

# Alaska Native Education Program

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# Purpose of Program

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The purpose of the Alaska Native Education Program (ANEP) is to support innovative projects that enhance the educational services provided to Alaska Native children and adults.

# Eligibility

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Who may apply: Alaska Native organizations, education entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs or programs of instruction conducted in Alaska Native languages, cultural and community-based organizations with experience in developing or operating programs to benefit Alaska Natives, and consortia of organizations may apply. A state education agency (SEA) or local education agency (LEA) may apply as part of a consortium involving an Alaska Native organization. The consortium may include other eligible applicants.

# Performance

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The Alaska Native Education program uses grantee reporting as a tool for both program evaluation and determining continuation award funding.

Annual Performance Report – 4/15/2012

Final Performance Report – 90 days after the project end date

# **ANEP Funds are to be used for**

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- the development and implementation of plans, methods, and strategies to improve the education of Alaska Natives;
- the development of curricula and educational programs that address the educational needs of Alaska Native students;
- Professional development activities for educators;
- the development and operation of home instruction programs for Alaska Native preschool children, to ensure the active involvement of parents in their children's education from the earliest age;
- Family literacy services;

# **ANEP Funds are to be used for (cont.)**

- the development and operation of student enrichment programs in science and mathematics;
- Research and data collection activities to determine the educational status and needs of Alaska Native children and adults;
- other research and evaluation activities related to programs carried out under this part;
- remedial and enrichment programs to assist Alaska Native students in performing at a high level on standardized test;
- Education and training of Alaska native students enrolled in a degree program that will lead to certification or licensing as teachers;
- Parenting education for parents and caregivers of Alaska Native children to improve parenting and care giving skills (including skills relating to discipline and cognitive development),

# **ANEP Funds are to be used for (cont.)**

- parenting education provided through in-home visitation of new mothers;
- activities carried out through Even Start programs and head Start programs Act, including the training of teachers;
- other early learning and preschool programs;
- cultural education programs;
- dropout prevention programs;
- career preparation activities to enable Alaska Native children and adults to prepare for meaningful employment, including programs providing tech-prep, mentoring, training, and apprenticeship;
- Provision of operational support and purchasing of equipment, to develop regional vocational schools in rural areas of Alaska, including boarding schools, for Alaska native students in grades

# **ANEP Funds are to be used for (cont.)**

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- 9 through 12, or at a high level of education, to provide the students with necessary resources to prepare for skilled employment opportunities; and
- Other activities, consistent with the purpose of this program, to meet educational needs of Alaska Native children and adults.

# Overview of Grants Management

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- Responsibilities
  - Application Requirements
  - Financial Management
  - Recordkeeping
  - Audits
- Flexibilities
  - Expanded Authorities



# Responsibilities

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- Application Requirements
  - Goals and objectives
  - Project activities



# Responsibilities

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- Financial Management
  - Immediate cash needs
  - Obligation defined in EDGAR 75.707
  - Reimbursement is preferred method



# Responsibilities

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- Recordkeeping
  - Financial records
  - Contracting records
  - Time and attendance reporting
  - Equipment tracking
  - Record retention (EDGAR 80.42)



# Responsibilities

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- Audits
  - EDGAR §80.26; OMB Circular A-133
  - \$500,000 or more in Federal funds
  - Mail to Federal Audit Clearinghouse
  - Review Attachment C on GAN



# Flexibilities

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- Expanded Authorities
  - Section 74.25 of EDGAR
  - Amendments to Part 75 of EDGAR extended the expanded authorities to States, local governments, and tribal governments
  - Effective on July 28, 1997



# Flexibilities

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- Carryover (§§ 74.25(e)(3) & 75.253(c)(1))
- Pre-Award Costs (§§ 74.25(e)(1) & 75.263)
- Budget Transfers (§§ 74.25 & 75.264)
- No-Cost Time Extensions (§§ 74.25(e)(2) & 75.261)



# Flexibilities

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Budget Transfers - General Rule:

You may transfer funds without approval, unless the transfer requires specific approval under § 74.25 of EDGAR or the OMB Cost Circulars.



# Flexibilities

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## EDGAR § 74.25(c) – Prior Approvals

- Change in scope or objectives;
- Need for additional Federal funding;
- Transfer of amounts budgeted for indirect costs to absorb increases in direct costs, or vice versa;



# Flexibilities

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## EDGAR § 74.25(c) – Prior Approvals

- Transfer of funds allotted for training allowances;
- The subaward, transfer or contracting out of any work under an award (except for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or general support services)



# Flexibilities

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## Cost Principles (A-87) – Prior Approvals

- Equipment and other capital expenditures
  - Equipment = unit cost equal or greater to \$5,000 or the capitalization level established by your organization (whichever is lower)
- Travel costs
- Membership in “civic and community, social organizations”

# Flexibilities

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## Test your knowledge ...

Your original approved application indicated you would be contracting with a third party to conduct on-going data collection and an evaluation of your project. This activity accounted for about 15% of your total annual budget. However, because it will take 6 months to complete the contract, you believe it would better serve your project to conduct the data collection and evaluation in-house. You believe you have the necessary expertise and it would cost less.



# Flexibilities

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Test your knowledge on budget transfers ...

This change would require a large shift between your contractual and personnel line items. Additionally, you will need to purchase additional equipment including a server and a laptop.

Is prior approval required?

What are the other issues to consider?



# Flexibilities

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No Cost Time Extension - General Rule:

You may receive a one time project period extension (of up to 12 months) to complete the work of your grant – *as long as ...*

# Flexibilities

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## First request requirements

### EDGAR § 74.25(e)(2)

- The extension does not require additional funds;
- The extension does not change the project scope or objectives; and
- *The extension is not for the purpose of using unobligated balances.*

# Flexibilities

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## Additional Requirements:

- The request must be in writing, 10 days before the project ends;
- The request may be up to 12 months

# Flexibilities

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## Additional Time Extensions

### EDGAR § 75.261(c)

- The request must be in writing, 45 days before the project ends;
- Higher standard for granting request – ED must determine that the delay is due to “special or unusual circumstances”