§ 461.43 Under what circumstances may the Secretary waive the maintenance of effort requirement?

(a) The Secretary may waive, for one year only, the maintenance of effort requirement in § 461.42 if the Secretary determines that a waiver would be equitable due to exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) A natural disaster.
(2) An unforeseen and precipitous decline in financial resources.
(b) The Secretary does not consider a tax initiative or referendum to be an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance.

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§ 461.44 How does a State request a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirement?

An SEA seeking a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirement in § 461.42 shall—

(a) Submit to the Secretary a request for a waiver; and
(b) Include in the request—

(1) The reason for the request; and
(2) Any additional information the Secretary may require.

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§ 461.45 How does the Secretary compute maintenance of effort in the event of a waiver?

If a State has been granted a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirement that allows it to receive a grant from appropriations for a fiscal year, the Secretary determines whether the State has maintained effort and is eligible for its grant to be awarded for the year after the year of the waiver by comparing the amount spent for adult education from non-Federal sources in the second preceding fiscal year (or program year) with the amount spent in the fourth preceding fiscal year (or program year.)

Example: Because exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances prevented a State from maintaining effort in fiscal year 1990 (October 1, 1989–September 30, 1990) or in program year 1990 (July 1, 1989–June 30, 1990) at the level of fiscal year 1989 (October 1, 1988–September 30, 1989) or program year 1989 (July 1, 1988–June 30, 1989), respectively, the Secretary grants the State a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirement that permits the State to receive its fiscal year 1992 grant (a grant that is awarded on or after July 1,