

[CFDA No: 84.272]

National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1995

Purpose of Program: Under the NEISP Program, the Secretary provides grants to States to—

(a) Encourage the States to provide or maintain a guaranteed amount of financial assistance necessary to permit eligible low-income students who obtain high school diplomas or the equivalent to attend an institution of higher education; and

(b) Provide financial incentives to enable States, in cooperation with local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, community organizations, and businesses, to provide—

(1) Additional counseling, mentoring, academic support, outreach, and supportive services to preschool, elementary school, middle school, and secondary school students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

(2) Information to students and their parents about the advantages of obtaining a postsecondary education and their college financing options.

Eligible Applicants: The Secretary is authorized to accept applications from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 24, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 22, 1995.

Available Funds: The Administration's budget request for fiscal year 1995 did not include funds for this program. However, the Congress has appropriated \$3,108,000 in fiscal year 1995 for the early intervention and postsecondary educational scholarship components of the NEISP Program. Please note that for fiscal year 1995 only approximately \$1,000,000 in Federal funds are available to fund new State applicants to be allocated to States on a competitive basis. This is due to the grant continuation requirements for 1994-95 NEISP Program grantees.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$150,000 to \$375,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$275,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3-5.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Budget Period: 12 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General

Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85 and 86; (b) the regulations in 34 CFR part 600; (c) the regulations in 34 CFR part 668; and (d) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 693.

Supplementary Information: The Secretary strongly requests the applicant to limit the application narrative to no more than 50 double-spaced, typed pages (on one side only) although the Secretary will consider applications of greater length. The Department anticipates that successful applications under this program generally will meet this page limit.

Priority: None.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 693.22 of the program regulations.

For Further Information Contact: Daniel Sullivan, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3045, ROB-3, Washington, D.C. 20202-5447. Telephone: (202) 708-4607. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-21 to 1070a-27.

Dated: June 16, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for the Wildlife Mitigation Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: Today's notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on proposed establishment of principles for implementing a program to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitat caused by the development and operation of Columbia River Basin (Basin) hydroelectric projects (as allocated to the purpose of power production). This action involves land resources planning probably affecting many floodplains and wetlands throughout the Basin. In accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839), specific wildlife mitigation activities that BPA would implement under the program are developed through Pacific Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) procedures and proposed in the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Although BPA decisions on these specific actions are independent of one another, preparation of this EIS recognizes their similarity of impacts, methods of implementation, and subject matter. We stress that the EIS will focus on wildlife mitigation, *not* on anadromous or resident fish mitigation. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), the EIS will integrate a floodplain and wetlands assessment.

BPA invites public comment on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to address in the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS.

DATES: A public scoping meeting is schedule for July 14, 1995, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Forum Building, room 190, 525 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. BPA is willing to hold additional scoping meetings depending on public interest and will contact Tribes, agencies, and groups known to be interested in the wildlife program. Written comments are due to the address below no later than July 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to the Public Involvement and Information Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, PO Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. The phone number of the Public Involvement and Information Office is 503-230-3478 in Portland; toll-free 1-800-622-4519 outside of Portland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: