

Each grantee must annually report on this measure in its annual performance report. In addition, the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program is part of the Administration's job training and employment common measures initiative. The common measures for job training and employment programs targeting adults are: entered employment (percentage employed in the first quarter after program exit); retention in employment (percentage of those employed in the first quarter after exit that were still employed in the second and third quarter after program exit); earnings increase (percentage change in earnings pre-registration to post-program and first quarter after exit to third quarter after exit); and efficiency (annual cost per participant). The Department is currently working toward the implementation of these common measures. Each grantee will be required to collect and report data for the common measures when they are implemented.

In addition, the Department will modify the annual performance reporting form that grantees use for progress reporting to ensure that grantees separately report information for individuals served exclusively by their project. Grantees will report—(1) The number of individuals served exclusively by the project who achieved successful employment outcomes; (2) the number of individuals served by the project who did not achieve employment outcomes; and (3) the number of individuals served by both the State designated agency and the project. We anticipate that this modified performance reporting form will be published for public comment in March 2007.

## VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Sonja T. Turner, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5019, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 245-7557 or by e-mail: [Sonja.Turner@ed.gov](mailto:Sonja.Turner@ed.gov).

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Dated: March 20, 2007.

**John H. Hager,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Recreational Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.128J.*

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* March 23, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 22, 2007.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 23, 2007.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$1,078,665.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, the Secretary may make additional awards in FY 2008 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$130,000-\$140,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$130,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 8.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Recreational Programs is to provide

individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration. Recreational Programs initiate local recreation projects that will continue after Federal assistance ends.

#### Statutory Requirements for Program

All applicants seeking funding under this competition must—

(a) Describe the manner in which the applicant will address the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds (section 21(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act));

(b) Describe the manner in which the findings and results of the project to be funded under the grant, particularly information that facilitates the replication of the results of that project, will be made generally available (section 305(a)(4)(A) of the Act);

(c) Demonstrate ways in which recreational activities assist in maximizing the independence and integration of individuals with disabilities into community-based recreational programs (section 305(a)(1)(C) of the Act);

(d) Assure that the project will maintain, at a minimum, the same level of services over the three-year project period (section 305(a)(5) of the Act);

(e) Assure that the service program funded under the grant will be continued after Federal assistance ends (section 305(a)(4)(B) of the Act); and

(f) Provide non-Federal resources (in cash or in-kind) to pay the non-Federal share cost of the project in year two at 25 percent of the year one Federal grant and in year three at 50 percent of the year one Federal grant (section 305(a)(3)(B) of the Act).

*Priorities:* This competition includes one absolute priority and one competitive preference priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(1), the absolute priority is from the notice of final priority for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2001 (66 FR 20176). The competitive preference priority is from section 75.225 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2007 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Projects must provide recreational services to individuals with disabilities. Recreational services include, but are not limited to, vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure

networking, leisure resource development, physical education and sports, scouting and camping, 4-H activities, music, dancing, handicrafts, art, and homemaking. Recreational services do not include the construction of facilities for aquatic rehabilitation therapy.

Projects must provide recreational services to individuals with disabilities in settings with peers who are not individuals with disabilities.

**Competitive Preference Priority:** For FY 2007 this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional five points to an application that meets this priority.

This priority is:

The applicant must be a novice applicant. Novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from the Department that—

(a) Has never received a grant or subgrant under the Recreational Programs;

(b) Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with section 75.127 through 75.129, that received a grant under the Recreational Programs; and

(c) Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the Recreational Programs.

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 775.

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) EDGAR in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, and 86. (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 369. (c) The notice of final priority published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2001 (66 FR 20176).

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

## II. Award Information

**Type of Award:** Discretionary grants.

**Estimated Available Funds:**

\$1,078,665.

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**Estimated Range of Awards:**

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\$130,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 8.

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

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.

## III. Eligibility Information

1. **Eligible Applicants:** States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations.

2. **Cost Sharing or Matching:** The Federal share of the cost of a project is 100 percent in the first year, 75 percent in the second year, and 50 percent in the third year. The local match may be in cash or in-kind contributions. See section 305(a)(3) of the Act.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. **Address to Request Application Package:** Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794–1398. Telephone (toll free): 1–877–433–7827. FAX: (301) 470–1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1–877–576–7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.128J.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5075, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 245–7363.

2. **Content and Form of Application Submission:** Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition.

3. **Submission Dates and Times:**

**Applications Available:** March 23, 2007.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** May 22, 2007.

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including date and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV.6. **Other Submission Requirements** in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** July 23, 2007.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **For Further Information Contact**.

4. **Intergovernmental Review:** This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. **Funding Restrictions:** We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

6. **Other Submission Requirements:** Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. **Electronic Submission of Applications.**

Applications for grants under the Recreational Programs, CFDA Number 84.128J must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at <http://www.Grants.gov>. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under **Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement**.

You may access the electronic grant application for Recreational Programs at <http://www.Grants.gov>. You must search for the downloadable application package for this competition by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.128, not 84.128J).

### Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application

must be fully uploaded and submitted, and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov at <http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf>.

- To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)). These steps include (1) Registering your organization, a multi-part process that includes registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR); (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see <http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBrochure.pdf>). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to submit successfully an application via Grants.gov. In addition you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis. This may take three or more business days to complete.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. Please note that two of these forms—the SF

424 and the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424—have replaced the ED 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance).

- You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified in this paragraph or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by e-mail. This second notification indicates that the Department has received your application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

*Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System:* If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed elsewhere in this notice under *For Further Information Contact* and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on

whether your application will be accepted.

**Note:** The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

*Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement:* You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or

- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system; and

- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Ed Hoffer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5065, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. FAX: (202) 245-7592.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

*By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J), 400 Maryland

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202–4260 or

*By mail through a commercial carrier:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Stop 4260, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J), 7100 Old Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785–1506.

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

#### *c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202–4260. The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

**Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:** If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call

the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245–6288.

#### **V. Application Review Information**

*Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are in the application package.

#### **VI. Award Administration Information**

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), a measure has been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Recreational Programs: the percentage of projects in operation one, two, and three years after Federal funding ends. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) collects data on this measure by contacting grantees once a year after the project period has ended. All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their success in maintaining the same level of service over their three-year project period and to provide information to RSA when they are contacted about their on-going activities after the project period has ended.

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Dated: March 20, 2007.

**John H. Hager,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Technical Assistance Center for Evidence-Based Practices To Improve the Social-Emotional Development of Young Children With or At Risk of Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.326B.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* March 23, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 7, 2007.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 6, 2007.