

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Emergency Immigrant Education Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) that experience unexpectedly large increases in their student population due to immigration. These grants are to be used to provide high-quality instruction to immigrant children and youth and to help those children and youth make the transition into American society and meet the same challenging State performance standards expected of all children and youth.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 15, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 15, 1997.

Applications Available: March 10, 1997.

Available Funds: \$100 million.

Project Period: Up to 16 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in

34 CFR Parts 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85.

Programmatic Information: An SEA is eligible for a grant if it meets the eligibility requirements specified in sections 7304 and 7305 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (the Act), as amended by the Improving America's School's Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382, enacted October 20, 1994). (20 U.S.C. 7544 and 7545). In order to receive an award under this program, an SEA must provide a count, taken during April 1997, of the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in public and nonpublic schools in eligible LEAs in accordance with the requirements specified in section 7304 of the Act. An eligible LEA is one in which the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in the public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within the district is at least either 500 or 3 percent of the total number of students enrolled in those public and nonpublic schools. (20 U.S.C. 7544(b)(2)). Under section 7501(7) of the Act, the term "immigrant children and youth" means individuals who are aged 3 through 21, were not born in any State, and have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years. (20 U.S.C. 7601(7)).

For Applications or Information Contact: Ms. Harpreet K. Sandhu, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5086, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9808. 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 the application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at Gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>). However, the official application notice for this grant program is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7541-7549.

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