

**Topical Heading**  
Rehabilitation

**Program Title**  
**Helen Keller National Center**

**Also Known as**  
HKNC; Helen Keller National Center for Youths & Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind

**CFDA # (or ED #)**  
84.904A

**Administering Office**  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**  
By law, funds are appropriated for the Helen Keller National Center for Youths & Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind only.

**Current Competitions**  
None. FY 2008 funds support a noncompetitive award to HKNC.

**Type of Assistance (specifically)**  
This is a direct appropriation.

**Appropriations**  
Fiscal Year 2006 \$8,511,030  
Fiscal Year 2007 \$8,511,030  
Fiscal Year 2008 \$8,362,313

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**  
*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1 noncompetitive award

**Legislative Citation**  
*Helen Keller National Center Act, as amended; 29 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.*

**Program Regulations**  
*EDGAR*, as applicable

**Program Description**  
The center provides services on a national basis to individuals who are deaf-blind, their families, and service providers through a national headquarters center with a residential training and rehabilitation facility and a network of 10 regional field offices that provide referral, counseling and transition assistance for individuals who are deaf-blind, and technical assistance and training for service providers. HKNC uses private funds to provide seed money to state and private agencies to encourage them to establish or expand programs for individuals who are deaf-blind. These programs also receive targeted training and technical assistance from the center.

**Types of Projects**  
The program provides training and counseling to individual consumers and training and technical assistance to service providers. The program also supports short-term training for youths in high school, a service project for elderly deaf-blind persons, a national parent and family services project, and an international internship program for professionals in the field of deaf-blindness.

**Education Level (by category)**  
Postsecondary, Secondary

**Subject Index**  
Deaf Blind, Family Involvement, Older Adults, Rehabilitation, Vocational Rehabilitation

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/helenkeller/index.html>

<http://www.helenkeller.org/national>