

evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

The selection criteria for this program contain information collection requirements. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3504(h)), the Department of Education will submit a copy of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review.

Collection of Information: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Federal Activities Grants Program

These selection criteria will affect the following types of entities eligible to apply for a grant under this program: State and local educational agencies, institutions or higher education, other nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions; and any combinations of these types of entities. The Department needs, and will use, the information related to the selection criteria for this program to enable the Secretary to determine which applicants would most likely develop, implement, and validate successful model projects for demonstration throughout the Nation. Annual public reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response for 300 respondents, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Organizations and individuals desiring to submit comments on the information collection requirements should direct them to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; Attention: Desk Officer for U.S. Department of Education.

The Department considers comments by the public on this proposed collection of information in—

- Evaluating whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluating the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

Fiscal Information:

- Enhancing the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimizing the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the information collection requirements between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Department to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rules. Ordinarily, this practice would have applied to the rules in this notice. However, the Secretary waives rulemaking under section 553(b)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act. This section provides that rulemaking is not required when the agency for good cause finds that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. The Secretary believes that, in order to make timely grant awards using Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 funds, public comment on these rules is impracticable. Congress did not provide authority to use FY 1997 funds for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs until March 1997. The Secretary must make new awards no later than September 30, 1997, and recipients should be able to implement projects as early as possible in the 1997–98 school year. Therefore, in order to give applicants enough time to prepare their applications and the Department sufficient time to conduct the lengthy review process in this notice, it is now impracticable to receive public comments and still allow FY 1997 awards to be made by September 30, 1997.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. The objective of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental

partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

Note: This notice of final priorities and selection criteria does *not* solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under these competitions is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.184F and 84.184G Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act National Programs—Federal Activities Grants Program)

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.184F, 84.184G, 84.184H]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs; Combined Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1997

Summary: The Secretary invites applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1997 under three direct grant competitions supported by Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) National Programs.

Purpose of Program: The National Programs portion of the SDFSCA supports the development of innovative programs that (1) demonstrate effective new methods of ensuring safe and drug-free schools, colleges, and communities, and (2) provide models or proven effective practices that will assist schools and communities around the Nation to improve their programs funded under the State Grants portion of the SDFSCA.

Applications Available: June 13, 1997.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: August 1, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 1, 1997.

CFDA number and name	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards	Estimated available funds	Project Period
84.184F Replication of Effective Programs or Strategies to Prevent Youth Drug Use, Violent Behavior, or Both.	\$250,000 to \$450,000	\$350,000	6	\$2,000,000	Up to 36 months
84.184G State and Local Educational Agency Drug and Violence Prevention Data Collection.	400,000 to 600,000 ...	500,000	10	5,000,000	Up to 24 months
84.184H Drug and Violence Prevention Programs in Higher Education: Validation Competition.	150,000 to 300,000 ...	265,000	5	1,325,000	28 months

Note: Range of awards, average size of awards, number of awards and available funding in this notice are estimates only. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Funding estimates for competitions 84.184F and 84.184G represent the first year of the project period only. Funding for the second and third years of projects under competitions 84.184F and 84.184G is subject both to the availability of future years' funds and the approval of continuation (see 34 CFR 75.253). Estimates for competition 84.184H represent funding for both the first and second years of the project period. Projects funded under competition 84.184H will not be subject to approval of continuation or to the availability of future years' funds.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86

(Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only); (b) 34 CFR parts 98 and 99; and (c) the notices of final priorities and selection criteria, as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** apply to these competitions.

Federal Activities Grants Program Competitions (CFDA #84.184F and #84.184G)

Absolute Priority #1—Replication of Effective Programs or Strategies to Prevent Youth Drug Use, Violent Behavior, or Both (CFDA# 84.184F)

Eligible Applicants

State and local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, other nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions; and any combination of these types of entities.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Absolute Priority #2—State and Local Educational Agency Drug and Violence Prevention Data Collection (CFDA #84.184G)

Eligible Applicants

State and local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, other nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions; and any combination of these types of entities.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Drug and Violence Prevention Programs in Higher Education: Validation Competition (CFDA #84.184H)

Absolute Priority #1—Correcting Misperceptions of Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Students Attending Institutions of Higher Education

Absolute Priority #2—Limiting Student Access to and Availability of Alcohol and Other Drugs at Institutions of Higher Education

Eligible Applicants

Institutions of higher education, or consortia thereof.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7132.

For Applications or Information Contact: Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Program, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 604 Portals, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: (202) 260-3954. By facsimile (202) 260-7767.

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Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Service (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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