

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[CFDA 84.060A]****Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

*Purpose:* Provides grants to support local educational agencies in their efforts to reform elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students in order to ensure that those programs are based on challenging State content standards and State student performance standards used for all students, and are designed to assist Indian students to meet those standards.

*Eligible Applicants:* Local educational agencies (LEAs) and certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Indian tribes under certain conditions.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Applications:* March 10, 1997.

Applications not meeting the deadline will not be considered for funding in the initial allocation of awards.

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may be considered for funding if the Secretary determines, under section 9117(d), Part A of Title IX of the 1994 amendments of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (the Act) that funds are available and that reallocation of those funds to those applicants would best assist in advancing the purposes of the program. However, the amount and date of an individual award, if any, made under section 9117(d) of the Act may not be the same to which the applicant would have been entitled if the application had been submitted on time.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental*

*Review:* May 10, 1997.

*Applications Available:* December 20, 1996.

*Available Funds:* The appropriation for this program for fiscal year 1997 is \$58,000,000, which should be sufficient to fund all eligible applicants.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$3,000 to \$1,110,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$40,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1,270.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

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

**FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION**

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7811.

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