

Guidelines

Fiscal Year 1986-87

Higher Education Programs
Provided Through the Federal Education
For Economic Security Act, PL 98-377

The 98th Congress adopted the Education for Economic Security Act of 1984 (PL 98-377). Title II of this Act provides for allocations to the states based on the proportion each has of the population aged 5-17. In each state 70% of the allocation is to be administered by the state agency for the public schools. The remaining 30% is to be administered by the state agency for higher education.

In South Carolina, the state agency for higher education is the Commission on Higher Education. The federal higher education allocation for this purpose is expected to be approximately \$167 thousand. The Commission will, pursuant to provisions of the Act and of Regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Education (Federal Register 49, 225, pp. 45840-45842, November 20, 1984) conduct two separate grant programs for which eligible institutions may apply. Each of these is described below.

Higher Education Competitive Grants Program

Seventy five percent of the funds made available (estimated amount: \$125,500) may be awarded on a competitive basis to institutions of higher education within the State which submit proposals for:

- 1) Inservice programs for teachers of mathematics, in public and non-public schools, to improve their teaching skills;
- 2) Retraining programs for secondary school teachers, in public or non-public schools, certified in other areas who may wish to become certified in mathematics, or;
- 3) A combination of the above.

All institutions of higher education, public and non-public, in the State which are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools are invited to submit proposals for this program.

Proposals must be submitted, in 15 copies, by the chief executive of the proposing institution to the Executive Director of the Commission (1333 Main Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201) so as to be received at the Commission office by not later than noon on Friday, August 1, 1986.

Proposals must include at a minimum the following:

- 1) A cover page, indicating the program for which funds are sought,

the name of the institution, the submittal date, and the name of a principal contact person at the institution.

- 2) A brief summary of the contents of the proposal, not to exceed two pages in length, summarizing the purposes of the proposal, the methods to be employed, and the proposed expenditures by broad category.
- 3) Details including:
 - a) A statement of the problem to be addressed;
 - b) A description of the methods by which the problem is to be attacked, including estimates of the number of teachers to be served;
 - c) A description of the projected outcomes;
 - d) An institutional agreement with a Local Education Agency (LEA), or a consortium of LEA's, to provide the requested training;
 - e) A description of the ways in which the proposed activity will take into account the need for greater access to and participation in mathematics careers for students from historically under-represented and under-served groups and for gifted and talented students;
 - f) A detailed budget proposal. Requests for overhead charges will not be allowed;
 - g) Adequate assurance that federal funds made available will supplement, not supplant, non-federal (including State) funds;
 - h) A description of the methods and procedures that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed activity, including a description of the pre-determined criteria that will be used in that assessment. If a project was funded through this program for FY 1985-86, an interim evaluation of that project is to be included.

Higher Education Cooperative Demonstration Program

Twenty percent of the funds made available (estimated amount: \$33,500) may be awarded on a competitive basis to support development and dissemination of projects designed to improve student understanding of and performance in critical foreign languages. Awards will be made to eligible institutions of higher education which propose suitable cooperative programs involving LEA's, private industry, a private non-profit organization, or all three. All institutions of higher education in the State, public and non-public, which are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools are invited to submit proposals.

The Commission on Higher Education will give special consideration to those proposals which involve consortial arrangements that include LEA's.

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Proposals must include at a minimum the following:

- 1) A cover page, indicating the program for which funds are sought, the name of the institution, the submittal date, and the name of a principal contact person at the institution.
- 2) A brief summary of the contents of the proposal, not to exceed two pages in length, summarizing the purposes of the proposal, the methods to be employed, and the proposed expenditures by broad category.
- 3) Details including:
 - a) A statement of the problem to be addressed;
 - b) A description of the proposed demonstration or dissemination project, including estimates of the number of students to be served;
 - c) A description of the projected outcomes;
 - d) Any institutional agreement with an LEA, or a consortium of LEA's;
 - e) A detailed budget proposal. Requests for overhead charges will not be allowed;
 - f) Adequate assurance that federal funds made available will supplement, not supplant, non-federal (including State) funds;
 - g) A description of the methods and procedures that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed activity, including a description of the pre-determined criteria that will be used in that assessment. If a project was funded through this program for FY 1985-86, an interim evaluation of that project must be included. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

All proposals received for both grant programs will be reviewed by a panel made up of staff members of the Commission and of the State Department of Education.

All proposals will be considered and awards made by the Commission's Committee on Academic Affairs. All institutions submitting proposals will be notified of the date, time and place of that meeting.

Funds awarded may be expended through September, 1987.

Each institution granted an award will be required to submit a final report, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of its project, by not later than October 31, 1987.

Questions about either or both of these projects may be addressed to Dr. Frank E. Kinard, Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Commission on Higher Education, Columbia (253-6260)

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