



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Tuiasina Salamo Laumoli
Acting Director
American Samoa Department of Health
Government of American Samoa
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

Dear Acting Director Tuiasina Salamo Laumoli:

We have conditionally approved American Samoa's application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA or Part C). Our conditional approval is based on our review of the application submitted by American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 10, 2010, including policies, procedures, methods, descriptions, assurances, and certifications identified in Section II, which is incorporated by reference to this letter as Enclosure A. In addition, American Samoa provided the following specific assurances that it will:

1. Operate consistently with the Part C requirements in 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1444 and applicable regulations in 34 CFR Part 303;
2. Ensure that the statewide system of early intervention services required by IDEA Part C and its implementing regulations is, and will remain, in effect throughout the FFY 2010 grant period; and
3. Make such changes to, and submit, for OSEP's approval, American Samoa's policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions as are necessary to bring those policies, procedures, methods and descriptions into compliance with the requirements of IDEA Part C, as soon as possible, and not later than the earlier of the date indicated by American Samoa in Section II of its application or June 30, 2011. Within Section II of its application, American Samoa has included for each requirement that it cannot meet at this time, the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes associated with any policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of IDEA Part C.

American Samoa's FFY 2010 IDEA Part C grant awards are also being released subject to fiscal Special Conditions regarding the Single Audit Act that are identified in the enclosed U.S. Department of Education's June 22, 2010 letter to American Samoa (which is Enclosure B and incorporated in this grant letter by this reference). These Special Conditions, regarding the Single Audit Act, are imposed pursuant to the Department's authority in 34 CFR §80.12. By accepting the enclosed grant awards, American Samoa agrees to comply with the Special Conditions identified in the Department's enclosed June 22, 2010 letter.

Please note that as part of American Samoa's application for FFY 2010, American Samoa has made an assurance, pursuant to 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal

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statutes and regulations in effect during the FFY 2010 grant period. Before adopting a new or revised IDEA Part C policy or procedure that is required under Section II.A of American Samoa's FFY 2010 application, American Samoa must subject those policies and procedures to the public participation requirements in 34 CFR §§303.110 through 303.113 and receive OSEP approval for them prior to their implementation.

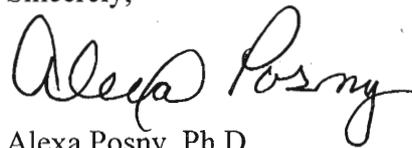
Enclosed is American Samoa's FFY 2010 grant award for funds available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 – P.L. 111-117 for the Part C program. These funds are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012 in accordance with 34 CFR §76.709. ASDOH is not charging any indirect costs to IDEA Part C funds. By accepting the IDEA and ARRA Part C grant funds, your agency (as the lead agency designated under Part C) is agreeing not to charge indirect costs to the Part C program for all FFY 2010 Part C grant funds, including ARRA IDEA Part C funds.

Section 604 of the IDEA provides that “[a] State shall not be immune under the 11th amendment to the Constitution of the United States from suit in Federal court for a violation of this [Act].” Section 606 provides that each recipient of assistance under IDEA make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in programs assisted under the IDEA. Therefore, by accepting this grant, American Samoa is expressly agreeing as a condition of IDEA funding to a waiver of Eleventh Amendment immunity and to ensuring that positive efforts are made to employ and advance employment of qualified individuals with disabilities in programs assisted under the IDEA.

The enclosed grant award of FFY 2010 funds is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries may be necessary needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,



Alexa Posny, Ph.D.

Acting Director

Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

Enclosure A

Enclosure B

cc: Part C Coordinator