

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA 84.060A]****Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, including Applications for Integration of Services Projects Under Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Section 7116**

Purpose of Program: The Indian Education Formula Grants program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs) in their efforts to reform elementary and secondary schools programs that serve Indian students. The programs funded must be based on the same challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards applied to all students, and are designed to assist Indian students in meeting those standards. Under ESEA section 7116, Integration of Services, the Indian Education Formula Grant program also authorizes the consolidation of funds for Federal programs exclusively serving Indian children, or the funds reserved under Federal programs to exclusively service Indian children under a statutory or administrative formula, for the purposes of providing education and related services that would be used to serve Indian students. Instructions for an Integration of Services project are included in the application package.

Eligible Applicants: LEAs and certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Indian tribes under certain conditions, as prescribed by statute in ESEA section 7112(b).

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 8, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 6, 2002.

Applications Available: June 5, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: The appropriation for this program for fiscal year 2002 is \$97,133,000, which should be sufficient to fund all eligible applicants.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$3,000 to \$24,000,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$76,183.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1,275.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Budget Requirement: All projects with budgets of \$115,000 or more must plan and budget for one person to attend a two day Project Directors' meeting to be held in Washington, DC in mid-September 2002. Other projects not

meeting the level of funding may attend at their discretion.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Note: Applications not meeting the deadline will not be considered for funding in the initial allocation of awards. However, if funds become available after the initial allocation of funds, applications not meeting the deadline may be considered for funding if the Secretary determines under ESEA section 7118(d) that reallocation of those funds to late applicants would best assist in advancing the purposes of the program, may be less than the applicant would have received had it's application been submitted on time.

For Applications or Information Contact: Cathie Martin, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3W115, Washington, DC 20202-6335. Telephone: (202) 260-3774. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA No. 84.358A]****Small, Rural School Achievement Program**

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice announcing application deadline.

SUMMARY: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement Program, we will award grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we announce the deadline for eligible LEAs to apply for fiscal year (FY) 2002 funding under the program and indicate that all applications must be submitted electronically.

Application Deadline: July 9, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An LEA is eligible for an award under the Small, Rural School Achievement Program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600; or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics; or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

We previously requested each SEA to provide, on behalf of their LEAs, data that the Department needs to determine eligibility and calculate FY 2002 allocations under the Small, Rural School Achievement Program. (A copy this request and information concerning the program is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/reap.html>.) On February 21, 2002, we also

published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 8014-8015) announcing the acceptability of alternative average daily attendance (ADA) data and establishing an April 1, 2002 deadline