

**§ 647.22**

**§ 647.22 How does the Secretary evaluate prior experience?**

(a) The Secretary reviews information relating to an applicant's performance as a grantee under its expiring McNair project. In addition to the application under review, this information may be derived from performance reports, audit reports, site visit reports, and project evaluation reports received by the Secretary during the project period about to be completed.

(b) The Secretary evaluates the applicant's performance as a grantee on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) (3 points) Whether the applicant consistently served the number and types of participants the project was funded to serve.

(2) (4 points) Whether the applicant was successful in providing the participants with research and scholarly activities and whether those activities had an impact on project participants.

(3) (8 points) The extent to which the applicant met or exceeded its funded objectives with regard to project participants as demonstrated by the number of participants who—

- (i) Attained a baccalaureate degree;
- (ii) Enrolled in a postbaccalaureate program; and
- (iii) Attained a doctoral level degree.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-15)

**§ 647.23 How does the Secretary set the amount of a grant?**

(a) The Secretary sets the amount of a grant on the basis of—

(1) 34 CFR 75.232 and 75.233 for new grants; and

(2) 34 CFR 75.253 for the second and subsequent years of a project period.

(b) If the circumstances described in section 402A(b)(3) of the HEA exist, the Secretary uses the available funds to set the amount of the grant beginning in fiscal year 1995 at the lesser of—

- (1) \$190,000; or
- (2) The amount requested by the applicant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

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**Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?**

**§ 647.30 What are allowable costs?**

Allowable project costs, not specifically covered by 34 CFR part 74, may include the following costs reasonably related to carrying out a McNair project:

(a) Activities of an academic or scholarly nature, such as trips to institutions of higher education offering doctoral programs, and special lectures, symposia, and professional conferences, which have as their purpose the encouragement and preparation of project participants for doctoral studies.

(b) Stipends of up to \$2,400 per year for students engaged in research internships, provided that the student has completed the sophomore year of study at an eligible institution before the internship begins.

(c) Necessary tuition, room and board, and transportation for students engaged in research internships during the summer.

(d) Purchase of computer hardware, computer software, or other equipment for student development, project administration, and recordkeeping, if the applicant demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that the equipment is required to meet the objectives of the project more economically or efficiently.

**§ 647.31 What are unallowable costs?**

Costs that may not be charged against a grant under this program include the following:

(a) Payment of tuition, stipends, test preparation and fees or any other form of student financial support to staff or participants not expressly allowed under § 647.30.

(b) Construction, renovation, and remodeling of any facilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-5)

**§ 647.32 What other requirements must a grantee meet?**

(a) *Eligibility of participants.* (1) A grantee shall determine the eligibility

of each student before the student is selected to participate. A grantee does not have to redetermine a student's eligibility once the student has been determined eligible in accordance with the provisions of §647.3; and

(2) A grantee shall determine the status of a low-income individual on the basis of the documentation described in section 402A(e) of the HEA.

(b) *Recordkeeping.* For each student, a grantee shall maintain a record of—

(1) The basis for the grantee's determination that the student is eligible to participate in the project under §647.3;

(2) The individual needs assessment;

(3) The services provided to the participant; and

(4) The specific educational progress made by the student during and after participation in the project.

(c) *Other reporting requirements.* A grantee shall submit to the Secretary reports and other information as requested in order to demonstrate program effectiveness.

(d) *Project director.* A grantee shall designate a project director who has—

(1) Authority to conduct the project effectively; and

(2) Appropriate professional qualifications, experience and administrative skills to effectively fulfill the objectives of the project.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-15)

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