

Topical Heading

Academic Improvement

Program Title

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.364A

Administering Office

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Local education agencies (LEAs) in which at least 20 percent of students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line may apply. Outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education are eligible for funds under a set-aside.

Current Competitions

FY 2008 application deadline: March 7, 2008.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$19,486,170

Fiscal Year 2007 \$19,486,170

Fiscal Year 2008 \$19,144,597

Note: If the appropriation exceeds \$100,000,000, then funds would be distributed by formula to state education agencies (SEAs).

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 80

Average New Award: \$250,000

Range of New Awards: \$30,000–\$500,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title I, Part B, Subpart 4; 20 U.S.C. 6383

Program Regulations

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Program Description

This program helps LEAs improve reading achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and professionally certified school library media specialists.

Types of Projects

Districts may use funds for the following activities:

- Purchasing up-to-date school library media resources, including books;
- Acquiring and using advanced technology that is integrated into the school curricula to develop and enhance the information literacy, information retrieval, and critical-thinking skills of students;
- Facilitating Internet links and other resource-sharing networks among school and school library media centers, and public and academic libraries;
- Providing professional development for school library media specialists and provide activities that foster increased collaboration among school library media specialists, teachers, and administrators; and

- Providing students with access to school libraries during nonschool hours, weekends, and summer vacations.

Education Level (by category)

Elementary, Secondary

Subject Index

Elementary Secondary Education, Libraries, Literacy, Secondary Education

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Links to Related Web Sites

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