

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA Nos.: 84.320A, 84.321A, and 84.322A]****Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Alaska Native Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1997**

Summary: The Secretary invites applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1997 under three direct grant programs for Alaska Natives and announces deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs.

Organization of Notice: The accompanying chart includes the following information for each program or competition:

- The CFDA number and name of each affected program.
- The date on which applications will be available.
- The deadline for submission of applications.
- The estimated available funds.
- The estimated range of awards.
- The estimated average size of awards.
- The estimated number of awards.
- The project period.

In addition, the selection criteria and applicable regulations below apply to each program or competition in this notice.

84.320A—Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program

Purpose of Program: To support projects that recognize and address the unique educational needs of Alaska

Native students through consolidation, development, and implementation of educational plans and strategies to improve schooling for Alaska Natives, development of curricula, and the training and recruitment of teachers. This program is authorized by section 9304 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs or programs of instruction conducted in Alaska Native languages, or partnerships involving Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7934.

84.321A—Alaska Native Home-Based Education for Preschool Children

Purpose of Program: To support home instruction programs for preschool Alaska Native children that develop parents as educators for their children and ensure the active involvement of parents in the education of their children from the earliest ages. This program is authorized by section 9305 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs, or partnerships involving Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7935.

84.322A—Alaska Native Student Enrichment Programs

Purpose of Program: To support projects that provide enrichment

programs and family support services for Alaska Native students from rural areas who are preparing to enter village high schools so that they may excel in science and mathematics. This program is authorized by section 9306 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs, or partnerships including Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7936.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary will use the following selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 (revised as of July 1, 1996) to evaluate applications under the three competitions in this notice. The maximum score for all of the selection criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is as follows:

- (a) *Meeting the purposes of the authorizing statute*—30 points.
- (b) *Extent of need for the project*—20 points.
- (c) *Plan of operation*—20 points.
- (d) *Quality of key personnel*—7 points.
- (e) *Budget and cost effectiveness*—5 points.
- (f) *Evaluation plan*—15 points.
- (g) *Adequacy of resources*—3 points.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

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CFDA No. and name	Estimated available funds (FY 1997)	Estimated range of awards (FY 1997)	Estimated average size of awards (FY 1997)	Estimated number of awards
84.320A Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program	\$4,950,000	\$625,000 to 4,950,000	\$1,237,500	1–7
84.321A Alaska Native Home-Based Education for Preschool Children	1,980,000	250,000 to 1,980,000	792,000	1–4
84.322A Alaska Native Student Enrichment Programs	990,000	125,000 to 990,000	495,000	1–3

Project Period for All Programs: 36 Months.

Date Applications Available: March 27, 1997.

Deadline for Transmittal of Application: May 27, 1997.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Funding estimates are for the first year of the project period only. Funding for the second and third years is subject to the availability of funds and the approval of continuation (see 34 CFR 75.253).

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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; on the Internet Gopher Server (at <gopher://gcs.ed.gov>); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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