. Place the ED Form 851A-5 after the Activity Budget Form (ED Form 851A-4).

Also submit an Other Budget Information Form (ED Form 851A-5) with your Summary Budget Form (ED 524) to explain those costs that are common to all activities.

If you fail to provide sufficient details, we may disallow costs.

Use ED Form 851A-5 to explain the costs you are requesting on ED Form 851A-4.

1. Enter the name of the institution submitting the application.

If the applicant is a cooperative arrangement of institutions, enter the name of the coordinating institution. This should be the same institution as listed on the Application for Federal Education Assistance Form.

2. Enter the title of the activity as it appears in the narrative.

3. In the remarks section, you should itemize costs requested for the activity. Explain how you arrived at the total amount requested in each object class in each year of the activity.

A. PERSONNEL COSTS as requested on ED Form 851A-4

Enter each individual's name and/or the position titles for which funds are requested.

Indicate the percentage of time that each staff person will commit to the project for each year for which you are requesting funds.

Explain the basis for calculating release time and hourly rates, as they relate to current established institutional policies.

B. FRINGE BENEFITS as requested on ED Form 851A-4

List the specific benefits you provide to your employees and the percentage rate that you calculate fringe benefits. If you calculate fringe benefits by different methods for different categories of Activity personnel (e.g., support staff vs. part-time personnel, faculty vs. administrative staff), provide a detailed explanation.

C. TRAVEL as requested on ED Form 851A-4

Indicate the names or titles of the personnel who will travel and justify the need for the travel -- in terms of completion of the specific tasks during the budget period.

Provide an itemized breakdown of:

- * transportation costs - including destinations;
- * per diem rates;
- * number of travel days; and
- * other costs that the current institutional policies provide for travel.

D. EQUIPMENT as requested on ED Form 851A-4.

Itemize and justify all non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year, and having an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. However, consistent with the institution's policy, lower limits may be established for equipment and those items included here. All equipment purchases must be necessary for achieving the activity objectives.

Include detailed information, including -- quantities, brand or trade names, and unit costs, and explain how and who will use the equipment.

E. SUPPLIES as requested on ED Form 851A-4

List all tangible personal property other than that covered under the "Equipment" category above.

Personal property is property other than real property (land and buildings).

Provide itemized costs, and an itemized breakdown of all supplies, including -- quantities, brand or trade names, if known, and unit costs.

F. CONTRACTUAL as requested on ED Form 851A-4

Include the estimated costs of any contractual agreement with another institution of higher education, an organization or business. (Please follow the regulations in EDGAR, 74.40-74.48).

G. CONSTRUCTION as requested on ED Form 851A-4.

Itemize all construction costs including labor and materials.

H. OTHER as requested on ED Form 851A-4.

Itemize all costs not covered in items A through G above.

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OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION FORM

1. NAME OF APPLICANT INSTITUTION:

2. ACTIVITY TITLE:

3. REMARKS

Instructions for ED 524

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached. Please consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Indirect Cost Information:

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. (1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the Federal government. (2): If you checked "yes" in (1), indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED or another Federal agency (Other) issued the approved agreement. If you check "Other," specify the name of the Federal agency that issued the approved agreement. (3): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Note: State or Local government agencies may

not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank, if this item is not applicable.

Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year, for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Budget Narrative [Attach separate sheet(s)] Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each sub-project or activity.
2. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
3. If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the

total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied.

When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's website at:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-0004. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to (insert program office), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 BUDGET INFORMATION
 NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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Name of Institution/Organization

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs*						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

***Indirect Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):**

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:

- (1) Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government? Yes No
- (2) If yes, please provide the following information:
 Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement: From: ___/___/_____ To: ___/___/_____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
 Approving Federal agency: ED Other (please specify): _____
- (3) For Restricted Rate Programs (check one) -- Are you using a restricted indirect cost rate that:
 Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? or Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)?

Name of Institution/Organization

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

**SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY
NON-FEDERAL FUNDS**

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (Lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (Lines 9-11)						

SECTION C – BUDGET NARRATIVE (see instructions)

Assurances and Certification Forms

- ✓ **ENDOWMENT FUND ASSURANCE FORM**
(ED FORM 851A-6)
- ✓ **ALASKA NATIVE-SERVING INSTITUTIONS CERTIFICATION FORM**
(ED FORM 851A-7)
This certification is required by all applicants seeking funding under the Alaska Native-Serving Institutions Program.
- ✓ **NATIVE HAWAIIAN-SERVING INSTITUTIONS CERTIFICATION FORM**
(ED FORM 851A-8)
This certification is required by all applicants seeking funding under the Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.
- ✓ **DUAL SUBMISSION CERTIFICATION FORM (ED FORM 851A-9)**
If you intend to submit an application under more than one program in this competition please complete this form.
- ✓ **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT (GEPA) Requirement**
Section 427
- ✓ **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**
(ED 80-0013)
- ✓ **ASSURANCES – NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (SF 424 B)**
- ✓ **DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES (SF LLL)**
Complete this form if you have lobbying activities to disclose.
- ✓ **Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED 80-0014) (Signed form(s) are retained by the applicant)**

**ENDOWMENT FUND
ASSURANCE FORM**

The institution of higher education proposes to use no more than up to twenty percent (20%) of the Strengthening Institutions Program grant award, made under the authority of Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended to establish or increase the institution's endowment fund.

The institution agrees to abide by the Department of Education's regulations governing the Endowment Challenge Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 628, the program statute, and the program regulations, 34 CFR Part 607.

The institution further agrees to raise the required matching funds.

Typed Name of Institution of Higher Education

Signature of President or
Chief Executive

Date

Typed Name and Title of Signatory

Signature of President or
Chief Executive

Date

Typed Name and Title of Signatory

ALASKA NATIVE-SERVING INSTITUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the statutory requirements governing the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, authorized under Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, I certify to the following:

The named institution of higher education, at the time of application, has an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least twenty percent (20%) Alaska Native. The term "Native" means "a citizen of the United States who is a person of one-fourth degree or more Alaska Indian (including Tsimshian Indians not enrolled in the Metlaktla Indian Community) Eskimo, or Aleut blood, or combination thereof. The term includes any Native as so defined either or both of whose adoptive parents are not Natives. It also includes, in the absence of proof of a minimum blood quantum, any citizen of the United States who is regarded as an Alaska Native by the Native village or Native group of which he claims to be a member and whose father or mother is (or, if deceased, was) regarded as Native by any village or group."

(See Section 1602 of the "Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act as codified)

Specifically

Total Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment

Alaska Native Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment

Percent of Alaska Native Enrollment of Undergraduate Students

Name of Institution

Signature of President of the Institution

Type Name of Signatory

Date

NATIVE HAWAIIAN-SERVING INSTITUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the statutory requirements governing the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, authorized under Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, I certify to the following:

The institution of higher education, at the time of application, has an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least ten percent (10%) Native Hawaiian. The term "Native Hawaiian" means any individual who is —

- (A) a citizen of the United States; and
- (B) a descendant of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii, as evidenced by —
 - (i) genealogical records;
 - (ii) Kupuna (elders) or Kamaaina (long-term community residents) verification; or
 - (iii) certified birth records.

(See Section 7207 of the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001")

Specifically

Total Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment

Native Hawaiian Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment

Percent of Native Hawaiian Enrollment of Undergraduate Students

Name of Institution

Signature of President of the Institution

Type Name of Signatory

Date

DUAL SUBMISSION CERTIFICATION

If an institution applies for a grant under more than one program it must indicate that fact in each application, and further indicate which grant it wishes to receive if it is selected to receive a grant under more than one program.

I have submitted applications under: (check all submissions that apply to your institution)

- Strengthening Institutions Program
- American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program
- Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program
- Alaska Native-Serving Institutions Program
- Title V Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program

If my institution should be selected to receive a grant under more than one program, I will accept the grant for _____ (insert name of program).

Name of Institution

Signature of President of the Institution

Type Name of Signatory

Date

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

The purpose of this enclosure is to inform you about a new provision in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) that applies to applicants for new grant awards under Department programs. This provision is Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law (P.L.) 103-382).

To Whom Does This Provision Apply?

Section 427 of GEPA affects applicants for new grant awards under this program. **ALL APPLICANTS FOR NEW AWARDS MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS NEW PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.**

(If this program is a State-formula grant program, a State needs to provide this description only for projects or activities that it carries out with funds reserved for State-level uses. In addition, local school districts or other eligible applicants that apply to the State for funding need to provide this description in their applications to the State for funding. The State would be responsible for ensuring that the school district or other local entity has submitted a sufficient section 427 statement as described below.)

What Does This Provision Require?

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The

statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally-funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

- (1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to

such potential participants in their native language.

(2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in braille for students who are blind.

(3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary students and is concerned that

girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach" efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

Estimated Burden Statement for GEPA Requirements

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OMB Control No. 1890-0007

**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110--

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, AAudits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.≡
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED

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Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and
Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled A Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

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Title 34: Education

PART 607—STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–1059c, 1066–1069f, unless otherwise noted.

Source: 52 FR 30529, Aug. 14, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 607.1 What is the Strengthening Institutions Program?

The purpose of the Strengthening Institutions Program is to provide grants to eligible institutions of higher education to improve their academic programs,

institutional management, and fiscal stability in order to increase their self-sufficiency and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057)

[59 FR 41921, Aug. 15, 1994]

§ 607.2 What institutions are eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program?

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, an institution of higher education is eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program if—

(1) It has an enrollment of needy students as described in §607.3(a), unless the Secretary waives this requirement under §607.3(b);

(2) It has low average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student as described in §607.4(a), unless the Secretary waives this requirement under §607.4(c).

(3) It is legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; and

(4) It is accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered.

(b) A branch campus of an institution of higher education, if the institution as a whole meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section, is eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program even if, by itself, it does not satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this section, although the branch must meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(c) For the purpose of paragraphs (e)(2) and (f)(2) of this section, an institution's enrollment consists of a head count of its entire student body.

(d) A tribal college or university may receive a grant authorized under section 316 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, other than §607.2(a)(3), and

(2)(i) It meets the definition of the term “tribally controlled college or university” in section 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978;

or

(ii) It is listed in the Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994.

(e) An Alaska Native-serving institution may receive a grant under section 317 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section; and

(2) It has, at the time of application, an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 20 percent Alaska Native students.

(f) A Native Hawaiian-serving institution may receive a grant authorized under section 317 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section; and

(2) It has, at the time of application, an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Native Hawaiian students.

(g)(1) An institution that qualifies for a grant under the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program (34 CFR part 608) or the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program (34 CFR part 606) and receives a grant under either of these programs for a particular fiscal year is not eligible to receive a grant under this part for the same fiscal year.

(2) A tribal college or university that receives a grant under section 316 of the HEA or an Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian-serving institution that receives a grant under section 317 of the HEA may not concurrently receive other grant funds under the Strengthening Institutions Program, Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program, or Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057 et seq.)

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§ 607.3 What is an enrollment of needy students?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, for the purpose of §607.2(a)(1), an applicant institution has an enrollment of needy students if in the base year—

- (1) At least 50 percent of its degree students received student financial assistance under one or more of the following programs: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, College Work-Study, and Perkins Loan; or
 - (2) The percentage of its undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Pell Grants exceeded the median percentage of undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Pell Grants at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction.
- (b) The Secretary may waive the requirement contained in paragraph (a) of this section if the institution demonstrates that—
- (1) The State provides more than 30 percent of the institution's budget and the institution charges not more than \$99.00 for tuition and fees for an academic year;
 - (2) At least 30 percent of the students served by the institution in the base year were students from low-income families;
 - (3) The institution substantially increases the higher education opportunities for low-income students who are also educationally disadvantaged, underrepresented in postsecondary education, or minority students;
 - (4) The institution substantially increases the higher education opportunities for individuals who reside in an area that is not included in a “metropolitan statistical area” as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and who are unserved by other postsecondary institutions;
 - (5) The institution is located on or within 50 miles of an Indian reservation, or a substantial population of Indians and the institution will, if granted the waiver, substantially increase higher education opportunities for American Indians;
 - (6) It is a tribal college or university; or
 - (7) The institution will, if granted the waiver, substantially increase the higher education opportunities for Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders, including Native Hawaiians.
- (c) For the purpose of paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary considers “low-income” to be an amount which does not exceed 150 percent of the amount equal to the poverty level as established by the United States Bureau of the

Census.

(d) Each year, the Secretary notifies prospective applicants through a notice in the Federal Register of the low-income figures.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1058 and 1067)

[52 FR 30529, Aug. 14, 1987, as amended at 60 FR 15447, Mar. 23, 1995; 64 FR 70153, Dec. 15, 1999]

§ 607.4 What are low educational and general expenditures?

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, for the purpose of §6072(a)(2), an applicant institution's average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student in the base year must be less than the average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student of comparable institutions that offer similar institution in that year.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the Secretary determines the average educational and general expenditure per FTE undergraduate student for institutions with graduate students that do not differentiate between graduate and undergraduate E&G expenditures by discounting the graduate enrollment using a factor of 2.5 times the number of graduate students.

(b) Each year, the Secretary notifies prospective applicants through a notice in the Federal Register of the average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction.

(c) The Secretary may waive the requirement contained in paragraph (a) of this section, if the Secretary determines, based upon persuasive evidence provided by the institution, that—

(1) The institution's failure to satisfy the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section was due to factors which, if used in determining compliance with those criteria, distorted that determination; and

(2) The institution's designation as an eligible institution under this part is otherwise consistent with the purposes of this part.

(d) For the purpose of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the Secretary considers that the following factors may distort an institution's educational and general

expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student—

- (1) Low student enrollment;
- (2) Location of the institution in an unusually high cost-of-living area;
- (3) High energy costs;
- (4) An increase in State funding that was part of a desegregation plan for higher education; or
- (5) Operation of high cost professional schools such as medical or dental schools.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1058 and 1067)

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§ 607.5 How does an institution apply to be designated an eligible institution?

An institution shall apply to the Secretary to be designated an eligible institution under the Strengthening Institutions Program by submitting an application to the Secretary in the form, manner and time established by the Secretary. The application must contain—

- (a) The information necessary for the Secretary to determine whether the institution satisfies the requirements of §§607.2, 607.3(a) and 607.4(a);
- (b) Any waiver request under §§607.3(b) and 607.4(c); and
- (c) Information or explanations justifying any requested waiver.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1058 and 1067)

§ 607.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Strengthening Institutions Program:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:
 - (1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).
 - (2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs), except 34 CFR 75.128(a)(2) and 75.129(a) in the case of applications for cooperative arrangements.
 - (3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).
 - (4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).
 - (5) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(7) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 607.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057)

[59 FR 41922, Aug. 15, 1994]

§ 607.7 What definitions apply?

(a) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms that apply to the Institutional Aid Programs are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

EDGAR

Fiscal year

Grant

Grantee

Grant period

Nonprofit

Private

Project period

Public

Secretary

State

(b) The following term used in this part is defined in section 312 of the HEA:

Endowment fund

(c) The following terms used in this part are defined in section 316 of the HEA:

Indian

Indian tribe

Tribal college or university

(d) The following terms used in this part are defined in section 317 of the HEA:

Alaska Native

Alaska Native-serving institution

Native Hawaiian

Native Hawaiian-serving institution

(e) The following definitions also apply to this part:

Accredited means the status of public recognition which a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association grants to an institution which meets certain established qualifications and educational standards.

Activity means an action that is incorporated into an implementation plan designed to meet one or more objectives. An activity is a part of a project and has its own budget that is approved to carry out the objectives of that subpart.

Base year means the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which an institution seeks a grant under this part.

Branch campus means a unit of a college or university that is geographically apart from the main campus of the college or university and independent of that main campus. The Secretary considers a unit of a college or university to be independent of the main campus if the unit—

- (1) Is permanent in nature;
- (2) Offers courses for credit and programs leading to an associate or bachelor's degree; and
- (3) Is autonomous to the extent that it has—
 - (i) Its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and
 - (ii) Its own budgetary and hiring authority.

Comparable institutions that offer similar instruction means institutions that are being compared with an applicant institution and that fall within one of the following four categories—

- (1) Public junior or community colleges;
- (2) Private nonprofit junior or community colleges;
- (3) Public institutions that offer an educational program for which they offer a bachelor's degree; or
- (4) Private nonprofit institutions that offer an educational program for which they offer a bachelor's degree.

Cooperative arrangement means an arrangement to carry out allowable grant activities between an institution eligible to receive a grant under this part and another eligible or ineligible institution of higher education, under which the resources of the cooperating institutions are combined and shared to better

achieve the purposes of this part and avoid costly duplication of effort.

Degree student means a student who enrolls at an institution for the purpose of obtaining the degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential offered by that institution.

Developmental program and services means new or improved programs and services, beyond those regularly budgeted, specifically designed to improve the self sufficiency of the school.

Educational and general expenditures means the total amount expended by an institution of higher education for instruction, research, public service, academic support (including library expenditures), student services, institutional support, scholarships and fellowships, operation and maintenance expenditures for the physical plant, and any mandatory transfers which the institution is required to pay by law.

Educationally disadvantaged means a college student who requires special services and assistance to enable them to succeed in higher education. The phrase includes, but is not limited to, students who come from—

- (1) Economically disadvantaged families;
- (2) Limited English proficiency families;
- (3) Migrant worker families; or
- (4) Families in which one or both of their parents have dropped out of secondary school.

Federal Pell Grant Program means the grant program authorized by title IV-A-1 of the HEA.

Federal Perkins Loan Program, formerly called the National Direct Student Loan Program, means the loan program authorized by title IV-E of the HEA.

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program means the grant program authorized by title IV-A-3 of the HEA.

Federal Work-Study Program means the part-time employment program authorized under title IV-C of the HEA.

Full-time equivalent students means the sum of the number of students enrolled full-time at an institution, plus the full-time equivalent of the number of students enrolled part time (determined on the basis of the quotient of the sum of the credit

hours of all part-time students divided by 12) at such institution.

HEA means the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Hispanic student means a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Institution of higher education means an educational institution defined in section 101 of the HEA.

Junior or community college means an institution of higher education—

(1) That admits as regular students persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State in which the institution is located and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered by the institution;

(2) That does not provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree (or an equivalent degree); and

(3) That—

(i) Provides an educational program of not less than 2 years that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, or

(ii) Offers a 2-year program in engineering, mathematics, or the physical or biological sciences, designed to prepare a student to work as a technician or at the semiprofessional level in engineering, scientific, or other technological fields requiring the understanding and application of basic engineering, scientific, or mathematical principles of knowledge.

Low-income individual means an individual from a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of an amount equal to the poverty level determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of Census.

Minority student means a student who is Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian-American, Black (African-American), Hispanic American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander.

Nationally recognized accrediting agency or association means an accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has recognized to accredit or preaccredit a particular category of institution in accordance with the provisions contained in 34 CFR part 603. The Secretary periodically publishes a list of those nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations in the Federal

Register.

Operational programs and services means the regular, ongoing budgeted programs and services at an institution.

Preaccredited means a status that a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, recognized by the Secretary to grant that status, has accorded an unaccredited institution that is progressing toward accreditation within a reasonable period of time.

Project means all the funded activities under a grant.

Self-sufficiency means the point at which an institution is able to survive without continued funding under the Strengthening Institutions Program.

Underrepresented means proportionate representation as measured by degree recipients, that is less than the proportionate representation in the general population—

(1) As indicated by—

(i) The most current edition of the Department's *Digest of Educational Statistics*;

(ii) The National Research Council's *Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities*; or

(iii) Other standard statistical references, as announced annually in the Federal Register notice inviting applications for new awards under this program; or

(2) As documented by national survey data submitted to and accepted by the Secretary on a case-by-case basis.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1051, 1057–1059 and 1066–1069f; OMB Directive No. 15) [52 FR 30529, Aug. 14, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 41922, Aug. 15, 1994; 60 FR 15447, Mar. 23, 1995; 64 FR 70153, Dec. 15, 1999]

§ 607.8 What is a comprehensive development plan and what must it contain?

(a) A comprehensive development plan is an institution's strategy for achieving growth and self-sufficiency by strengthening its—

(1) Academic programs;

(2) Institutional management; and

(3) Fiscal stability.

(b) The comprehensive development plan must include the following:

- (1) An analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability.
- (2) A delineation of the institution's goals for its academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability, based on the outcomes of the analysis described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
- (3) Measurable objectives related to reaching each goal and timeframes for achieving the objectives.
- (4) Methods and resources that will be used to institutionalize practices and improvements developed under the proposed project.
- (5) For a grant under section 316 of the HEA to a tribal college or university, its five-year plan for improving its services to Indian students, increasing the rates at which Indian secondary school students enroll in higher education, and increasing overall postsecondary retention rates for Indian students.
- (6) For a grant under section 317 of the HEA to an Alaska Native-serving institution or to a Native Hawaiian-serving institution, its five-year plan for improving its services to Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian students, respectively.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1066)

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§ 607.9 What are the type, duration and limitations in the awarding of grants under this part?

- (a)(1) Under this part, the Secretary may award planning grants and two types of development grants, individual development grants and cooperative arrangement development grants.
- (2) Planning grants may be awarded for a period not to exceed one year.
- (3) Either type of development grant may be awarded for a period of five years.
- (b)(1) An institution that received an individual development grant of five years may not subsequently receive another individual development grant for a period of two years from the date on which the five-year grant period terminates.
- (2) A cooperative arrangement grant is not considered to be an individual development grant under paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1059)

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§ 607.10 What activities may and may not be carried out under a grant?

(a) *Planning grants.* Under a planning grant, a grantee shall formulate—

- (1) A comprehensive development plan described in §607.8; and
- (2) An application for a development grant.

(b) *Development grants—allowable activities.* Under a development grant, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, a grantee shall carry out activities that implement its comprehensive development plan and hold promise for strengthening the institution. Activities that may be carried out include, but are not limited to—

(1) Faculty exchanges, faculty fellowships, and faculty development that provide faculty with the skills and knowledge needed to—

(i) Develop academic support services, including advising and mentoring students;

(ii) Develop academic programs or methodology, including computer-assisted instruction, that strengthen the academic quality of the institution; or

(iii) Acquire terminal degrees that are required to obtain or retain accreditation of an academic program or department;

(2) Funds and administrative management that will improve the institution's ability to—

(i) Manage financial resources in an efficient and effective manner; and

(ii) Collect, access, and use information about the institution's operations for improved decisionmaking;

(3) Developing and improving academic programs that enable the institution to—

(i) Develop new academic programs or new program options that show promise for increased student enrollment;

(ii) Provide new technology or methodology to increase student success and retention or to retain accreditation; or

(iii) Improve curriculum or methodology for existing academic programs to stabilize or increase student enrollment;

(4) Acquiring equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs to achieve objectives such as those described in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section;

(5) Establishing or increasing the joint use of facilities such as libraries and laboratories to—

(i) Eliminate the distance and high cost associated with providing academic programs and academic support; or

(ii) Provide clinical experience that is part of an approved academic program at off-campus locations;

(6) Developing or improving student services to provide—

(i) New or improved methods to deliver student services, including counseling, tutoring, and instruction in basic skills; or

(ii) Improved strategies to train student services personnel;

(7) Payment of any portion of the salary of a dean, with proper justification, to fill a position under the project such as project coordinator or activity director. For purposes of this paragraph, proper justification includes evidence that the position entitled “Dean” is not one that has college-wide administrative authority and responsibility;

(8) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes;

(9) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities, including the integration of computer technology into institutional facilities to create smart buildings;

(10) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector;

(11) Establishing or improving an endowment fund, provided a grantee uses no more than 20 percent of its grant funds for this purpose and at least matches those grant funds with non-Federal funds;

(12) Creating or improving facilities for Internet or other distance learning academic instruction capabilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services;

(13) For grants authorized under section 316 of the HEA to tribal colleges or universities—

(i) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes;

- (ii) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services;
 - (iii) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development, and faculty fellowships to assist in attaining advanced degrees in their field of instruction;
 - (iv) Curriculum development and academic instruction;
 - (v) Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program materials;
 - (vi) Funds and administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management;
 - (vii) Joint use of facilities such as laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) Academic tutoring and counseling programs and student support services designed to improve academic services;
 - (ix) Academic instruction in disciplines in which Indians are underrepresented;
 - (x) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from the alumni and the private sector;
 - (xi) Establishing or enhancing a program of teacher education designed to qualify students to teach in elementary schools or secondary schools, with a particular emphasis on teaching Indian children and youth, that shall include, as part of such program, preparation for teacher certification;
 - (xii) Establishing community outreach programs that encourage Indian elementary school and secondary school students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education; and
 - (xiii) Establishing or improving an endowment fund, provided a grantee uses no more than 20 percent of its grant funds for this purpose and at least matches those grant funds with non-Federal funds; or
- (14) For grants authorized under section 317 of the HEA to Alaska Native-serving institutions and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions—
- (i) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes;
 - (ii) Renovation and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities;

(iii) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development, and faculty fellowships to assist in attaining advanced degrees in the faculty's field of instruction;

(iv) Curriculum development and academic instruction;

(v) Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials;

(vi) Funds and administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management;

(vii) Joint use of facilities such as laboratories and libraries;

(viii) Academic tutoring and counseling programs and student support services.

(c) *Development grants—unallowable activities.* A grantee may not carry out the following activities or pay the following costs under a development grant:

(1) Activities that are not included in the grantee's approved application.

(2) Activities that are inconsistent with any State plan for higher education that is applicable to the institution, including, but not limited to, a State plan for desegregation of higher education.

(3) Activities or services that relate to sectarian instruction or religious worship.

(4) Activities provided by a school or department of divinity. For the purpose of this provision, a "school or department of divinity" means an institution, or a department of an institution, whose program is specifically for the education of students to prepare them to become ministers of religion or to enter into some other religious vocation or to prepare them to teach theological subjects.

(5) Developing or improving non-degree or non-credit courses other than basic skills development courses.

(6) Developing or improving community-based or community services programs, unless the program provides academic-related experiences or academic credit toward a degree for degree students, or unless it is an outreach program that encourages Indian elementary school and secondary school students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education.

(7) Purchase of standard office equipment, such as furniture, file cabinets, bookcases, typewriters, or word processors.

(8) Payment of any portion of the salary of a president, vice president, or equivalent officer who has college-wide administrative authority and responsibility

at an institution to fill a position under the grant such as project coordinator or activity director.

(9) Costs of organized fund-raising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions.

(10) Costs of student recruitment such as advertisements, literature, and college fairs.

(11) Services to high school students, unless they are part of a program to encourage Indian students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education.

(12) Instruction in the institution's standard courses as indicated in the institution's catalog.

(13) Costs for health and fitness programs, transportation, and day care services.

(14) Student activities such as entertainment, cultural, or social enrichment programs, publications, social clubs, or associations.

(15) Activities that are operational in nature rather than developmental in nature.

(d) *Endowment funds.* If a grantee uses part of its grant funds to establish or increase an endowment fund under paragraphs (b)(11) or (b)(13)(xiii) of this section, it must comply with the provisions of §§628.3, 628.6, 628.10 and 628.41 through 628.47 of this chapter with regard to the use of those funds, except—

(1) The definition of the term “endowment fund income” in §628.6 of this chapter does not apply. For the purposes of this paragraph (d), “endowment fund income” means an amount equal to the total value of the fund, including fund appreciation and retained interest and dividends, minus the endowment fund corpus.

(2) Instead of the requirement in §628.10(a) of this chapter, the grantee institution must match each dollar of Federal grant funds used to establish or increase an endowment fund with one dollar of non-Federal funds; and

(3) Instead of the requirements in §628.41(a)(3) through (a)(5) and the introductory text in §628.41(b) and §628.41(b)(2) and (b)(3) of this chapter, if a grantee institution decides to use any of its grant funds for endowment purposes, it must match those grant funds immediately with non-Federal funds when it places those funds into its endowment fund.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057 *et seq.*)

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Subpart B—How Does an Institution Apply for a Grant?

§ 607.11 What must be included in individual development grant applications?

In addition to the information needed by the Secretary to determine whether the institution should be awarded a grant under the funding criteria contained in subpart C, an application for a development grant must include—

- (a) The institution's comprehensive development plan;
- (b) A description of the relationship of each activity for which grant funds are requested to the relevant goals and objectives of its plan;
- (c) A description of any activities that were funded under previous development grants awarded under the Strengthening Institutions Program that expired within five years of when the development grant will begin and the institution's justification for not completing the activities under the previous grant, if applicable; and
- (d) If the applicant is applying to carry out more than one activity—
 - (1) A description of those activities that would be a sound investment of Federal funds if funded separately;
 - (2) A description of those activities that would be a sound investment of Federal funds only if funded with the other activities; and
 - (3) A ranking of the activities in preferred funding order.

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§ 607.12 What must be included in cooperative arrangement grant applications?

- (a)(1) Institutions applying for a cooperative arrangement grant shall submit only one application for that grant regardless of the number of institutions participating in the cooperative arrangement.

(2) The application must include the names of each participating institution, the role of each institution, and the rationale for each eligible participating institution's decision to request grant funds as part of a cooperative arrangement rather than as an individual grantee.

(b) If the application is for a development grant, the application must contain—

(1) Each participating institution's comprehensive development plan;

(2) The information required under §607.11; and

(3) An explanation from each eligible participating institution of why participation in a cooperative arrangement grant rather than performance under an individual grant will better enable it to meet the goals and objectives of its comprehensive development plan at a lower cost.

(4) The name of the applicant for the group that is legally responsible for—

(i) The use of all grant funds; and

(ii) Ensuring that the project is carried out by the group in accordance with Federal requirements.

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§ 607.13 How many applications for a development grant may an institution submit?

In any fiscal year, an institution of higher education that meets the eligibility requirements under sections 311, 316, and 317 of the HEA may—

(a) Submit an application for a development grant authorized under sections 311, 316, and 317 of the HEA; and

(b) Be part of a cooperative arrangement application.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057, 1069)

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Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 607.20 How does the Secretary choose applications for funding?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in—

(1) Sections 607.21 and 607.23 for a planning grant; and

(2) Sections 607.22, 607.23, 607.24, and 607.25 for a development grant.

(b)(1) With regard to applicants that satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) of

this section, for each fiscal year, the Secretary awards individual development grants to applicants that are not individual development grantees under this part, before the Secretary awards an individual development grant to any applicant that is an individual grantee under this part.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of this section, an institution that is a recipient of a cooperative arrangement grant is not an individual grantee under this part.

(c)(1) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for the criteria in §607.21 and up to 100 points for the criteria in §607.22.

(2) The maximum possible score for each complete criterion is in parentheses.

(d)(1) The Secretary considers funding an application for a planning grant that scores at least 50 points under §607.21.

(2) The Secretary considers funding an application for a development grant that—

(i) Scores at least 50 points under §607.22;

(ii) Is submitted with a comprehensive development plan that satisfies all the elements required of such a plan under §607.8; and

(iii) In the case of an application for a cooperative arrangement grant, demonstrates that the grant will enable each eligible participant to meet the goals and objectives of its comprehensive development plan better and at a lower cost than if each eligible participant were funded individually.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–1059, 1066–1069f)

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§ 607.21 What are the selection criteria for planning grants?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application to determine whether the applicant will produce a good comprehensive development plan and a fundable Strengthening Institutions Program application:

(a) *Design of the planning process.* (Total: 60 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the planning process that the applicant will use to develop a comprehensive development plan and an application for a development grant based on the extent to which—

(1) The planning process is clearly and comprehensively described and based on

sound planning practice (15 points);

(2) The president or chief executive officer, administrators and other institutional personnel, students, and governing board members systematically and

consistently will be involved in the planning process (15 points);

(3) The applicant will use its own resources to help implement the project (10 points); and

(4) The planning process is likely to achieve its intended results (20 points).

(b) *Key personnel.* (Total: 20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of key personnel to be involved in the project based on the extent to which—

(1) The past experience and training of key personnel such as the project coordinator and persons who have key roles in the planning process are suitable to the tasks to be performed (10 points); and

(2) The time commitments of key personnel are adequate (10 points).

(c) *Project Management.* (Total: 15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan to manage the project effectively based on the extent to which—

(1) The procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure effective and efficient project implementation (10 points); and

(2) The project coordinator has sufficient authority, including access to the president or chief executive officer, to conduct the project effectively (5 points).

(d) *Budget.* (Total: 5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the proposed project costs are necessary and reasonable.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1840–0114)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–1059, 1066–1069)

§ 607.22 What are the selection criteria for development grants?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate applications for development grants:

(a) *Quality of the applicant's comprehensive development plan.* (Total: 30 points)

The extent to which—

(1) The strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are clearly and comprehensively analyzed and result from a process that involved major

constituencies of the institution. (12 points);

(2) The goals for the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are realistic and based on comprehensive analysis. (5 points);

(3) The objectives stated in the plan are measurable, related to institutional goals, and, if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution (5 points);

(4) The plan clearly and comprehensively describes the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the proposed project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources (8 points).

(b) *Quality of activity objectives.* (Total: 10 points) The extent to which the objectives for each activity are—

(1) Realistic and defined in terms of measurable results (5 points); and

(2) Directly related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan (5 points).

(c) *Quality of implementation strategy.* (Total: 25 points) The extent to which—

(1) The implementation strategy for each activity is comprehensive (10 points);

(2) The rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity is clearly described and is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects (10 points); and

(3) The timetable for each activity is realistic and likely to be attained (5 points).

(d) *Quality of key personnel.* (Total: 10 points) The extent to which—

(1) The past experience and training of key professional personnel are directly related to the stated activity objectives (7 points); and

(2) The time commitment of key personnel is realistic (3 points).

(e) *Quality of project management plan.* (Total: 10 points) The extent to which—

(1) Procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure efficient and effective project implementation (5 points); and

(2) The project coordinator and activity directors have sufficient authority to conduct the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer (5 points).

(f) *Quality of evaluation plan.* (Total: 10 points) The extent to which—

(1) The data elements and the data collection procedures are clearly described and appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives and to measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan (5 points); and

(2) The data analysis procedures are clearly described and are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project on achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan (5 points).

(g) *Budget.* (Total: 5 points) The extent to which the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and scope.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057-1059, 1066-1069f)

[59 FR 41924, Aug. 15, 1994]

§ 607.23 What special funding consideration does the Secretary provide?

(a) If funds are available to fund only one additional planning grant and each of the next fundable applications has received the same number of points under §607.21, the Secretary awards additional points, up to a maximum of two points, to any of those applicants that—

(1) Has an endowment fund of which the current market value, per full-time equivalent enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per full-time equivalent enrolled student, at similar type institutions; (one point) or

(2) Has expenditures for library materials per full-time equivalent enrolled student which is less than the average expenditure for library materials per full-time equivalent enrolled student at similar type institutions. (one point)

(b) If funds are available to fund only one additional development grant and each of the next fundable applications has received the same number of points under §607.22, the Secretary will award additional points, up to a maximum of three points, to any of those applicants that—

(1) Has an endowment fund of which the current market value, per full-time equivalent enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per full-time equivalent enrolled student, at comparable

institutions that offer similar instruction; (one point)

(2) Has expenditures for library materials per full-time equivalent enrolled student which are less than the average expenditures for library materials per full-time equivalent enrolled student at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction (one point); or

(3) Propose to carry out one or more of the following activities—

(i) Faculty development;

(ii) Funds and administrative management;

(iii) Development and improvement of academic programs;

(iv) Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs;

(v) Joint use of facilities; and

(vi) Student services. (one point)

(c) As used in this section, an endowment fund does not include any fund established or supported under 34 CFR part 628.

(d) Each year, the Secretary provides prospective applicants with the average expenditure of endowment funds and library materials per full-time equivalent student.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057 *et seq.*)

[52 FR 30529, Aug. 14, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 41925, Aug. 15, 1994; 60 FR 15447, Mar. 23, 1995; 64 FR 70155, Dec. 15, 1999]

§ 607.24 How does the Secretary use an applicant's performance under a previous development grant when awarding a development grant?

(a)(1) In addition to evaluating an application under the selection criteria in §607.22, the Secretary evaluates an applicant's performance under any previous development grant awarded under the Strengthening Institutions Program that expired within five years of the year when the development grant will begin.

(2) The Secretary evaluates whether the applicant fulfilled, or is making substantial progress toward fulfilling, the goals and objectives of the previous grant, including, but not limited to, the applicant's success in institutionalizing practices developed and improvements made under the grant.

(3) The Secretary bases the evaluation of the applicant's performance on information contained in—

(i) Performance and evaluation reports submitted by the applicant;
(ii) Audit reports submitted on behalf of the applicant; and
(iii) Other information obtained by the Secretary, including reports prepared by the Department.

(b) If the Secretary initially determines that the applicant did not fulfill the goals and objectives of a previous grant or is not making substantial progress towards fulfilling those goals and objectives, the Secretary affords the applicant the opportunity to respond to that initial determination.

(c) If the Secretary determines that the applicant did not fulfill the goals and objectives of a previous grant or is not making substantial progress towards fulfilling those goals and objectives, the Secretary may—

- (1) Decide not to fund the applicant; or
- (2) Fund the applicant but impose special grant terms and conditions, such as specific reporting and monitoring requirements.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1066)

[59 FR 41925, Aug. 15, 1994, as amended at 64 FR 70155, Dec. 15, 1999]

§ 607.25 What priority does the Secretary use in awarding cooperative arrangement grants?

Among applications for cooperative arrangement grants, the Secretary gives priority to proposed cooperative arrangements that are geographically and economically sound, or will benefit the institutions applying for the grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057, 1069)

[59 FR 41925, Aug. 15, 1994]

Subpart D—What Conditions Must a Grantee Meet?

§ 607.30 What are allowable costs and what are the limitations on allowable costs?

(a) *Allowable costs.* Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, a grantee may expend grant funds for activities that are related to carrying out the allowable activities included in its approved application.

(b) *Supplement and not supplant.* Grant funds shall be used so that they supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the funds that would otherwise be available for the activities to be carried out under the grant and in no case supplant those funds.

(c) *Limitations on allowable costs.* A grantee may not use an indirect cost rate to

determine allowable costs under its grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–1059 and 1066)

§ 607.31 How does a grantee maintain its eligibility?

(a) A grantee shall maintain its eligibility under the requirements in §607.2, except for §607.2(a) (1) and (2), for the duration of the grant period.

(b) The Secretary reviews an institution's application for a continuation award to ensure that—

(1) The institution continues to meet the eligibility requirements described in paragraph (a) of this section; and

(2) The institution is making substantial progress toward achieving the objectives set forth in its grant application including, if applicable, the institution's success in institutionalizing practices and improvements developed under the grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–1059b, 1066–1069f)

[59 FR 41925, Aug. 15, 1994]

Appendix III

ENDOWMENT INVESTING—UP TO 20% OF FUNDS

PERTINENT EXCERPT FROM REGULATIONS FOR THOSE USING UP TO 20% OF THEIR GRANT FOR ENDOWMENT INVESTING:

628.42 What may a grantee not use to match an endowment challenge grant?

To match an endowment challenge grant, a grantee may not use--

- (a) A pledge of funds or securities;
- (b) Deferred gifts such as a charitable remainder annuity trust or unitrust;
- (c) Any Federal funds;
- (d) Any borrowed funds; or
- (e) The corpus or income of an endowment fund or quasi-endowment

fund existing at the closing date established by the Secretary for submission of eligibility requests under the Endowment Challenge Grant

Program. This includes the corpus or income of an endowment or quasi-endowment fund established by a foundation if the foundation is tax-exempt and was established for the purpose of raising money for the institution.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065)

628.43 What investment standards shall a grantee follow?

(a) A grantee shall invest, for the duration of the grant period, the endowment fund established under this part in savings accounts or in low-risk securities in which a regulated insurance company may invest

under the law of the State in which the institution is located.

(b) When investing the endowment fund, the grantee shall exercise the

judgment and care, under the circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion and intelligence would exercise in the management of his or her own financial affairs.

(c) An institution may invest its endowment fund in savings accounts permitted under paragraph (a) of this section such as--

- (1) A federally insured bank savings account;
- (2) A comparable interest bearing account offered by a bank; or
- (3) A money market fund.

(d) An institution may invest its endowment fund in low-risk securities permitted under paragraph (a) of this section such as--

- (1) Certificates of deposit;
- (2) Mutual funds;
- (3) Stocks; or
- (4) Bonds.

(e) An institution may not invest its endowment fund in real estate.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065)

628.44 When and for what purposes may a grantee use the endowment fund corpus?

(a)(1) During the grant period, a grantee may not withdraw or spend any part of the endowment fund corpus.

(2) If, during the grant period, a grantee withdraws or spends all or part of the endowment fund corpus, it must repay to the Secretary an amount equal of 50 percent of the amount withdrawn or spent plus the income earned on that amount.

(b) At the end of the grant period, the institution may use the endowment fund corpus for any educational purpose.
(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065)

628.45 How much endowment fund income may a grantee use and for what purposes?

(a) During the endowment challenge grant period, a grantee--

(1) May withdraw and spend up to 50 percent of the total aggregate endowment fund income earned prior to the date of expenditure;

(2) May spend the endowment fund income for--

(i) Costs necessary to operate the institution, including general operating and maintenance costs;

(ii) Costs to administer and manage the endowment fund; and

(iii) Costs associated with buying and selling securities, such as stockbroker commissions and fees to "load" mutual funds;

(3) May not use endowment fund income for--

(i) A school or department of divinity or any religious worship or sectarian activity;

(ii) An activity that is inconsistent with a State plan for desegregation applicable to the grantee; or

(iii) An activity that is inconsistent with a State plan applicable to the grantee; and

(4) May not withdraw or spend the remaining 50 percent of the endowment fund income.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the Secretary may permit a grantee that requests to spend more than 50 percent of the total aggregate endowment fund income to do so if the grantee demonstrates that the expenditure is necessary because of--

(1) A financial emergency such as a pending insolvency or temporary liquidity problem;

(2) A situation threatening the existence of the institution such as destruction due to a natural disaster or arson; or

(3) Another unusual occurrence or demanding circumstance, such as a judgment against the institution for which the institution would be liable.

(c) If, during the grant period, a grantee spends more endowment fund income or uses it for purposes other than permitted under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, it shall repay to the Secretary an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount improperly spent.

(d) At the end of the grant period, the institution may use all of the endowment fund income for any educational purpose.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065)

[49 FR 28521, July 21, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 11258, Apr. 8, 1987; 58

FR 11163, Feb. 23, 1993]

628.46 How shall a grantee calculate the amount of endowment fund income that it may withdraw and spend?

A grantee shall calculate the amount of endowment fund income that it may withdraw and spend at a particular time as follows:

(a) On each date that the grantee plans a withdrawal of income, it must--

(1) Determine the value of endowment fund income by subtracting the endowment fund corpus from the current total value of the endowment fund on that date; and

(2) Calculate the amount of endowment fund income previously withdrawn from the endowment fund.

(b) If the value of endowment fund income in the endowment fund exceeds the aggregate amount of previously withdrawn endowment fund income, the grantee may withdraw and spend up to 50 percent of that excess fund income. (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065) [49 FR 28521, July 21, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 11258, Apr. 8, 1987]

628.47 What shall a grantee record and report?

A grantee shall--

- (a) Keep records of--
 - (1) The source, kind and amount of matching funds;
 - (2) The type and amount of investments of the endowment fund;
 - (3) The amount of endowment fund income; and
 - (4) The amount and purpose of expenditures of endowment fund income;
 - (b) Retain each year's records for a minimum of five years after the grant period ends;
 - (c) Allow the Secretary access to information that the Secretary judges necessary to audit or examine the records required in paragraph (a) of this section;
 - (d) Carry out the audit required in 34 CFR 74.61(h) or 80.26 and the appendix to 34 CFR part 80, as applicable;
 - (e) Provide to the Secretary a copy of the external or internal audit to be performed under 34 CFR 74.61(h) or 80.26 and the appendix to 34 CFR part 80, as applicable; and
 - (f) Submit reports on a timely basis that are requested by the Secretary.
- (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number (1840-0564)
(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065 and 1232f)

[49 FR 28521, July 12, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 11258, Apr. 8, 1987; 53 FR 49146, Dec. 6, 1988; 58 FR 11164, Feb. 23, 1993]

628.48 What happens if a grantee fails to administer the endowment challenge grant in accordance with applicable regulations?

(a) The Secretary may, after giving the grantee notice and an opportunity for a hearing, terminate an endowment challenge grant if the grantee--

- (1) Withdraws or spends any part of the endowment fund corpus in violation of Sec. 628.44(a)(1);
 - (2) Spends any portion of the endowment fund income not permitted to be spent in Sec. 628.45;
 - (3) Fails to invest the endowment fund in accordance with the investment standards set forth in Sec. 628.43; or
 - (4) Fails to meet the requirements in Sec. 628.41.
- (b) If the Secretary terminates a grant under paragraph (a) of this section, the grantee must return to the Secretary an amount equal to the sum of the original endowment challenge grant or grants plus the income earned on that sum.
(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1065)

Appendix IV – Executive Order 12372

Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This appendix applies to each program that is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79.

The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372.

Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should immediately contact the Single Point of Contact for each of those States and follow the procedure established in each of those States under the Executive order. A listing containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in this appendix.

In States that have not established a process or chosen a program for review, State, area wide, regional, and local entities may submit comments directly to the Department.

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments submitted by a State Single Point of Contact and any comments from State, area wide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address: The Secretary, EO 12372--CFDA# [commenter must insert number--including suffix letter, if any], U.S. Department of Education, room 7W301, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR 75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the date indicated in the actual application notice.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE ADDRESS IS NOT THE SAME ADDRESS AS THE ONE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT SUBMITS ITS COMPLETED APPLICATION. DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

APPENDIX V

STATE SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACT (SPOCs)

It is estimated that in 2004 the Federal Government will outlay \$400 billion in grants to State and local governments. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," was issued with the desire to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. Below is the official list of those entities. For those States that have a home page for their designated entity, a direct link has been provided on the official version: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

States that are not listed on this page have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within one of these States, you may still send application materials directly to a Federal-awarding agency.

Contact information for Federal agencies that award grants can be found in [Appendix IV of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance](#).
[http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4_web_state.pdf]

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Office of Management and Budget
New Executive Office Building, Suite 6025
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

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Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity FOR APPLICANTS

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Purpose: This form is for applicants that are nonprofit private organizations (not including private universities). Please complete it to assist the Federal government in ensuring that all qualified applicants, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for Federal funding. Information provided on this form will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions and will not be included in the Federal grants database.

Instructions for Submitting Survey

If submitting hard copy, please place the completed survey in an envelope labeled "Applicant Survey." Seal the envelope and include it with your application package.

If submitting electronically, please include the PR Award Number assigned to your e-application in the box above entitled "*Do not enter information below unless instructed to do so.*" Place and seal the completed survey in an envelope and mail it to: Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW, ROB-3, Room 3671, Washington, DC 20202-4725.

1. Does the applicant have 501(c)(3) status?

 Yes No
2. How many full-time equivalent employees does the applicant have? (Check only one box).

 3 or Fewer 15-50

 4-5 51-100

 6-14 over 100
3. What is the size of the applicant's annual budget? (Check only one box.)

 Less Than \$150,000

 \$150,000 - \$299,999

 \$300,000 - \$499,999

 \$500,000 - \$999,999

 \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999

 \$5,000,000 or more
4. Is the applicant a faith-based/religious organization?

 Yes No
5. Is the applicant a non-religious community-based organization?

 Yes No
6. Is the applicant an intermediary that will manage the grant on behalf of other organizations?

 Yes No
7. Has the applicant ever received a government grant or contract (Federal, State, or local)?

 Yes No
8. Is the applicant a local affiliate of a national organization?

 Yes No

Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

1. 501(c)(3) status is a legal designation provided on application to the Internal Revenue Service by eligible organizations. Some grant programs may require nonprofit applicants to have 501(c)(3) status. Other grant programs do not.
2. For example, two part-time employees who each work half-time equal one full-time equivalent employee. If the applicant is a local affiliate of a national organization, the responses to survey questions 2 and 3 should reflect the staff and budget size of the local affiliate.
3. Annual budget means the amount of money your organization spends each year on all of its activities.
4. Self-identify.
5. An organization is considered a community-based organization if its headquarters/service location shares the same zip code as the clients you serve.
6. An “intermediary” is an organization that enables a group of small organizations to receive and manage government funds by administering the grant on their behalf.
7. Self-explanatory.
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