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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP), administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education (Department). The PEP grant provides funding to local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to initiate, expand, and improve physical education for students in grades K-12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting their state's physical education standards.

Please take the time to review this entire application package paying particular attention to applicable priorities, selection criteria, and all of the application instructions thoroughly. An application will not be evaluated for funding if the applicant does not comply with all of the procedural rules that govern the submission of the application or the application does not contain the information required under the program (EDGAR §75.216 (b) and (c)).

Funds for this grant cohort will be awarded differently than they have been in past years. This year, at the time of the year 1 award, the Department will forward fund PEP grant recipients for all years of their projects. Applications must include annual budgets for each year of the project period, and grantees will have to submit progress reports throughout the project period.

This competition has four priorities—one absolute priority, three competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. The absolute priority and Competitive Preference Priority 1 are from the notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions for this program published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892). Competitive Preference Priority 2 and Competitive Preference Priority 3 are from the Department's notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73426). The invitational priority is based on 34 CFR 75.226(d)(4).

For this competition it is **mandatory** for applicants to use the government-wide website, Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>), to apply. Please note that the Grants.gov site works differently than the U.S. Department of Education's e-Application System. We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with Grants.gov and strongly recommend that you register *and* submit early.

Applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will now be posted using Adobe forms. Therefore, applicants will need to download a newer version of Adobe reader (Grants.gov recommends Adobe Reader 10.1.4). Please review the Submitting Applications with Adobe Reader Software and Education Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants forms found within this package for further information and guidance related to this requirement.

Using FY 2016 funds, the Department expects to award \$23,000,000 for new grants under this competition. We will award discretionary grants on a competitive basis for a project period of up to 36 months. Grants are expected to be awarded in September.

Please visit our program website at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/> for further information. If you have any questions about the program after reviewing the application package, please contact Carlette KyserPegram by telephone at (202) 453-6732 or via e-mail at Carlette.KyserPegram@ed.gov.

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Program Information

Overview

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) provides grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade to help students meet their state standards for physical education.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law, and community-based organizations (CBOs), including faith-based organizations. Current, active grantees are not eligible to apply.

Authority

The authority for this program is found in 20 U.S.C. 7261-7261f.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485, and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474. (c) The regulations in 34 CFR part 299. (d) The notice of final eligibility requirements for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70369). (e) The notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892). (f) The notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73453).

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.

Official Document Notice

The official document governing this competition are the Notice Inviting Applications published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2016.

Project Period

Projects may be funded for up to 36 months (three budget periods of 12 months each). The Department plans to forward fund PEP grant recipients for subsequent years of funding during the first year of grant. However, applicants must include a separate budget for each year of requested funds.

Estimated Range of Awards

Under this grant competition, we anticipate approximately 15 awards will be made, ranging from \$200,000-\$800,000 per project year.

Application Due Date

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov portal and must be submitted before 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the deadline date for applications.

Applications may not be emailed or faxed.

Note: Under very extraordinary circumstances, the Department may change the closing date for a competition. When this occurs, we announce such a change in a notice published in the Federal Register. Waivers for individual applications failing to meet the deadline will not be granted, except in the circumstances described in the section under electronic submission of applications.

Unique Applications

Information submitted in response to the scoring criteria should be specific to the applicant's district or community and should not be identical or substantially similar to other applications. Identical or substantially similar applications are not responsive to the scoring criteria.

Priorities for This Competition

Absolute Priority - Under this priority, an applicant is required to develop, expand, or improve its physical education program and address its State's physical education standards by undertaking the following activities: (1) instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition and (2) physical fitness activities that must include at least one of the following: (a) fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being; (b) instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student; (c) development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle; (d) opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation; or (e) opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

Competitive Preference Priority 1 - We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application an agreement that details the participation of required partners, as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2016.

Competitive Preference Priority 2 - We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application projects that are designed to improve students' mastery of non-cognitive skills and behaviors (such as academic behaviors, academic mindset, perseverance, self-regulation, social and emotional skills, and approaches toward learning strategies) and enhance student motivation and engagement in learning.

Competitive Preference Priority 3 - We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application projects designed to improve academic outcomes; learning environments; or both for students in lowest-performing schools.

Invitational Priority - We are inviting applicants to propose projects in which physical education or nutrition education programs and practices are supported by research studies that demonstrate evidence of promise as defined in 34 CFR 77.1c.

Note: Under this priority, we are inviting applications that meet the evidence of promise standard as defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c). Each applicant is encouraged to submit a citation for the study or studies that supports the applicant's proposed process, strategy, or practice and that the applicant provides as justification that it meets the evidence of promise standard. If applicable and available, the on-line link for the citation should be provided in the Abstract.

Grantee Meeting

All applicants must budget for attendance at the New Grantee Meeting. This is a two-day meeting during the first year of the grant. Applicants may budget for up to two staff people to attend. This meeting is usually held in Washington, DC. Grant funds may be used to pay for transportation, hotel, and per diem costs associated with attendance at this meeting.

Reports

Each grantee is required to submit annual and final reports to demonstrate progress toward GPRA measures and project objectives. For multiple-year projects, annual reports are also evaluated to determine whether substantial progress has been made to justify a continuation award. For projects funded for one year, only a final report is required.

Contracting for Goods and Services

Generally, all procurement transactions by grantees made with Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant funds must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition, consistent with the standards in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, located in 2 CFR 200.317-200.326. This section requires that grantees use their own procurement procedures (which reflect State and local laws and regulations) to select contractors, provided that those procedures meet certain standards described in the sections mentioned above.

Because grantees must use appropriate procurement procedures to select contractors, generally applicants should not include information in their grant applications about specific contractors that will be used to provide services or goods for the proposed project if a grant is awarded. These requirements are not applicable in the event that the goods or services being procured are available only from a single source.

If a vendor assists an applicant in preparing an application for a grant, and subsequently is interested in providing contract services if the applicant receives a grant award, a close examination of all activities is warranted to ensure that the vendor did not act as an agent of the grantee, that the vendor does not have an organizational conflict of interest in the procurement, and that the requirements for full and open competition have not been violated.

The requirements regarding full and open competition could be violated even if a vendor's participation in the application process was limited. For example, a vendor that provides specifications that are then included in a grant application could have a competitive advantage over other vendors. Applicants for funding should carefully consider the requirements concerning competition contained in EDGAR as they interact with vendors during the application process, and if they are awarded a grant under the program. EDGAR is available online at: www.ed.gov/policy/fund/req/edgarReg/edgar.html

Budget

Applicants requesting funds must submit a [single] ED Standard Form 524 which covers all years of requested funding and a detailed budget narrative for each of the 12-month budget periods (up to 3) to be eligible for funding. The ED Standard Form 524 should represent the total funds needed to support the proposed project for each of the 12-month budget periods. Applicants must also include a budget narrative that details the anticipated expenditures as a part of their application.

Matching Requirement

Federal grant funds may be used to pay for no more than 90 percent of the total cost of the project in the first year and no more than 75 percent of the total cost of the project in each subsequent year. Therefore, applicants should determine the total cost of the program prior to requesting federal funds. For example, if the total cost of your program in year one is \$100,000; you may request grant funds in the amount of \$90,000 (90% of total cost). You would then be required to supply the additional \$10,000 as a match. If the total cost of your program in each subsequent year is \$100,000; you may request grant funds in the amount of \$75,000 (75% of the total cost) and would be then be required to supply the additional \$25,000 as a match.

In an effort to assist you in calculating your required matching cost, we have provided the following formulas:

■ Year One Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Requested Grant Amount} \times .10 \text{ (matching \%)}}{.90 \text{ (Federal share \%)}} = \text{Your Required Match}$$

■ Subsequent Years Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Requested Grant Amount} \times .25 \text{ (matching \%)}}{.75 \text{ (Federal share \%)}} = \text{Your Required Match}$$

E-mail Addresses

As part of our review of your application, we may need to contact you with questions for clarification. Please be sure your application contains valid e-mail addresses for the person serving as the Project Director and as well as the person serving as the Authorized Representative.

Project Director Time Commitment

Applicants are requested to provide the percent of the Project Director’s time that will be dedicated to the grant project if funded. For example, if the Project Director works 40 hours per week and spends 20 hours per week working on grant activities, then the time commitment for the Project Director would be 50%. We suggest that applicants include this information in the budget narrative or that they add this information to the Project Director line on the Department of Education Supplement to the SF 424.

Review of Applications and Notification of Awards

The review of applications and notification of award for this grant competition requires approximately six to eight weeks. We expect to notify the successful applicant by September 30, 2016. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified within 60 days of the award start date.

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Definitions

For the purposes of this competition, the following definitions apply:

(A) The term **community-based organization (CBO)** is defined as a private or public nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that:

- 1) is representative of a community or significant segments of a community; and
- 2) provides educational or related services to individuals in the community.

(B) The term **evidence of promise** is defined as having empirical evidence to support the theoretical linkage(s) between at least one critical component and at least one relevant outcome presented in the logic model for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice. Specifically, evidence of promise means the conditions in both paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this definition are met:

- 1) There is at least one study that is a—
 - (i) Correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias;
 - (ii) Quasi-experimental design study that meets the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards with reservations; or
 - (iii) Randomized controlled trial that meets the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards with or without reservations.
- 2) The study referenced in paragraph (1) of this definition found a statistically significant or substantively important (defined as a difference of 0.25 standard deviations or larger) favorable association between at least one critical component and one relevant outcome presented in the logic model for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice. (34 CFR 77.1(c)).

(C) The term **head of local government** is defined as the head of, or an appropriate designee of, the party responsible for the civic functioning of the county, city, town, or municipality would be considered the head of local government. This includes, but is not limited to, the mayor, city manager, or county executive. (75 FR 34892, 34909).

(D) The term **local educational agency (LEA)** is defined as:

- 1) A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or of or for such combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools.
- 2) The term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school.
- 3) The term includes an elementary or secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs but only to the extent that including the school makes the school eligible for programs for which specific eligibility is not provided to such school in another provision of law and such school does not have a student population that is smaller than the student population of the local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act

with the smallest student population, except that such school shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of any State educational agency other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- 4) The term includes educational service agencies and consortia of those agencies.
- 5) The term includes the State educational agency in a State in which the State is the sole educational agency for all public schools. (ESEA section 9101(26))

(E) The term **local public health entity** is defined as an administrative or service unit of local or State government concerned with health and carrying some responsibility for the health of a jurisdiction smaller than the State (except for Rhode Island and Hawaii, because these States' health departments operate on behalf of local public health and have no sub-State unit). The definition applies to the State health department or the State public health entity in the event that the local public health entity does not govern health and nutrition issues for the local area.

(F) The term **local government** is defined as a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority (including any public and Indian housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937) school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under state law), any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government.

(G) The term **lowest-performing schools** is defined, for a State with an approved request for flexibility under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), as priority schools or Tier I and Tier II schools that have been identified under the School Improvement Grants program. For any other State, Tier I and Tier II schools that have been identified under the School Improvement Grants program.

(H) The term **nonprofit** is applied to an agency, organization, or institution means that it is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations, whose net earnings do not benefit, and cannot lawfully benefit, any private shareholder or entity.

(I) The term **organization supporting nutrition or healthy eating** is defined as a local public or private non-profit school, local public health entity, health-related professional organization, or local business that has demonstrated interest and efforts in promoting student health or nutrition. This term would include, but not be limited to LEAs (particularly an LEA's school food or child nutrition director), grocery stores, supermarkets, restaurants, corner stores, farmers' markets, farms, other private businesses, hospitals, institutions of higher education, Cooperative Extension Service and 4H Clubs, and community gardening organizations, when such entities have demonstrated a clear intent to promote student health and nutrition or have made tangible efforts to do so. This definition does not include representatives from trade associations or representatives from any organization representing any producers or marketers of food or beverage product(s).

Additional Resources

For additional information on the differences between physical activity, physical education, and physical fitness please visit The Department of Health and Human Services' Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.health.gov/paguidelines/default.aspx>.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

What is the deadline date for transmittal of applications under this grant competition?

May 20, 2016.

May I get an extension of the deadline date?

Waivers for individual applications failing to meet the deadline will not be granted, except in the circumstances described in the Federal Register notice. Under very extraordinary circumstances the Department may change the closing date for a grant competition. When this occurs, the Department announces such a change in a notice published in the Federal Register.

When will grant awards be announced?

Grants will be announced by September 30, 2016

Can the funds be used for a multi-year grant project?

Yes. However, unlike in prior years, this year the Department will fund PEP grant recipients for all years of the grant project in the initial year of grant. Essentially, this means PEP grantees will receive funding for up to 36 months all at once. However, applicants are still required to include a separate budget narrative for each project year (12 month period) of requested funding, Grantees will need to submit an interim report, approved by the Department, at the end of each 12 month period before using funds dedicated to the following 12 month period.

How many new awards will be made?

We estimate that we will make about 15 new awards.

What steps can I take to maximize my chances of receiving a grant?

- Before preparing your application, read this entire application package carefully and thoroughly.
- Follow all of the instructions.
- If you're uncertain about any aspects of this application package, please first review the Frequently Asked Questions section. Most commonly asked questions are answered in this section. If your questions are not addressed, please contact the competition manager for clarification.
- Absolute priorities establish the parameters for applications under a grant competition. If your application does not meet the absolute priority or the additional requirements for this grant competition, it will not be considered for funding.
- A panel of three persons from the physical education, school health, student wellness, nutrition education, education programs development and design, other related fields will review your application. Be sure to organize your application clearly, provide all requested information in a comprehensive manner, and respond to each selection criterion thoroughly. Reviewers are not permitted to give you "the benefit of the doubt"; therefore, if information is not in your application, reviewers cannot award points for it.
- Be sure that your application includes a budget request form (ED 524) as well as a complete narrative justification.

- Transmit your application on or before the deadline date. **Late applications will not be processed.**

This competition has a “supplement, not supplant” provision. What does this mean?

This provision requires that applicants not use grant funding to pay for any services or functions that would be covered as an ordinary function or service. Based on Federal regulations, if a grantee decides to charge indirect costs to a program that has a statutory requirement prohibiting the use of Federal funds to supplant non-Federal funds, the grantee must use a **negotiated restricted indirect cost rate**. Your organization must submit proof of a **negotiated restricted indirect cost rate** with the application if you are planning to claim indirect costs.

What is an indirect cost?

An indirect cost is an expense that you incur that is necessary to implementing the grant, but may be difficult to identify directly with your grant. For example, indirect costs may include money spent for heat, light, rent, telephone, security, accounting, and Internet use.

If your organization prefers to use all of its grant funds for direct project costs, you are not required to charge the grant for indirect costs. If you wish to recover indirect costs, however, *you must use a **negotiated restricted indirect cost rate** for this competition*. This rate permits grantees to distribute indirect costs across grants so that grantees are able to recover these costs for grant funds.

For more information, please see: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/fipao/icgindex.html.

How do I obtain a negotiated, restricted indirect cost rate?

Your organization may already have a negotiated, restricted indirect cost rate with a Federal government agency. If your organization has not negotiated this rate in the past, please contact the Department of Education’s Indirect Cost Group at Indirectcostgroup@ed.gov.

Who in my organization may be able to provide information about our negotiated, restricted indirect cost rate?

If you do not know your negotiated, restricted indirect cost rate, please contact your business office. Please note, you will need to submit proof of this cost rate, such as a signed letter or a page from a state web site. In most cases, state educational agencies calculate and assign indirect cost rates to their local educational agencies.

For my GEPA 427 statement, is it adequate to state that our organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, etc.?

No. An organization’s non-discrimination statement is not sufficient to meet the GEPA requirements. A GEPA statement should outline an entity’s potential barriers and solutions to equal access, specific to the proposed project.

What date should I use as the project start date?

We expect to make awards by September 30, 2016, so you may use October 1, 2016 as your project start date for the purposes of the application. Should you receive an award and this date is different, you will be asked to adjust your timeline according to the actual start date.

May a vendor or individual who assists in preparing the PEP application be selected as contractor to provide goods and/or services for our grant project?

Yes, under certain circumstances. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.319, “all procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition...” One element that must be reviewed is whether there is an “organizational conflict of interest.”

If a vendor or individual assists in preparing an application for an ED grant, and subsequently is interested in providing contract services for the grant, a close examination of all activities is warranted to ensure that there is no such conflict of interest. For example, a vendor or individual that provides specifications that are then included in a grant application could have a competitive advantage over other vendors or individuals. However, a vendor or individual that provides more general assistance with an application, which does not give them any advantage, might not have an organizational conflict of interest. Each situation must be determined on a fact-specific basis to be sure all standards set out in 200.319 are met

May we forego the bidding and/or procurement process if we want to pay a partner that has been identified and described under the partnership competitive preference priority, for goods and/or services?

No. If your project includes paying any of the partners you have identified and described under the partnership competitive preference priority, we will consider your relationship with that entity contractual. As such, the only way for you to contract with that entity, is to do so as a result of following your agency’s procurement policies and procedures. However, 34 CFR 75.135 provides that:

(b) When entering into a contract for data collection, data analysis, evaluation services, or essential services, an applicant may select a provider using the informal, small-purchase procurement procedures in [2 CFR 200.320(b)], regardless of whether that applicant would otherwise be subject to that part or whether the evaluation contract would meet the standards for a small purchase order, if—

- (1) The contract is with the data collection, data analysis, evaluation service, or essential service provider;
- (2) The data collection, data analysis, evaluation service, or essential service provider that the applicant proposes to use is identified in the application for the grant; and
- (3) The data collection, data analysis, evaluation service, or essential service provider is identified in the application in order to meet a statutory, regulatory, or priority requirement related to the competition.

May I use another district’s application as a model for my submission?

Information submitted in response to the scoring criteria must be specific to your district or organization; therefore, we strongly discourage using form or model applications. Identical or substantially similar applications are not responsive to the scoring criteria and may not be rated highly enough to receive funding. In addition, selection criteria, priorities, and other information have likely changed since the other entity’s application was submitted and could result in your application scoring poorly or being ruled ineligible.

Whom do I contact for more information about this grant competition?

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What steps should the applicant's Authorized Representative take before signing a grant application?

The standard form that serves as a cover sheet for grant applications includes a certification statement that accompanies the authorized representative's signature. By signing the certification statement, the authorized representative certifies that the information provided in the grant application is true and complete, to the best of the authorized representative's knowledge, and that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject the authorized representative to administrative, civil, or criminal penalties.

As such, an authorized representative should carefully review a grant application before signing in order to ensure that all of the information contained in the application package is correct. Additionally, an authorized representative should be sure that the application describes a project that has the organization's support and reflects an approach that the organization is committed to implementing if the project were to receive funding.

Electronic Applications**How do I submit my grant electronically?**

For more information on using Grants.gov, please refer to the Notice Inviting Applications for this competition published in the Federal Register; the Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips document found in this application package; and/or visit www.grants.gov.

Do I have to submit my application electronically?

Yes. Unless you qualify for an exception in accordance with the instructions found in the Notice Inviting Applications, you must submit your application electronically.

How do I register to submit my grant electronically?

If you are a new user, you will need to register to use Grants.gov. For detailed information on the Registration Steps see the Grants.gov Submission Tips and Procedures for Applicants on in this document or visit: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp.

How should I submit forms with signatures? You should scan and upload signed versions of the forms, in a .PDF format, to the **Other Attachments Form** section of the application package on Grants.gov.

Are there any compatibility restrictions?

You must submit your application in a PDF (Portable Document) format in order for your application to submit successfully to the Department. If you submit your application in any other format, we will not be able to access your document. Applicants must submit individual .PDF

files only when attaching files to their application. Specifically, the Department will not accept any attachments that contain files within a file, such as PDF Portfolio files. Any attachments uploaded that are not .PDF files or are password protected files will not be read. If you need assistance converting your files to a .PDF format, please refer to this Grants.gov webpage with links to conversion programs:

http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp#pdf_conversion_programs

Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants for this program are local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are defined as LEAs in state law, and community-based organizations (CBOs).

May I submit an application on behalf of my local school?

The only eligible recipients are LEAs and CBOs. One of these entities must be the applicant for funding. An application submitted by an individual school will not be considered unless it meets the definition of a local educational agency or community-based organization.

My college or university would like to apply for this grant. Are we eligible?

Colleges and universities should carefully review the definition for the terms “LEA” and “CBO” to determine if they meet either of these definitions. Only entities that meet the definition of one of these terms may receive funding under this program.

Are charter schools eligible for this program?

Yes, charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law or that meet the definition of the term “CBO” are eligible to apply for funding under this program.

Are Area Educational Districts or other similar entities eligible for this program?

Yes, if these entities are considered LEAs under your state’s governance structure, they are eligible to apply for funding under this program. Alternatively, if these entities are considered CBOs according to the definition, they may be eligible to apply.

My organization currently has a PEP grant. Are we eligible to apply for another PEP grant under this competition?

No. Current PEP grantees are not eligible to apply for new awards under this competition.

If we are in a no-cost extension for our current PEP grant, may we end early so that we can be eligible to apply this year?

If your PEP grant is scheduled to end after the application deadline date you are not eligible to apply this year for a grant. Your no-cost extension was granted to allow you to finish your program activities, and you should continue with activities scheduled under your approved no-cost extension.

What are some of the circumstances that might cause a grant application to be deemed ineligible for review?

Some of the most common reasons an application submitted for funding under this competition are deemed ineligible include:

- the application it does not meet the absolute priority;
- the applicant does not include assurances;

- the applicant does not address required elements;
- the applicant does not specifically address their state standards for PE;
- the applicant does not include adequate or allowable matching funds;
- the applicant is not an eligible agency or entity;
- the application does not include a narrative;
- the application is submitted after the deadline date.

Program-Specific Content

May I use national data alone to support the need for a grant in my district?

No. Needs assessments must be based on identified needs of the specific target population to be served by the grant and must link to gaps and weaknesses in meeting your state's physical education standards. However, you may compare local data to national or state data.

If my state does not have physical education standards, what should I do?

If your state does not have physical education standards, you may pick another state's standards to use. You are not permitted to use the National Standards for physical education.

Will this grant pay for hiring project staff?

Grant funds can be used to hire a project coordinator, physical education instructors, or other project staff provided that their functions are specifically to support grant project activities. Their duties must be above and beyond the normal job functions of staff typically hired for these positions, if a PEP program were not implemented. Grant funds may also be used to hire supplemental project staff, including community coordinators, evaluators, or other professionals whose functions support the implementation of the project. However, please note this grant has a "supplement and not supplant" provision.

Are we required to hire an external evaluator?

No. You are not required to hire an external evaluator, though this is an allowable expense for this program. Many grantees find this expertise useful. Please note, costs for the external evaluator should be reasonable and commensurate with the scope of the proposed evaluation.

Should we include resumes for key staff?

Yes. If key staff, internal to your organization, have been identified. Please note external contractors should not be identified at the time of application, as districts are required to follow their district's policies on bids for goods and services, provided they meet the minimum requirements of those of the US Department of Education.

May staff or community members regularly use equipment purchased with grant funds?

No. The identified target population for this grant is individuals in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Will the PEP grant support implementation of a general health education curriculum?

No. The PEP grant will not support activities that fall outside the scope of the absolute priority, "Programs Designed to Create Quality Physical Education Programs." For example, the PEP grant will not support activities related to tobacco use prevention.

Are we required to provide baseline GPRA data?

To the extent practicable, applicants are asked to provide baseline GPRA data. If baseline data is not available to be included in the application, grantees will need to collect baseline information before beginning program implementation.

What program elements must we address?

Applicants must address: 1) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition **and** 2) at least one of the following:

- (a) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being.
- (b) Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student.
- (c) Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle.
- (d) Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation.
- (e) Opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

What must we do to receive the partnerships competitive preference?

In order to receive this competitive preference, the applicant must include an agreement that details the participation of required partners, including:

- (1) each partner's roles and responsibilities in the project;
- (2) if and how each partner will contribute to the project, including any contribution to the local match;
- (3) an assurance that the application was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required parties, as defined in this notice; and
- (4) a commitment to work together to reach the desired goals and outcomes of the project.

Must each partner sign the partnership agreement?

Yes. A partner agreement must be signed by the Authorized Representative of each required partner in order to get competitive preference points.

If a partner as identified and described under the partnership competitive preference priority, provides (at no cost to the grantee) goods and/or services are they considered a contractor?

No. If a partner, as identified and described under the partnership competitive preference priority, provides (at no cost to the grantee) goods and/or services, they are not considered a contractor for those goods and services. Partners often donate space, time, staff, facilities, materials, training, equipment, supplies, and/or services to grantees. These are acceptable and allowable partnership contributions under this grant program

Can we still get competitive preference points if we don't have all five required partners?

No. A partner agreement must be signed by the Authorized Representative of each required partner in order to get competitive preference points.

Where can I find a partnership agreement form?

There is no standard form for the partnership agreement; however, the appendices of this application include a template for the partnership agreements that may be used. You may also

find a template for the partnership agreements at:
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant>

Which organizations must be included in an LEA’s partnership agreement in order to receive the competitive preference?

For an LEA applicant, this partnership agreement must include:

- (1) the LEA;
- (2) at least one CBO;
- (3) a local public health entity;
- (4) the LEA’s food service or child nutrition director; and
- (5) the head of the local government.

For more information about these partners, please see the Definitions section of the application package.

Which organizations must be included in a CBO’s partnership agreement in order to receive the competitive preference?

For a CBO applicant, the partnership agreement must include:

- (1) the CBO;
- (2) a local public health entity, as defined in this notice;
- (3) a local organization supporting nutrition or healthy eating, as defined in this notice;
- (4) the head of the local government, as defined in this notice; and
- (5) the LEA from which the largest number of students expected to participate in the CBO’s project attend. If the CBO applicant is a school, such as a parochial or other private school, the applicant would need to describe its school as part of the partnership agreement but would not be required to provide an additional signature from a different LEA or school. A CBO applicant that is a school and serves its own population of students would be required also to include another community CBO as part of its partnership and include the head of that CBO as a signatory on the partnership agreement.

For more information about the definitions of these partners, please see the Definitions section of this application package.

If we are an LEA, are we required to complete the School Health Index (SHI) as part of our application?

Yes, you are required to complete a portion of the School Health Index (SHI) as part of your application. Applicants must complete Modules 1-4 of the SHI self-assessment tool. The applicant would use the results of the SHI to develop a School Health Improvement Plan focused on improving needs identified by the SHI, and design an initiative that addresses their identified gaps and weaknesses. Applicants are required to include their SHI Modules 1-4 Overall Score Cards in their applications, and correlate their School Health Improvement Plans to their project designs.

If we are a CBO, are we required to complete the School Health Index (SHI) as part of our application?

Because the School Health Index (SHI) must be done at the school-building level, CBOs cannot undertake the SHI without the support and participation of a school or LEA. Therefore, we suggest that CBO applicants collaborate with an identified school or LEA partner to complete Modules 1-4 of the SHI. To meet this requirement, CBO applicants that do not collaborate with an LEA or school may propose and use a local needs assessment tool that analyzes the physical activity and nutrition environments at the community level and, ideally, at the CBO site

itself. The CBO applicant would need to specify the local needs assessment tool used and the results of the assessment.

After we've completed the School Health Index (SHI), what are the next steps?

After completing Modules 1-4 of the School Health Index, the applicant will use the SHI self-assessment to develop a School Health Improvement Plan focused on improving these issues, and design an initiative that addresses their identified gaps and weaknesses. Applicants would be required to include their Overall Score Card for the questions answered in modules 1-4 in their applications, and correlate their School Health Improvement Plans to their project designs.

Will there be other School Health Index (SHI) requirements if we are selected as a PEP Grantee?

Grantees will be required to complete the same SHI Modules at the end of the project period and submit the Overall Score Cards from the second assessments in their final reports. This information will demonstrate SHI completion and program improvement as a result of PEP funding.

Where can we get additional information about the School Health Index (SHI)?

You can get more information about the SHI at: <https://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/shi/default.aspx>.

What is the PEP application requirement for nutrition and physical activity related policies?

PEP grantees are required to develop, update, or enhance physical activity policies and food- and nutrition-related policies that promote healthy eating and physical activity throughout students' everyday lives, as part of their PEP projects. Applicants must describe their current policy framework, areas of focus, and the planned process for policy development, implementation, review, and monitoring.

Applicants are required to sign a Program- Specific Assurance that commits them to developing, updating, or enhancing these policies during the project period. Applicants that do not submit such a Program-Specific Assurance signed by the applicant's Authorized Representative would be ineligible for the competition, which can be found on page 141.

How can a PEP applicant identify nutrition and physical activity policy interventions?

Applicants can identify physical activity and nutrition policies to address using their State's standards for physical education and the results from their SHI assessments.

Will there be other nutrition and physical activity related policy requirements if we are selected as a PEP Grantee?

Grantees would be required to detail at the end of their project period in their final reports the physical activity and nutrition policies selected and how the policies improved through the course of the project.

What is a local wellness policy?

Under these provisions, a local wellness policy, at a minimum, includes goals for nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness; nutrition guidelines for all foods available on each school campus; guidelines for reimbursable school meals that are no less restrictive than the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines; and a plan for measuring implementation, including designation of one or more persons at the LEA or school level charged with operational

responsibility for ensuring that the school meets the local wellness policies. In addition, parents, students, and various other “stakeholders” must be involved in the development of the local wellness policy. For more information about local wellness policies, please see <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/healthy/wellnesspolicy.html>.

What is the PEP grant requirement for linkages with local wellness policies?

We propose that applicants that are participating in a program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 must describe in their applications their school district’s established local wellness policy and how the proposed PEP project will align with and support, complement, and enhance the implementation of the applicant’s local wellness policy. The LEA’s local wellness policy should address all requirements in the Child Nutrition Act of 2004. CBO applicants describe in their applications how their proposed projects will enhance or support the intent of the local wellness policies of their LEA partner(s).

If an applicant or a member of its partnership group does not participate in the school lunch program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, it would not necessarily have a local wellness policy and, thus, would not be required to meet this requirement or adopt a local wellness policy. However, we would encourage such applicants to develop and adopt a local wellness policy, consistent with the provisions in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 in conjunction with its PEP project.

Will the PEP grant support implementation of a general health education curriculum?

No. The PEP grant will not support activities that fall outside the scope of the absolute priority. For example, the PEP grant will not support activities related to tobacco use prevention.

What kinds of equipment may we propose to purchase with PEP grant funds?

Under this program, you may purchase durable goods designed for use for programs or staff training or other purposes. However, these equipment purchases must be aligned with the curricular components of your physical education and nutrition program. Applicants must commit to aligning the students’ use of the equipment with PEP elements applicable to their projects, and any applicable curricula by signing a Program Specific Assurance. Applicants that do not submit such a Program Specific Assurance would be ineligible for the competition.

Are PEP applicants able to propose equipment purchases related to any of the six program elements identified in the absolute priority?

Applicants can only include equipment purchases related to the program elements applicable to their projects. Applicants that propose to address all six program elements would be able to include equipment related to all six elements in their applications. However, an application cannot include equipment purchases related to a program element that will not be addressed in the project. For instance, an applicant cannot include professional development equipment purchases if PE teacher professional development (element #6) is not included in the scope of the project.

What is the PEP grant requirement for increasing transparency and accountability?

Grantees are required to create or use existing reporting mechanisms to provide information on students’ progress, in the aggregate, on key program indicators required by this grant, as well as on any unique project-level measures proposed in the application. The aggregate-level

information should be easily accessible to the public, such as posted on the grantee's or a partner's Web site.

Would privacy provisions apply to the release of information described in this requirement?

Grantees that are educational agencies or institutions would be subject to applicable Federal, state, and local privacy provisions, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) Act – a law that generally prohibits the non-consensual disclosure of personally identifiable information in a student's education record. For more information about FERPA, please see <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>.

Where can we find Program Specific Assurance forms to ensure we meet Requirements 2, 3, 4, & 5?

There are no standard Program Specific Assurance forms; however; the appendices of this application include a Program Specific Assurance that may be used to address Requirements 2, 3, 4, and 5. You may also find a Program Specific Assurance at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant>

How many GPRA performance measures are grantees required to address?

Grantees are required to address 3 GPRA performance measures under this program. They are:

- (I) The number of students served by the grant who engage in 60 minutes of daily physical activity.
- (II) The number of students served by the grant who meet the standard of a healthy fitness zone as established by the assessment for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) in at least five of the six fitness areas of that assessment.
- (III) The number of students served by the grant who consume fruit two or more times per day and vegetables three or more times per day as measured in programs serving high school students using the nutrition-related questions from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and in programs serving elementary and middle school students using an appropriate assessment tool for their populations.

Our program would like to use other measures *instead of* the three GPRA performance measures. Is that allowed? No. Grantees must collect and report data on all three GPRA measures.

Our program would like to use other measures *in addition to* the three GPRA performance measures. Is that allowed?

Yes. In fact, grantees should report on all program specific measures as a part of the annual and final reports.

How often will grantees collect data on these measures?

Grantees will be required to collect and aggregate data two times annually. In addition, during the first year, grantees will have an additional data collection period prior to program implementation.

What is the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP)?

The Presidential Youth Fitness Program is a voluntary program that includes a health-related assessment, as well as educational and motivational tools, to support educators and empower students to adopt an active lifestyle. The program is built around three pillars: assessment, professional development and education, and awards and recognition. It is designed to be used in schools to support quality physical education programming.

Why is Presidential Youth Fitness Program called a *program* and not a *test*?

The fitness assessment—and its corresponding protocols—is just one of the elements that comprise the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. Experts agree that an assessment should be part of a comprehensive program that includes professional development and motivational recognition that empowers students to be more physically active.

How much does the Presidential Youth Fitness Program cost?

The current program is free for schools to implement. Supplemental resources to support this program can be purchased through program partners.

Are we required to use the Presidential Youth Fitness Program?

No, you are not required to use the Presidential Youth Fitness Program; however in response to the GPRA measure, you must report on the percentage of students served by the grant who meet the standard of a healthy fitness zone as established by the assessment for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) in at least five of the six fitness areas of that assessment.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the Presidential Youth Fitness Program or its assessments?

Information about the program and assessments can be found at www.presidentialyouthfitnessprogram.org. Email general questions to the program at info@presidentialyouthfitnessprogram.org.

Do we have to measure student success in all 6 fitness areas of the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP)?

No. Grantees may choose to measure success in all 6 fitness areas of the Presidential Youth Fitness Test (PYFT); however, ED will require grantees to report only the number of students served by the grant who meet the standard of a healthy fitness zone in at least 5 of those fitness areas.

Our program will serve high school students. What measurement tool should we use for the third GPRA measure that assesses fruit and vegetable consumption?

Programs serving high school students would be required to use the nutrition-related questions from CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to determine the number of students who meet these goals.

Where can I find the fruit- and vegetable-related questions from CDC's YRBS?

The YRBS survey can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/questionnaire_rationale.htm. The questions related to fruit and vegetable consumption are questions 72-75 on the high school survey.

Program-Specific Budget

Is there a minimum or maximum amount that may be requested to support a project?

No. Although the application package includes an estimated range of awards, an applicant should request the amount needed to support the goals, objectives and scope of the proposed project, including a detailed justification for that amount.

May grant funds be used to support professional development activities?

Yes, as long as the activities directly support the purposes of the grant.

Do we need to submit a budget narrative for each year?

Yes, for both Federal and non-Federal funds. For a **sample** PEP budget narrative, please see www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant.html.

How much detail should be included in the budget narrative?

Please include a per unit cost breakdown for all costs listed. In addition, you should details each expenditure and describes how each cost links to the goals and objectives of the program. Please be sure to provide thorough details for each item in the budget to clearly justify the cost. When in doubt, please provide more information about each budget item than you may think necessary.

Where can we find guidance on developing a budget narrative?

For additional guidance on preparing a budget narrative, please see www.ed.gov/admins/grants/apply/techassist/resource_pg8.html.

Is there a match requirement for this program?

Yes. Please refer to the Program Information section of this guidance for more information about this requirement.

Where can we find guidance on Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards?

You can find guidance on the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards by visiting ED's website:
<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/uniform-guidance/index.html>

Does the in-kind match have to be in cash? What types of resources may be used as the required match?

No. The matching requirement may be met by using other non-Federal resources such as donated staff time or salary for the Project Director to perform administrative oversight of this project. Another example of an acceptable match is the cost of substitutes while teachers are being trained. Note that the salaries of current physical education teachers may not be used to satisfy the matching requirement. In addition, discounts on equipment purchases may not be used to satisfy the matching requirement.

Can the match include volunteered time or the value of existing equipment?

Yes. If you want to count the value of donated time towards your match, you must include letters of commitment with your application.

The value of existing equipment can only be counted towards part of the match if, and only if, the equipment will be used as part of the proposed project's implementation. If you want to include the market value of existing equipment towards your match, you must include in your application documentation as to how the market value was determined. Also, please note, when determining the value of the equipment to count towards the match, you cannot claim the full value of the equipment in one year, unless the full value of the equipment will be depleted in that year and the equipment will be rendered useless at the end of that year. You will need to determine the reasonable lifespan of the equipment in determining the value and only use the value of one year of that equipment's lifespan as part of the match. Also note, equipment depreciates over time and this rate of depreciation must also be taken into account when determining the value of the equipment.

For example, if you would like to use a recently-purchased treadmill, you would consider the current market value (which would take depreciation into account), and amortize the existing value over the expected remaining lifespan of the treadmill. Specifically, if the treadmill is two years old, its current market value is \$5,000, and your project proposes to significantly increase the number of students that use the treadmill, you might expect that the treadmill has five remaining years of life left. You might also reasonably assume a 10% annual depreciation of the treadmill, given the usual wear and tear. In year one of the project, you could reasonably count \$1,000 of the treadmill's value towards the match requirement. In year two, you could reasonably count \$900 of the treadmill's value towards the match requirement, which also accounts for a 10% depreciation of the total value of the treadmill. In year three, you could reasonably count \$810 towards your match, which again accounts for 10% depreciation. These totals reflect the amount that you would be reasonably "consumed" in the project's three years, again, assuming that the treadmill had a remaining five-year lifespan.

Can the match include the rental value of facilities?

Yes. You may include the cost to rent a facility towards your match if such facility will be used to conduct your program activities, and if you provide evidence that the facility is customarily rented at the cost claimed. Rental fees may not be claimed on classrooms, gymnasiums, pools, or other facilities that are not normally rented to the grantee.

Is there a cap on administrative costs?

Yes. Not more than five percent of the grant funds made available to an LEA or CBO may be used for administrative costs.

May we use the funds for construction, such as building a gymnasium or other facility or to purchase land or building or another facility?

No. Facilities construction (such as tennis courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts, swimming pools, gymnasiums, and other permanent structures) is not an allowable expense.

May we charge students activity fees?

No. Students may not be charged to participate in activities that are being paid for with grant funds.

Technical Assistance Workshops for Prospective Applicants

Technical Assistance-- The Office of Safe and Healthy Students plans to conduct technical assistance (TA) conference calls designed to assist applicants who might have questions related to the application process and procedure for this grant program. Applicants should read through the entire application package before participating in a TA call. The tentative dates and times for the TA calls are listed below. Applicants should reference our website at: www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed for follow-up information or changes related to these conference calls.

- Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 11:00am, Washington, DC time
- Friday, April 22, 2016 at 1:00pm, Washington, DC time
- Friday, April 29, 2016 at 1:00pm, Washington, DC time
- Monday, May 2, 2016 at 1:00pm, Washington, DC time

Application Submission Procedures

The deadline for submission of The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) applications through Grants.gov is May 20, 2016.

Application Transmittal Instructions

Attention Electronic Applicants: This program **requires** the electronic submission of applications--specific requirements and instructions can be found in the Federal Register notice. Please note that you **must** follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register notice announcing the grant competition.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described in the Federal Register notice for this competition, 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.

Applications Submitted Electronically

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Government wide 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.

Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system **no later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date**. Except as otherwise noted in Federal Register notice for this competition, we will not consider your application if it is date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in this application package to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system.

Please note the following:

- You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a **.pdf** (Portable Document) format. **If you upload a file type other than a .pdf file, or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.**
- Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission.
- When attaching files, applicants should limit the size of their file names. Lengthy file names could result in difficulties with opening and processing your application. We recommend your file names be less than 50 characters. 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.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this application package.
- If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk, toll free, at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

According to the instructions found in the Federal Register notice, only those requesting and qualifying for an Exception to the electronic submission requirement may submit an application via mail, commercial carrier or by hand delivery.

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 following address:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.215F)
LBJ Basement Level 1
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.
Washington, DC 20202-4260

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.

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 84.215F)
550 12th Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20202-4260

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 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.

Submitting Applications with Adobe Reader Software

The Department of Education, working with Grants.gov, is currently moving from using PureEdge software to using Adobe Reader software exclusively and applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will be posted using Adobe forms. Applicants will no longer need to use the PureEdge software to create or submit an application.

Please note: The compatible version of Adobe Reader is **required** for viewing, editing and submitting a complete grant application package for the Department of Education through Grants.gov. Applicants should confirm the compatibility of their Adobe Reader version **before** downloading the application. To ensure applicants have a version of Adobe Reader on their computer that is compatible with Grants.gov, applicants are encouraged to use the test package provided by Grants.gov that can be accessed at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>.

Important issues to consider:

- If the applicant opened or edited the application package with any software other than the compatible version of Adobe Reader, the application package may contain errors that will be transferred to the new package even if you later download the compatible Adobe Reader version.
- Applicants **cannot** copy and paste data from a package initially opened or edited with an incompatible version of Adobe Reader and will need to download an **entirely new package** using the compatible version of Adobe Reader.
- Some applicants using an incompatible version of Adobe Reader **may have trouble** opening and viewing the application package while others may find they can open, view and complete the application package but **may not be able to submit** the application package through Grants.gov.
- Grants.gov **does not** guarantee to support versions of Adobe Reader that are not compatible with Grants.gov.
- Any and all edits made to the Adobe Reader application package **must** be made with the compatible version of Adobe Reader.

For your convenience, the latest version of Adobe Reader is available for free download at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>.

We strongly recommend that you review the information on computer and operating system compatibility with Adobe available at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html> **before** downloading, completing or submitting your application.

Applicants are reminded that they should submit their application a day or two in advance of the closing date as detailed in the Federal Register Notice. If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726

Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants

To facilitate your use of Grants.gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department of

Education.

ATTENTION – Adobe Forms and PDF Files Required

Applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will be posted using Adobe forms. Therefore, applicants will need to download the latest version of Adobe reader (at least Adobe Reader 9.0.0). (Please note that in early 2013, Grants.gov discovered an issue with the newest version of Adobe Reader XI but it was subsequently resolved.) Information on computer and operating system compatibility with Adobe and links to download the latest version is available on Grants.gov. We strongly recommend that you review these details on www.Grants.gov before completing and submitting your application. In addition, applicants should submit their application a day or two in advance of the closing date as detailed below. Also, applicants are required to upload their attachments in .pdf format only. (See details below under “Attaching Files – Additional Tips.”) If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726.

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** – Grants.gov registration involves many steps including registration on SAM (www.sam.gov) which may take approximately one week to complete, but could take upwards of several weeks to complete, depending upon the completeness and accuracy of the data entered into the SAM database by an applicant. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Registration steps are complete. Please note that once your SAM registration is active, it will take 24-48 hours for the information to be available in Grants.gov, and before you can submit an application through Grants.gov. For detailed information on the Registration Steps, please go to: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> [Note: Your organization will need to update its SAM registration annually (formerly Central Contractor Registry (CCR).)]

Primary information about SAM is available at www.sam.gov. However, to further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account the Department of Education has prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet which you can find at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>

- 2) **SUBMIT EARLY** – We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully to Grants.gov before 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time on the deadline date.

Note: To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov. This DUNS number is typically the same number used when your organization registered with the SAM (formerly CCR -Central Contractor Registry). If you do not enter the same DUNS number on your application as the DUNS you registered with, Grants.gov will reject your application.

- 3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov received your application submission on time and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Track My Application link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time, on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned. Once the Department of Education receives your application from Grants.gov, an Agency Tracking Number (PR/award number) will be assigned to your application and will be available for viewing on Grants.gov’s Track My Application link.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the deadline date, your application is late. If your application has a status of "Received" it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to "Validated" or "Rejected with Errors." If the status is "Rejected with Errors," your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html>. For more detailed information on troubleshooting Adobe errors, you can review the Adobe Reader Error Messages document at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/encountering-error-messages.html>. If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

Submission Problems – What should you do?

If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>, or access the Grants.gov Self-Service web portal at: <https://grants-portal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=Grants>

If electronic submission is optional and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the Federal Register notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by midnight on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is required, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30:00 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and 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. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

Helpful Hints When Working with Grants.gov

Please note, once you download an application from Grants.gov, you will be working offline and saving data on your computer. Please be sure to note where you are saving the Grants.gov file on your computer. You will need to logon to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. **You must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov.**

Please go to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html> for help with Grants.gov. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Submit Application FAQs found on the Grants.gov site: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-resources.html>.

Dial-Up Internet Connections

When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g. cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection. **If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.** (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

MAC Users

If electronic submission is required and you are concerned about your ability to submit electronically as a non-windows user, please follow instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

Attaching Files – Additional Tips

Please note the following tips related to attaching files to your application, especially the requirement that applicants **only include read-only, non-modifiable .PDF files** in their application:

1. Ensure that you attach **.PDF files only** for any attachments to your application, and they must be in a **read-only, non-modifiable format**. PDF files are the only Education approved file type accepted as detailed in the Federal Register application notice. Applicants must submit individual .PDF files only when attaching files to their application. Specifically, the Department will not accept any attachments that contain files within a file, such as PDF Portfolio files, or an interactive or fillable .PDF file. Any attachments uploaded that are not .PDF files or are password protected files will not be read.
2. Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission. Therefore, each file uploaded to your application package should have a unique file name.
3. When attaching files, applicants should follow the guidelines established by Grants.gov on the size and content of file names. Uploaded files must be less than 50 characters, contain no spaces, no special characters (example: -, &, *, %, /, #, \) including periods (.), blank spaces and accent marks. Applications submitted that do not comply with the Grants.gov guidelines will be rejected at Grants.gov and not forwarded to the Department.
4. Applicants should limit the size of their file attachments. Documents submitted that contain graphics and/or scanned material often greatly increase the size of the file attachments and can result in difficulties opening the files. For reference, the average discretionary grant application package totals 1 to 2 MB. Therefore, you may want to check the total size of your package before submission.

Application Instructions

Electronic Application Format

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically, unless you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement in accordance with the instructions in this application package.

In accordance with EDGAR §75.216 (b) and (c), an application will not be evaluated for funding if the applicant does not comply with all of the procedural rules that govern the submission of the application or the application does not contain the information required under the program.

Important note: Applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will be posted using Adobe forms. Therefore, applicants will need to download the latest version of Adobe reader (at least Adobe Reader 9.0.0).

Information on computer and operating system compatibility with Adobe and links to download the latest version is available on Grants.gov. Also, please review the **Submitting Applications with Adobe Reader Software** and **Education Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants** forms found within this package for further information and guidance related to this requirement.

We strongly recommend that you review these details on www.Grants.gov before completing and submitting your application. In addition, applicants should submit their application a day or

two in advance of the closing date as detailed below. Applicants will no longer need to use the PureEdge software to create or submit an application. If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726.

Note: Please do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to any forms unless it is specifically required by the instructions for the individual section of the application. Although several forms accept attachments, the Department of Education will only review materials/files attached in accordance with the instructions provided within this application package.

Electronic Application Submission Checklist

It is recommended that your electronic application be organized in the following manner and include the following parts in order to expedite the review process. Instructions for all parts and forms of the application are found either on the following pages of the application package or individually for each form on Grants.gov.

Review your electronic application to ensure you have completed the following forms and sections:

Part 1: Preliminary Documents

- Application for Federal Assistance (form SF 424)
- ED Supplemental Information for SF 424

Part 2: Budget Information

- ED Budget Information Non-Construction Programs (ED Form 524)

Part 3: ED Abstract Form

- Project Abstract

Part 4: Project Narrative Attachment Form

- Application Narrative

Part 5: Budget Narrative Attachment Form

- Budget Narrative

Part 6: Other Attachments Form

- Individual Resumes for Project Directors & Key Personnel
- Program Assurances
- Partnership Agreement (if applicable)

Part 7: Assurances and Certifications

- Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B Form)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL)
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Requirements – Section 427 (ED GEPA 427 form)

Part 8: Intergovernmental Review (Executive Order 12372)

- State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) List

Part 1: Preliminary Documents

- Application for Federal Assistance (Form SF 424)
- ED Supplemental Information for SF 424

These forms require basic identifying information about the applicant and the application. Please provide all requested applicant information (including name, address, e-mail address and DUNS number).

When applying electronically via Grants.gov, you will need to ensure that the DUNS number you enter on your application is the same as the DUNS number your organization used when it registered with the System for Award Management (SAM).

Applicants are advised to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (Form SF 424) first. Grants.gov will automatically insert the correct CFDA and program name automatically wherever needed on other forms.

NOTE: Please do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to the Standard Form (SF 424). Although this form accepts attachments, the Department of Education will only review materials/files attached in accordance with the instructions provided within this application.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

This is a standard form required for use as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the federal agency (agency). Required fields on the form are identified with an asterisk (*) and are also specified as "Required" in the instructions below. In addition to these instructions, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine other specific requirements.

Item	Entry:	Item:	Entry:
1.	<p>Type of Submission: (Required) Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application • Application • Changed/Corrected Application – Check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this form to submit changes after the closing date. 	10.	<p>Name Of Federal Agency: (Required) Enter the name of the federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.</p>
2.	<p>Type of Application: (Required) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New – An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time. • Continuation - An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals. • Revision - Any change in the federal government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided. <p>A. Increase Award D. Decrease Duration B. Decrease Award E. Other (specify) C. Increase Duration</p>	11.	<p>Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title: Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.</p>
		12.	<p>Funding Opportunity Number/Title: (Required) Enter the Funding Opportunity Number (FON) and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement.</p>
		13.	<p>Competition Identification Number/Title: Enter the competition identification number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.</p>
3.	<p>Date Received: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the Federal agency.</p>	14.	<p>Areas Affected By Project: This data element is intended for use only by programs for which the area(s) affected are likely to be different than the place(s) of performance reported on the SF-424 Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form. Add attachment to enter additional areas, if needed.</p>
		15.	<p>Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: (Required) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For pre-applications, attach a summary description of the project.</p>
4.	<p>Applicant Identifier: Enter the entity identifier assigned by the Federal agency, if any, or the applicant's control number if applicable.</p>		
5a.	<p>Federal Entity Identifier: Enter the number assigned to your organization by the federal agency, if any.</p>	16.	<p>Congressional Districts Of: 16a. (Required) Enter the applicant's congressional district. 16b. Enter all district(s) affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters state abbreviation – 3 characters district number, e.g., CA-005 for California 5th district, CA-012 for California 12 district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103 district. If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. This optional data element is intended for use only by programs for which the area(s) affected are likely to be different than place(s) of performance reported on the SF-424 Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form. Attach an additional list of program/project congressional districts, if needed.</p>
5b.	<p>Federal Award Identifier: For new applications, enter NA. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned federal award identifier number. If a changed/corrected application, enter the federal identifier in accordance with agency instructions.</p>		
6.	<p>Date Received by State: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the state, if applicable.</p>		
7.	<p>State Application Identifier: Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the state, if applicable.</p>		
8.	<p>Applicant Information: Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:</p>		
	<p>a. Legal Name: (Required) Enter the legal name of applicant that will undertake the assistance activity. This is the organization that has registered with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting www.Grants.gov.</p>	17.	<p>Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.</p>
	<p>b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (Required) Enter the employer or taxpayer identification number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the US, enter 44-4444444.</p>	18.	<p>Estimated Funding: (Required) Enter the amount requested, or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in</p>

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	c. Organizational DUNS: (Required) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting www.Grants.gov .	19.	Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? (Required) Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a." is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State.		
	d. Address: Enter address: Street 1 (Required); city (Required); County/Parish, State (Required if country is US), Province, Country (Required), 9-digit zip/postal code (Required if country US).	20.	Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of federal debt include; but, may not be limited to: delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes. If yes, include an explanation in an attachment.		
	e. Organizational Unit: Enter the name of the primary organizational unit, department or division that will undertake the assistance activity.	21.	Authorized Representative: To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the first and last name (Required); prefix, middle name, suffix. Enter title, telephone number, email (Required); and fax number. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)		
	f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: Enter the first and last name (Required); prefix, middle name, suffix, title. Enter organizational affiliation if affiliated with an organization other than that in 7.a. Telephone number and email (Required); fax number.				
9.	Type of Applicant: (Required) Select up to three applicant type(s) in accordance with agency instructions. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Nonprofit N. Private Institution of Higher Education O. Individual P. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) Q. Small Business R. Hispanic-serving Institution S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) T. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) U. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions V. Non-US Entity W. Other (specify) </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Nonprofit N. Private Institution of Higher Education O. Individual P. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) Q. Small Business R. Hispanic-serving Institution S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) T. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) U. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions V. Non-US Entity W. Other (specify) 		
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U.S Department of Education note: As of spring, 2010, the FON discussed in Block 12 of the instructions can be found via the following URL: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp.]

Instructions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424

1. Project Director. Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

2. Novice Applicant. Check “Yes” if you meet the definition for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424”). By checking “Yes” the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check “No” if you do not meet the definition for novice applicants.

This novice applicant information will be used by ED to: 1) determine the amount and type of technical assistance that a novice might need, if funded, and 2) determine novice applicant eligibility in discretionary grant competitions that give special consideration to novice applications. Certain ED discretionary grant programs give special consideration to novice applications, either by establishing a special competition for novice applicants or by giving competitive preference to novice applicants under the procedures in 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2). If special consideration is being given to novice applications under a particular discretionary grant competition, the application notice for the competition published in the Federal Register will specify this information

3. Human Subjects Research. (See I. A. “Definitions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424.”)

3a. If Not Human Subjects Research. Check “No” if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 3 are then not applicable.

3a. If Human Subjects Research. Check “Yes” if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check “Yes” even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I. B. “Exemptions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424.”)

3b. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations. Check “Yes” if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Check the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I. B. “Exemptions.” In addition, follow the instructions in II. A. “Exempt Research Narrative” in the attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424.”

3b. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations. Check “No” if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II. B. “Nonexempt Research Narrative” in the attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424.”

3b. Human Subjects Assurance Number. If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. **(A list of current FWAs is available at:**

<http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/asearch.asp#ASUR>) If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter “None.” In this case, the applicant, by signature on the SF-424, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

3c. If applicable, please attach your “Exempt Research” or “Nonexempt Research” narrative to your submission of the U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424 form as instructed in item II, “Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives” in the attached page entitled “Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424.”

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

No covered human subjects research can be conducted until the study has ED clearance for protection of human subjects in research.

Paperwork Burden Statement. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1894-0007. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or

suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-0170. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to: (insert program office), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

Definitions for U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424

Definitions:

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225)

For discretionary grant programs, novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information." (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be **directly or indirectly** linked to that individual, the definition of human subject is met* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the **only** involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of **exemptions** are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods. ***If an educational practice is being introduced to the site and is not widely used for similar populations, it is not covered by this exemption.***

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. ***If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to research involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed.***

Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed. [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects. **[This exemption applies only to retrospective studies using data collected before the initiation of the research.]**

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs. **[The standards of this exemption are rarely met because it was designed to apply only to specific research conducted by HHS at the time the regulations were established. We will strictly construe this exemption because it was not intended to apply to ED research.]**

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked “Yes” for Item 3.b. of the U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF 424, the applicant must attach a human subjects “exempt research” or “nonexempt research” narrative to the U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424 form. If you have multiple projects and need to provide more than one narrative, be sure to label each set of responses as to the project they address.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “Yes” for item 3.b. and designated exemption numbers(s), attach the “exempt research” narrative to the U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “No” for item 3.b. you must attach the “nonexempt research” narrative to the U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics: Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable

(2) Sources of Materials: Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) Recruitment and Informed Consent: Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which

consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) **Potential Risks:** Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) **Protection Against Risk:** Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) **Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained:** Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

(7) **Collaborating Site(s):** If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

***Copies of the Department of Education's Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4331, telephone: (202) 245-8090, and on the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/humansub.html>***

NOTE: The **State Applicant Identifier** on the SF-424 is for State Use only. Please complete it on the SF-424 in the upper right corner of the form (if applicable).

Part 2: Budget Information

ED Budget Information Non-Construction Programs (ED Form 524)

This part of your application contains information about the Federal funding you are requesting. Remember that you must provide all requested budget information for each year of the project (up to 36 months) and the total column in order to be considered for Federal funding. Specific instructions for completing the budget forms are provided within this application package.

Instructions for completing ED Form 524 Section A:

Name of Institution/Organization: Enter the name of the applicant in the space provided.

Personnel (line 1): Enter project personnel salaries and wages only. Include fees and expenses for consultants on line 6.

Fringe Benefits (line 2): The institution's normal fringe benefits contribution may be charged to the program. Leave this line blank if fringe benefits applicable to direct salaries and wages are treated as part of the indirect cost.

Travel (line 3): Indicate the travel costs of employees and participants only. Include travel of persons such as consultants on line 6.

Equipment (line 4): Indicate the cost of tangible, non-expendable personal property that has a usefulness greater than one year and acquisition costs that are the lesser of the capitalization level established by the applicant entity for financial statement purposes or \$5,000 per article. Lower limits may be established to maintain consistency with the applicant's policy.

Supplies (line 5): Show all tangible, expendable personal property. Direct supplies and materials differ from equipment in that they are consumable, expendable, and of a relatively low unit cost. *Supplies purchased with grant funds should directly benefit the grant project and be necessary for achieving the goals of the project.*

Contractual (line 6): The contractual category should include all costs specifically incurred with actions that the applicant takes in conjunction with an established internal procurement system. Include consultant fees, expenses, and travel costs in this category if the consultant's services are obtained through a written binding agreement or contract.

Construction (line 7): Not applicable.

Other (line 8): Indicate all direct costs not covered on lines 1-6. For example, include costs such as space rental, required fees, honoraria and travel (where a contract is not in place for services), training, and communication and printing costs. *Do not include costs that are included in the indirect cost rate.*

Total Direct Costs (line 9): The sum of lines 1-8.

Indirect Costs (line 10): Indicate the applicant's approved indirect cost rate, per sections 75.560 – 75.564 of EDGAR. If an applicant does not have an approved indirect cost rate agreement with a cognizant Federal agency, the applicant must apply to the Department for a temporary indirect cost rate if it wishes to charge indirect costs to the grant. For more information, go to the Department's website at: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/fipao/icgindex.html>.

Training Stipends (line 11): This line item is not applicable to this program. The training stipend line item only pertains to costs associated with long term training programs and college or university coursework, not workshops or short-term training supported by this program. *Salary stipends paid to teachers and other school personnel for participating in short-term professional development should be reported in Personnel (line 1).*

Total Cost (line 12): This should equal to sum of lines 9-11 (total direct costs + indirect + stipends). The sum for column one, labeled *Project Year 1 (a)*, should also be equal to item 15a on the application cover sheet (SF Form 424).

Instructions for ED 524

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached. You may access the Education Department General Administrative Regulations cited within these instructions at:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html>. You may access requirements from 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" cited within these instructions at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/26/2013-30465/uniform-administrative-requirements-cost-principles-and-audit-requirements-for-federal-awards>.

You must consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a break-down by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Indirect Cost Information: If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office.

(1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the Federal government. If you checked "no," ED generally will authorize grantees to use a temporary rate of 10 percent of budgeted salaries and wages (**complete (4) of this section when using the temporary rate**) subject to the following limitations:

(a) The grantee must submit an indirect cost proposal to its cognizant agency within 90 days after ED issues a grant award notification; and

(b) If after the 90-day period, the grantee has not submitted an indirect cost proposal to its cognizant agency, the grantee may not charge its grant for indirect costs until it has negotiated an indirect cost rate agreement with its cognizant agency.

(2): If you checked "yes" in (1), indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED, another Federal agency (Other) or State

agency issued the approved agreement. If you check "Other," specify the name of the Federal or other agency that issued the approved agreement.

(3): If you check "no" in (1), indicate in (3) if you want to use the de minimis rate of 10 percent of MTDC (see 2CFR § 200.68). If you use the de minimis rate, you are subject to the provisions in 2 CFR § 200.414(f). Note, you may only use the 10 percent de minimis rate if you are a first-time Federal grant recipient, and you do not have an Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. You may not use the de minimis rate if you are a State, Local government, or Indian Tribe, or if your grant is funded under a training rate or restricted rate program.

(3): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Note: State or Local government agencies may not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank, if this item is not applicable.

Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide cost-sharing or matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year, for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Budget Narrative [Attach separate sheet(s)] Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each sub-project or activity.
2. For non-Federal funds or resources listed in Section B that are used to meet a cost-sharing or matching requirement or provided as a voluntary cost-sharing or matching commitment, you must include:
 - a. The specific costs or contributions by budget category;
 - b. The source of the costs or contributions; and

c. In the case of third-party in-kind contributions, a description of how the value was determined for the donated or contributed goods or services.

[Please review cost sharing and matching regulations found in 2 CFR 200.306.]

3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
4. If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied. When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's website at: <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>. You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.
5. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1894-0008**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to (insert program office), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

Part 3: ED Abstract Form

This section should be attached as a single document to the ED Abstract Form in accordance with the instructions found on Grants.gov and should be organized in the following manner and include the following parts in order to expedite the review process.

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Project Abstract

The project abstract should not exceed **two** double spaced pages and should include a concise description of the following information:

- Project objectives and activities,
- Applicable priorities
- Proposed project outcomes
- Number of participants to be served
- Number and location of proposed sites

Note: Grants.gov may include a note that indicates that the project abstract may not exceed one page; however, an abstract of more than one page may be uploaded.

Part 4: Project Narrative Attachment Form

This section should be attached as a **single** document to the Project Narrative Attachment Form in accordance with the instructions found on Grants.gov and should be organized in the following manner and include the following parts in order to expedite the review process.

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Table of Contents

The Table of Contents shows where and how the important sections of your proposal are organized and should not exceed **one** double spaced page.

Application Narrative

The application narrative responds to the selection criteria found in this application package and should follow the order of the selection criteria.

We encourage applicants to limit this section of the application to the equivalent of no more than 25 pages and adhere to the following guidelines:

- A “page” is 8.5” x 11”, on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application narrative that exceed the page limit.

Selection Criteria for Program Narrative

The maximum score for all selection criteria is 100 points. The points or weights assigned to each criterion are indicated in parentheses. Non-Federal peer reviewers will review each application. They will be asked to evaluate and score each program narrative against the following selection criteria:

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following selection criteria will be used to evaluate applications:

(20 points) NEED FOR THE PROJECT

(A) The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses. (20 pts)

Note: In addressing this criterion, applicants may want to consider including a clear and specific description of how the proposed project will help students meet the identified standard(s) as required by the absolute priority. Additionally, applicants may want to consider including a discussion of the outcomes of the self-assessment indicated in Requirement One of the Notice for this application and how the results will help you develop a program to improve gaps or weaknesses.

(20 points) SIGNIFICANCE

(A) The likelihood the proposed project will result in system change or improvement.(10 pts)

(B) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies.(10 pts)

(30 points) QUALITY OF THE PROJECT DESIGN

(A) The extent to which the proposed project is designed to build capacity and yield results that will extend beyond the period of Federal financial assistance. (10 pts)

(B) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (10pts)

(C) The extent to which the proposed project represents an exceptional approach for meeting statutory purposes and requirements. (10 pts)

Note: In addressing this Quality of the Project Design” criterion, applicants may want to consider including clear and specific descriptions of plans for integrating Requirements 2, 3, 4 and 5, as detailed in the Notice Inviting Applications.

(10 points) QUALITY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

(A) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks. (10 pts)

(10 points) ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES

(A) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the number of persons to be served and to the anticipated results and benefits. (10 pts)

(10 points) QUALITY OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION

(A) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (10 pts)

Important note about the project evaluation: A strong evaluation plan should be included in the application narrative and should be used, as appropriate, to shape the

development of the project from the beginning of the grant period. The plan should include benchmarks to monitor progress toward specific project objectives and also outcome measures to assess the impact on teaching and learning or other important outcomes for project participants. More specifically, the plan should identify the individual and/or organization that have agreed to serve as evaluator for the project and describe the qualifications of that evaluator.

The plan should describe the evaluation design, indicating: (1) what types of data will be collected; (2) when various types of data will be collected; (3) what methods will be used; (4) what instruments will be developed and when; (5) how the data will be analyzed; (6) when reports of results and outcomes will be available; and (7) how the applicant will use the information collected through the evaluation to monitor progress of the funded project and to provide accountability information both about success at the initial site and effective strategies for replication in other settings. Also, applicants should consider their ability to adhere to the Government Performance and Results Act measures associated with this program. Applicants are encouraged to devote an appropriate level of resources to project evaluation.

Part 5: Budget Narrative

*This section should be attached as a **single** document to the Budget Narrative Attachment Form in accordance with the instructions found on Grants.gov. It should be organized according to the Suggested Guidelines for Budget Narrative identified in this document in order to expedite the review process.*

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Each application must provide a Budget Narrative (which serves to meet the requirements of ED Form 524, Section C) for requested Federal funds. The Budget Narrative for requested Federal funds should provide a justification of how the money requested for each budget item will be spent.

This section requires an **itemized budget breakdown** for each project year and the **basis for estimating the costs** of personnel salaries, benefits, project staff travel, materials and supplies, consultants and subcontracts, indirect costs and any other projected expenditures. Be sure to complete an itemized budget breakdown and narrative for each year of the proposed project (up to 36 months).

The Budget Narrative provides an opportunity for the applicant to identify the nature and amount of the proposed expenditures. The applicant should provide sufficient detail to enable reviewers and project staff to understand how requested funds will be used, how much will be expended, and the relationship between the requested funds and project activities and outcomes.

Important Notes

- Applicants are encouraged to review OMB Circular A-21, *Cost Principles for Educational Institutions* (codified at 2 CFR 220); OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments* (codified at 2 CFR 225); or OMB Circular A-122, *Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations* (codified at 2 CFR 230) in preparing their budget and budget narrative.
- OMB Circular A-21 may be found at the following link:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a021/a21_2004.html
- OMB Circular A-87 may be found at the following link:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a087/a87_2004.html
- OMB Circular A-122 may be found at the following link:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a122/a122_2004.html

Suggested Guidelines for the Budget Narrative

In accordance with 34 CFR 75.232, Department of Education staff perform a cost analysis of the each recommended project to ensure that costs relate to the activities and objectives of the project, are reasonable, allowable and allocable. We may delete or reduce costs from the budget during this review.

To facilitate the review of your Budget Narrative, we encourage each applicant to include the following information for each year of the project:

1. Personnel

- Provide the title and duties of each position to be compensated under this project.
- Provide the salary for each position under this project.
- Provide the amounts of time, such as hours or percentage of time to be expended by each position under this project.
- Explain the importance of each position to the success of the project.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

2. Fringe Benefits

- Give the fringe benefit percentages of all personnel included under Personnel.
- Provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.

3. Travel

- Explain the purpose of the travel, how it relates to project success, how it aligns with the project goals and objectives and which program participants or staff will participate.
- Submit an estimate for the number of trips, points of origin and destination, and purpose of travel.
- Submit an itemized estimate of transportation and/or subsistence costs for each trip.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

4. Equipment

- Indicate the estimated unit cost for each item to be purchased.
- Identify each type of equipment.
- Provide adequate justification of the need for items of equipment to be purchased.
- Explain the purpose of the equipment, and how it relates to project success.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

5. Supplies

- Provide an itemized estimate of materials and supplies by nature of expense or general category (e.g., instructional materials, office supplies, etc.).
- Explain the purpose of the supplies and how they relate to project success.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

6. Contractual

- Provide the purpose and relation to project success.
- Describe the products to be acquired, and/or the professional services to be provided.
- Provide a brief justification for the use of the contractors selected.
- Identify the name(s) of the contracting party, including consultants, if available.
- Provide the cost per contractor.
- Provide the amount of time that the project will be working with the contractor(s).
- For professional services contracts, provide the amounts of time to be devoted to the project, including the costs to be charged to this proposed grant award.

- Provide a brief statement that you have followed the procedures for procurement under 2 CFR 200.317-200.326.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

7. Construction

- Not applicable.

8. Other

- List and identify items by major type or category (e.g., communications, printing, postage, equipment rental, etc.).
- Provide the cost per item (printing = \$500, postage = \$750).
- Provide the purpose for the expenditures and relation to project success.
- Provide the basis for cost estimates or computations.

9. Total Direct Costs

- The amount that is the sum of expenditures, per budget category, of lines 1-8.

10. Indirect Costs

- Identify indirect cost rate (if the applicant will charge indirect costs to the grant)
- Note: remember to provide a copy of the most recent approved indirect cost agreement in the Other Attachments form section of the application.

11. Training Stipends

- Not applicable.

12. Total Costs

- Sum total of direct costs, indirect costs, and stipends.
- Please provide total costs for each year of the project as well as grand total cost for the entire project (up to 36 months).

Part 6: Other Attachment Form

Attach one or more documents to the Other Attachments Form in accordance with the instructions found on Grants.gov. You may provide all of the required information in a single document, or in multiple documents.

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- Individual Resumes for Project Directors and Key Personnel:** Provide brief resumes or job descriptions that describe their qualifications for the responsibilities they will carry out under the project.

- Program Specific Assurance:** You must include a Program Specific Assurance with your application. You may use the format sample included in this guidance.

- Partnership Agreements for Competitive Preference Priority #1** - In order to receive competitive points for Competitive Preference Priority #1, you must include signed Partnerships Agreements from each required partner. You may use the template included in this guidance.

SAMPLE PROGRAM SPECIFIC ASSURANCE

Agency Name: _____

DUNS # _____

Please ensure you have included a Program Specific Assurance with your application. You must upload it with all signed forms to the Other Attachments Be sure to include your Agency name and DUNS# on your Assurance.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant shall:

1. Develop, update, or enhance physical activity policies and food- and nutrition-related policies that promote healthy eating and physical activity throughout students' everyday lives, as part of our PEP project.
2. Align our PEP project with the district's Local Wellness Policy, if applicable.
___ ** Please check here if this requirement is not applicable to your application because your entity does not participate in the school lunch program authorized by the Federal child-nutrition programs as recently amended by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and therefore is not required to have a Local Wellness Policy and you are not part of a partner group required to have a Local Wellness Policy.**
3. Align students' use of the equipment with PEP elements applicable to our project, identified in the absolute priority, and any applicable curricula.
4. Report project-level information to the public, in the aggregate, on the key program indicators including both GPRA and program specific measures
5. Only purchase equipment with grant funds that is aligned with the curricular components of the proposed program.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title

Applicant Organization

Date Submitted

Sample LEA Partner Agreement for Competitive Preference Priority #1:

Agency Name: _____

DUNS # _____

This agreement is only necessary if you intend to address Competitive Preference Priority #1 – Partnerships Between Applicants and Supporting Community Entities You must upload it with all signed forms to the Other Attachments. Be sure to indicate your Agency name and DUNS # on your agreement(s).

Page 1 of 5 (LEA Partner)

LEA Authorized Representative Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of LEA's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Page 2 of 5 (CBO Partner)

CBO Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of CBO's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Page 3 of 5 (Public Health Entity Partner)

Public Health Partner Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Public Health Entity's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Page 4 of 5 (LEA's Food Service or Child Nutrition Director)

Food Service or Child Nutrition Director Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Public Health Entity's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Page 5 of 5 (Head of Local Government)

Head of Local Government Name (or designee): _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Head of Local Government or Designee: _____

Dated: _____

Sample CBO Partner Agreement for Competitive Preference Priority #1:

Agency Name: _____

DUNS # _____

This agreement is only necessary if you intend to address Competitive Preference Priority #1 – Partnerships Between Applicants and Supporting Community Entities. You must upload it with all signed forms to the Other Attachments. Be sure to indicate your Agency name and DUNS # on your agreement(s).

Page 1 of 5 (CBO Partner)

CBO Authorized Representative Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of CBO's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Page 2 of 5 (Local Public Health Partner)

Local Public Health Entity Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Local Public Health Entity's Authorized Representative:

Dated: _____

Page 3 of 5 (Local Organization Supporting Nutrition or Healthy Eating)

Organization Supporting Nutrition or Healthy Eating Name:

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Organization Supporting Nutrition or Healthy Eating Authorized Representative:

Dated: _____

Page 4 of 5 (Head of Local Government)

Head of Local Government Name (or designee): _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of Head of Local Government or Designee: _____

Dated: _____

Page 5 of 5 (LEA from which the largest number of students expected to participate in the CBO's project attend)

LEA's Name: _____

Roles and Responsibilities:

Contribution to the Project:

This agreement is in support of _____ PEP project and was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required partners.

Signature of LEA's Authorized Representative: _____

Dated: _____

Part 7: Assurances and Certifications

Be certain to complete all required assurances and certifications in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), and include all required information in the appropriate place on each form. The assurances and certifications required for this application are:

- Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B Form)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF LLL Form)
- Certification Regarding Lobbying (ED 80-0013 Form)
- General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Requirements – Section 427

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form; print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Instructions for Meeting the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Section 427 Requirements

All applicants for new awards **must** include information in their applications to address this new provision in order to receive funding under this program.

Section 427 **requires** each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age.

A general statement of an applicant's nondiscriminatory hiring policy is **not** sufficient to meet this requirement. Applicants must identify potential barriers and explain steps they will take to overcome these barriers.

Please review the Notice to all Applicants (included in the electronic application package in Grants.gov) for further information on meeting the provisions in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA).

Applicants are **required** to address this provision by attaching a statement (not to exceed three pages) to the **ED GEPA 427 form** that is included in the electronic application package in Grants.gov.

Part 8: Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (Executive Order 12372)

This program falls under the rubric of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to strengthen federalism--or the distribution of responsibility between localities, States, and the Federal government--by fostering intergovernmental partnerships. This idea includes supporting processes that State or local governments have devised for coordinating and reviewing proposed Federal financial grant applications.

The process for doing this requires grant applicants to contact State Single Points of Contact for information on how this works. Multi-state applicants should follow procedures specific to each state.

Further information about the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) process and a list of names by State can be found at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc

Absent specific State review programs, applicants may submit comments directly to the Department. All recommendations and comments must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address: The Secretary, EO 12372--CFDA# 84.215F, U.S. Department of Education, room 7E200. 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR §75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the closing date indicated in this notice.

Important note: The above address is not the same address as the one to which the applicant submits its completed applications. **Do not send applications to the above address.**

Not all states have chosen to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located in a State that does not have a SPOC, you may send application materials directly to the Department as described in the *Federal Register* notice.

Reporting and Accountability

Successful Applicants with multi-year grants must submit an **annual performance report** demonstrating their progress in meeting approved project objectives. Grantees must also provide the most current financial and performance measure data for each year of the project.

At the end of the project period, applicants will also be required to submit a **final performance report**.

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the following performance indicators have been established to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program:

(I) The percentage of students served by the grant who engage in 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

(II) The percentage of students served by the grant who meet the standard of a healthy fitness zone as established by the assessment for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) in at least five of the six fitness areas of that assessment.

(III) The percentage of students served by the grant who consume fruit two or more times per day and vegetables three or more times per day as measured in programs serving high school students using the nutrition-related questions from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and in programs serving elementary and middle school students using an appropriate assessment tool for their populations.

For each measure, grantees should collect and aggregate data from two discrete data collection periods throughout each year. During the first year, grantees have an additional data collection period prior to program implementation to collect baseline data.

(IV) The cost (based on the amount of the grant award) per student who achieves the level of physical activity required to meet the physical activity measures above (i.e., 60 minutes of daily physical activity).

For specific requirements on grantee reporting, please go to the ED Performance Report Form 524B at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Carol M. White Physical Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information

Carol M. White Physical Education Program

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.215F.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 21, 2016.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 20, 2016.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 19, 2016.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Carol M. White Physical Education Program

(PEP) provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to initiate, expand, and improve physical education for students in grades K-12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting State physical education standards.

Priorities: This notice contains one absolute priority, three competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. The absolute priority and Competitive Preference Priority 1 are from the notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions for this program published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892). Competitive Preference Priority 2 and Competitive Preference Priority 3 are from the Department's notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73426). The invitational priority is based on 34 CFR 75.226(d)(4).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded

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applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Programs Designed To Create Quality Physical Education Programs

Under this priority, an applicant is required to develop, expand, or improve its physical education program and address its State's physical education standards by undertaking the following activities: (1) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition and (2) physical fitness activities that must include at least one of the following: (a) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being; (b) instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student; (c) development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle; (d) opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation; or (e) opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference

priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we will award an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 1, an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 2, and an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference 3. The maximum number of competitive preference points an application can receive for this competition is 15.

Note: In order to be eligible for earning competitive preference priority points, an applicant must identify in the abstract section of its application the competitive preference priority or priorities for which it is seeking points.

Applications that fail to clearly identify in the abstract section the competitive preference priority or priorities for which they are seeking to earn points will not be reviewed against the competitive preference priority and will not be awarded competitive preference priority points.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: Partnerships Between Applicants and Supporting Community Entities

We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application an agreement that details the participation of required partners, as defined in this notice. The agreement must include a description of: (1) Each partner's roles and responsibilities in the project; (2) how each partner will contribute to the project, including any contribution to the local match; (3) an assurance that the application was developed after timely and meaningful consultation between the required parties, as defined in this notice; and (4) a commitment to work together to reach the desired goals and outcomes of the project. The partner agreement must be signed by the Authorized Representative of each of the required partners and by other partners as appropriate.

For an LEA applicant, this partnership agreement must include: (1) The LEA; (2) at least one CBO; (3) a local public health entity, as defined in this notice; (4) the LEA's food service or child nutrition director; and (5) the head of the local government, as defined in this notice.

For a CBO applicant, the partnership agreement must include: (1) The CBO; (2) a local public health entity, as defined in this notice; (3) a local organization supporting nutrition or healthy eating, as defined in this notice; (4) the head of the local government, as defined in this notice; and (5) the LEA from which the largest number of students expected to participate in the CBO's project attend. If the

CBO applicant is a school, such as a parochial or other private school, the applicant must describe its school as part of the partnership agreement but is not required to provide an additional signature from an LEA or another school. A CBO applicant that is a school and serves its own population of students is required to include another CBO as part of its partnership and include the head of that CBO as a signatory on the partnership agreement.

Although partnerships with other parties are required for this priority, the eligible applicant must retain the administrative and fiscal control of the project.

Competitive Preference Priority 2--Development of Non-Cognitive Factors

We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application projects that are designed to improve students' mastery of non-cognitive skills and behaviors (such as academic behaviors, academic mindset, perseverance, self-regulation, social and emotional skills, and approaches toward learning strategies) and enhance student motivation and engagement in learning.

Competitive Preference Priority 3--Supporting High-Need Students

We will give a competitive preference priority to an applicant that includes in its application projects designed to improve academic outcomes; learning environments; or both for students in lowest-performing schools.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

Invitational Priority--Evidence of Promise

Projects in which physical education or nutrition education programs and practices are supported by research studies that demonstrate evidence of promise as defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c).

Note: Under this priority, we are inviting applications that meet the evidence of promise standard as defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c). Each applicant is encouraged to submit a citation for the study or studies that supports the applicant's proposed process, strategy, or practice and that the applicant provides as justification that it meets the evidence of promise standard. If applicable and available, the on-line link for the citation should be provided in the

Abstract.

Requirements

The following requirements, which are from the notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions for this program published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892), apply to this competition:

Requirement 1--Align Project Goals With Identified Needs Using the School Health Index (SHI)

Applicants must complete the physical activity and nutrition questions in Modules 1-4 of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) SHI self-assessment tool and develop project goals and plans that address the identified needs. Modules 1-4 are School Health and Safety Policies and Environment, Health Education, Physical Activity and Other Physical Activity Programs, and Nutrition Services. LEA applicants must use the SHI self-assessment to develop a School Health Improvement Plan focused on improving these issues, and

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design an initiative that addresses their identified gaps and weaknesses. Applicants must include their Overall Score Card for the questions answered in Modules 1-4 in their application, and correlate their School Health Improvement Plan to their project design. Grantees must also complete the same modules of the SHI at the end of the project period and submit the Overall Score Card from the second assessment in their final reports to demonstrate SHI completion and program improvement as a result of PEP funding.

If a CBO applicant (unless the CBO is a school) is in a partner agreement with an LEA or school, it must collaborate with its partner or partners to complete Modules 1-4 of the SHI.

Alternatively, if the CBO has not identified a school or LEA partner, the CBO is not required to do Modules 1-4 of the SHI but must use an alternative needs assessment tool to assess the nutrition and physical activity environment in the community for children. CBO applicants are required to include their overall findings from the community needs assessment and correlate their findings with their project design. Grantees will be required to complete the same needs assessment at the end of their project and submit their findings in their final reports to demonstrate the completion of the assessment and program involvement as a result of PEP funding.

Requirement 2--Nutrition- and Physical Activity-Related Policies

Grantees must develop, update, or enhance physical activity policies and food- and nutrition-related policies that promote healthy eating and physical activity throughout students' everyday lives, as part of their PEP projects. Applicants must describe in their application their current policy framework, areas of focus, and the planned process for policy development, implementation, review, and monitoring. Grantees will be required to detail at the end of their project period in their final reports the physical activity and nutrition policies selected and how the policies improved through the course of the project.

Applicants must sign a Program-Specific Assurance that commits them to developing, updating, or enhancing these policies during the project period. Applicants that do not submit such a Program-Specific Assurance signed by the applicant's Authorized Representative are ineligible for the competition.

Requirement 3--Linkage With Local Wellness Policies

Applicants that are participating in a program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 must describe in their applications their school district's established local wellness policy and how the proposed PEP project will align with, support, complement, and enhance the implementation of the applicant's local wellness policy. The LEA's local wellness policy should address all requirements in the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. CBO applicants must describe in their applications how their proposed projects would enhance or support the intent of the local wellness policies of their LEA partner(s), if they are working in a partnership group.

If an applicant or a member of its partnership group does not participate in the school lunch program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act and the WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, it will not necessarily have a local wellness policy and, thus, is not required to meet this requirement or adopt a local wellness policy. However, we encourage those applicants to develop and adopt a local wellness policy, consistent with the provisions in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act and the WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 in conjunction with its PEP project.

Applicants must sign a Program-Specific Assurance that commits them to align their PEP project with the district's Local Wellness Policy, if applicable. Applicants to whom this requirement applies that do not submit a Program-Specific Assurance signed by the applicant's Authorized Representative are ineligible for the competition.

Requirement 4--Equipment Purchases

Purchases of equipment with PEP funds or with funds used to meet the program's matching requirement must be aligned with the curricular components of the proposed physical education and nutrition program. Applicants must commit to aligning the students' use of the equipment with PEP elements applicable to their projects, identified in the absolute priority in this notice, and any applicable curricula by signing a Program-Specific Assurance. Applicants that do not submit a Program-Specific Assurance signed by the applicant's Authorized Representative are ineligible for the competition.

Requirement 5--Increasing Transparency and Accountability

Grantees must create or use existing reporting mechanisms to provide information on students' progress, in the aggregate, on the key program indicators, as described in this notice and required under the Government Performance and Results Act, as well as on any unique project-level measures proposed in the application. Grantees that are educational agencies or institutions are subject to applicable Federal, State, and local privacy provisions, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act--a law that generally prohibits the non-consensual disclosure of personally identifiable information in a student's education record. All grantees must comply with applicable Federal, State, and local privacy provisions. The aggregate-level information should be easily accessible by the public, such as posted on the grantee's or a partner's Web site. Applicants must describe in their application the planned method for reporting.

Applicants must commit to reporting information to the public by signing a Program-Specific Assurance. Applicants that do not submit a Program-Specific Assurance signed by the applicant's Authorized Representative are ineligible for the competition.

Definitions: The definitions are from the notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892); the Department's Notice of Final Supplemental Priorities and Definitions for Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73453); the ESEA; and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations. After each definition, we identify its source.

Community-based organization means a public or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that--

(a) Is representative of a community or significant segments of a community; and

(b) Provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. (ESEA section 9101(6)).

Evidence of promise means there is empirical evidence to support the theoretical linkage(s) between at least one critical component and at least one relevant outcome presented in the logic model for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice. Specifically, evidence of promise means

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the conditions in both paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this definition are met:

(i) There is at least one study that is a--

(A) Correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias;

(B) Quasi-experimental design study that meets the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards with reservations; or

(C) Randomized controlled trial that meets the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards with or without reservations.

(ii) The study referenced in paragraph (i) of this definition found a statistically significant or substantively important (defined as a difference of 0.25 standard deviations or larger) favorable association between at least one critical component and one relevant outcome presented in the logic model for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice. (34 CFR 77.1(c)).

Head of local government means the head of, or an appropriate designee of, the party responsible for the civic functioning of the county, city, town, or municipality would be considered the head of local government. This includes, but is not limited to, the mayor, city manager, or county executive. (75 FR 34892, 34909).

Local educational agency (LEA) means:

(1) A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or of or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools.

(2) The term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary school or secondary school.

(3) The term includes an elementary school or secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs but only to the extent that including the school makes the school eligible for programs for which specific eligibility is not provided to the school in another provision of law and the school does not have a student population that is smaller than the student population of the local educational agency

receiving assistance under this Act with the smallest student population, except that the school shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of any State educational agency other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(4) The term includes educational service agencies and consortia of those agencies.

(5) The term includes the State educational agency in a State in which the State educational agency is the sole educational agency for all public schools. (ESEA section 9101(26)).

Local public health entity means an administrative or service unit of local or State government concerned with health and carrying some responsibility for the health of a jurisdiction smaller than the State (except for Rhode Island and Hawaii, because these States' health departments operate on behalf of local public health and have no sub-State unit). The definition applies to the State health department or the State public health entity in the event that the local public health entity does not govern health and nutrition issues for the local area. (75 FR 34892, 34909).

Lowest-performing schools means, for a State with an approved request for flexibility under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), priority schools or Tier I and Tier II schools that have been identified under the School Improvement Grants program. For any other State, Tier I and Tier II schools that have been identified under the School Improvement Grants program.

Organization supporting nutrition or healthy eating means a local public or private non-profit school, health-related professional organization, local public health entity, or local business that has demonstrated interest and efforts in promoting student health or nutrition. This term includes, but is not limited to LEAs (particularly an LEA's school food or child nutrition director), grocery stores, supermarkets, restaurants, corner stores, farmers' markets, farms, other private businesses, hospitals, institutions of higher education, Cooperative Extension Service and 4H Clubs, and community gardening organizations, when such entities have demonstrated a clear intent to promote student health and nutrition or have made tangible efforts to do so. This definition does not include representatives from trade associations or representatives from any organization representing any producers or marketers of food or beverage product(s). (75 FR 34892, 34909).

Priority schools means schools that, based on the most recent data available, have been identified as among the lowest-performing schools in the State. The total number of priority schools in a State must be at least five percent of the Title I schools in the State. A priority school is--

(a) A school among the lowest five percent of Title I schools in the State based on the achievement of the "all students" group in

terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments that are part of the SEA's differentiated recognition, accountability, and support system, combined, and has demonstrated a lack of progress on those assessments over a number of years in the "all students" group;

(b) A Title I-participating or Title I-eligible high school with a graduation rate that is less than 60 percent over a number of years; or

(c) A Tier I or Tier II school under the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program that is using SIG funds to implement a school intervention model.

Tier I schools means:

(a) A Title I school that has been identified as in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under section 1116 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) and that is identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(1) of the definition of persistently lowest-achieving school.

(b) An elementary school that is eligible for Title I, Part A funds that--

(1)(i) Has not made adequate yearly progress for at least two consecutive years; or

(ii) Is in the State's lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and

(2) Is no higher achieving than the highest-achieving school identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of the definition of persistently lowest-achieving school.

Tier II schools means:

(a) A secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I, Part A funds and is identified by the State educational agency (SEA) under paragraph (a)(2) of the definition of persistently lowest-achieving schools.

(b) A secondary school that is eligible for Title I, Part A funds that--

(1)(i) Has not made adequate yearly progress for at least two consecutive years; or

(ii) Is in the State's lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and

(2)(i) Is no higher achieving than the highest-achieving school identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(2)(i) of the

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definition of persistently lowest-achieving school; or

(ii) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate, as defined in

34 CFR 200.19(b), that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7261-7261f.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485, and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474. (c) The regulations in 34 CFR part 299. (d) The notice of final eligibility requirements for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70369). (e) The notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892). (f) The notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73453).

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: \$23,000,000

Estimated Range of Awards: \$200,000-\$800,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 15. We expect to make awards under this competition for the complete 3-year (36-month) period by front-loading all 3 years using FY 2016 funds. Additional information regarding this action can be found in the application package.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: (a) LEAs, including charter schools that

are considered LEAs under State law, and CBOs, including faith-based organizations provided that they meet the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

(b) The Secretary limits eligibility under this discretionary grant competition to LEAs or CBOs that do not currently have an active grant under PEP. For the purpose of this eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds. (See the notice of final eligibility requirements for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70369)).

2. (a) Cost Sharing or Matching: In accordance with section 5506 of the ESEA, the Federal share of the project costs may not exceed (i) 90 percent of the total cost of a program for the first year for which the program receives assistance; and (ii) 75 percent of such cost for the second and each subsequent year.

(b) Supplement-Not-Supplant: This competition involves supplement-not-supplant funding requirements. Funds made available under this program must be used to supplement, and not supplant, any other Federal, State, or local funds available for physical education activities in accordance with section 5507 of the ESEA.

3. Other: An application for funds under this program may provide for the participation, in the activities funded, of (a) students enrolled in private nonprofit elementary schools or secondary schools, and their parents and teachers; or (b) home-schooled students, and their parents and teachers.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: You can obtain an application package via the Internet or from the Education Publications Center (ED Pubs). To obtain a copy via the Internet, use the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant.html>. To obtain a copy from ED Pubs, write, fax, or call the following: ED Pubs, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 22207, Alexandria, VA 22304. Telephone, toll free: 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (703) 605-6794.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

You can contact ED Pubs at its Web site, also: www.EDPubs.gov or at its email address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.215F.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape,

or compact disc) by contacting the person listed under Accessible Format in section VII of this notice.

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.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to no more than 30 pages, using the following standards:

A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. Double space is optional for the text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application that exceed the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: March 21, 2016.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 20, 2016.

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic

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submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 7. Other Submission Requirements of this notice.

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

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 in section VII in this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the

application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 19, 2016.

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: Funds may not be used for construction activities or for extracurricular activities, such as team sports and Reserve Officers' Training Corps program activities (See section 5503(c) of the ESEA).

In accordance with section 5505(b) of the ESEA, not more than five percent of grant funds provided under this program to an LEA or CBO for any fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses.

We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice. Information about prohibited activities and use of funds also is included in the application package for this competition.

6. Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management: To do business with the Department of Education, you must--

- a. Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);
- b. Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM) (formerly the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)), the Government's primary registrant database;
- c. Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and
- d. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet. A DUNS number can be created within one-to-two business days.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data entered into the SAM database by an entity. Thus if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your DUNS number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

Note: Once your SAM registration is active, you will need to allow 24 to 48 hours for the information to be available in Grants.gov and before you can submit an application through Grants.gov.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at www.SAM.gov. To further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account, we have prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet, which you can find at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>.

In addition, if you are submitting your application via Grants.gov, you must (1) be designated by your organization as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (2) register yourself with Grants.gov as an AOR. Details on these steps are outlined at the following Grants.gov Web page: www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.

7. 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 Carol M. White Physical Education Program, CFDA number 84.215F, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at 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 email 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 the Carol M. White Physical Education Program at www.Grants.gov. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.215, not 84.215F).

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 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your application if it is received--that is, date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system--after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. 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 4:30:00 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.

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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 program 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 under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at www.G5.gov.

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: The 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.

You must upload any narrative sections and all other attachments to your application as files in a PDF (Portable Document) read-only, non-modifiable format. Do not upload an interactive or fillable PDF file. If you upload a file type other than a read-only, non-modifiable PDF 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 email. 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, toll free, 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 4:30:00 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 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT in section VII of this notice 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 the problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30:00 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 prevents 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 either: Carlette KyserPegram, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3E256, Washington, DC 20202-6450. FAX: (202) 453-6742.

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 following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.215F), LBJ Basement Level 1, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202-4260.

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

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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 84.215F), 550 12th Street SW., Room 7039, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 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

1. Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR and are listed in the application package.

2. Review and Selection Process: We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary also requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

3. Special Conditions: Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose special conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

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 Notice (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

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: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) 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 directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.

4. Performance Measures: The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for collecting data to use in assessing the effectiveness of PEP:

(a) The percentage of students served by the grant who engage in 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

(b) The percentage of students served by the grant who meet the standard of a healthy fitness zone as established by the assessment for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) in at least five of the six fitness areas of that assessment.

(c) The percentage of students served by the grant who consume fruit two or more times per day and vegetables three or more times per day as measured in programs serving high school students using the nutrition-related questions from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and in programs serving elementary and middle school students using an appropriate assessment tool for their populations.

For each measure, grantees should collect and aggregate data from two discrete data collection periods throughout each year. During the first year, grantees have an additional data collection period prior to program implementation to collect baseline data.

(d) The cost (based on the amount of the grant award) per student who achieves the level of physical activity required to meet the physical activity measure above (i.e., 60 minutes of daily physical activity).

These measures constitute the Department's measures of success for this program. Consequently, applicants for a grant under this program are advised to give careful consideration to these measures in conceptualizing the approach and evaluation of their proposed project. If funded, applicants will be asked to collect and report data in their performance and final reports about progress toward these measures.

5. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, the performance targets in the grantee's approved application. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contacts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlette KyserPegram, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3E256, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: 202-453-6732 or by email: Carlette.KyserPegram@ed.gov.

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If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII in this notice.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

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Dated: March 16, 2016.

Ann Whalen,

Senior Advisor to the Secretary Delegated the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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Program Statute

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

Section 5501, Part D, Subpart 10
Title V, ESEA

Subpart 10- Physical Education

SEC. 5501. SHORT TITLE.

This subpart may be cited as the 'Carol M. White Physical Education Program'.

SEC. 5502. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this subpart is to award grants and contracts to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs for all kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

SEC. 5503. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.

(a) AUTHORIZATION- The Secretary is authorized to award grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations (such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the Young Men's Christian Organization (YMCA) and Young Women's Christian Organization (YWCA)) to pay the Federal share of the costs of initiating, expanding, and improving physical education programs (including after-school programs) for kindergarten through 12th-grade students by —

- (1) providing equipment and support to enable students to participate actively in physical education activities; and
- (2) providing funds for staff and teacher training and education.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS- A physical education program funded under this subpart may provide for one or more of the following:

- (1) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being.
- (2) Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student.
- (3) Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skill and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle.
- (4) Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation.
- (5) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition.
- (6) Opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

(c) SPECIAL RULE- For the purpose of this subpart, extracurricular activities, such as team sports and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program activities, shall not be considered as part of the curriculum of a physical education program assisted under this subpart.

SEC. 5504. APPLICATIONS.

(a) SUBMISSION- Each local educational agency or community-based organization desiring a grant or contract under this subpart shall submit to the Secretary an application that contains a plan to initiate, expand, or improve physical education programs in order to make progress toward meeting State standards for physical education.

(b) PRIVATE SCHOOL AND HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS- An application for funds under this subpart may provide for the participation, in the activities funded under this subpart, of —

- (1) students enrolled in private nonprofit elementary schools or secondary schools, and their parents and teachers; or
- (2) home-schooled students, and their parents and teachers.

SEC. 5505. REQUIREMENTS.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY- In order to continue receiving funding after the first year of a multiyear grant or contract under this subpart, the administrator of the grant or contract for the local educational agency or community-based organization shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that —

- (1) describes the activities conducted during the preceding year; and
- (2) demonstrates that progress has been made toward meeting State standards for physical education.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES- Not more than 5 percent of the grant funds made available to a local educational agency or community-based organization under this subpart for any fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses.

SEC. 5506. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) FEDERAL SHARE- The Federal share under this subpart may not exceed —

- (1) 90 percent of the total cost of a program for the first year for which the program receives assistance under this subpart; and
- (2) 75 percent of such cost for the second and each subsequent such year.

(b) PROPORTIONALITY- To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that grants awarded under this subpart shall be equitably distributed among local educational agencies and community-based organizations serving urban and rural areas.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS- Not later than June 1, 2003, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress that —

- (1) describes the programs assisted under this subpart;
- (2) documents the success of such programs in improving physical fitness; and
- (3) makes such recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate for the continuation and improvement of the programs assisted under this subpart.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS- Amounts made available to the Secretary to carry out this subpart shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 5507. SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.

Funds made available under this subpart shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any other Federal, State, or local funds available for physical education activities.

Program Regulations

The following Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) apply to the competition described in this application package:

- 34 CFR Part 75 (Direct Grant Programs)
- 34 CFR Part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department regulations)
- 34 CFR Part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and activities)
- 34 CFR Part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement)
- 34 CFR Part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying)
- 34 CFR Part 84 (Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace Financial Assistance)
- 34 CFR Part 86 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention)
- 34 CFR Part 97 (Protection of Human Subjects)
- 34 CFR Part 98 (Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs, and Testing)
- 34 CFR Part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)

Also: the following regulations apply:

- The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485
- The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474
- 34 CFR Part 299 (General Provisions)

The notice of final eligibility requirement for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70369).

The notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34892).

The notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73453).

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.