

Topical Heading

Academic Improvement

Program Title

Rural and Low-Income School Program

Also Known as

Rural and Low-Income School Grant Program; RLIS

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.358B

Administering Office

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Who May Apply (by category)

State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Funds are awarded to SEAs, which in turn make subgrants to local education agencies (LEAs). An LEA is eligible to apply to its SEA for a subgrant if:

- a. The LEA is not eligible for a grant under the Small Rural School Achievement program (see # 84.358A, also under topical heading "Academic Improvement");
- b. 20 percent or more of the children age 5 through 17 years served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line; and
- c. All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 6, 7, or 8.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$84,458,880

Fiscal Year 2007 \$84,458,880

Fiscal Year 2008 \$85,927,161

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 45, including outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education

Average New Award: \$2,124,197 (states only)

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title VI, Part B

Program Regulations

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Program Description

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to rural districts to assist them in meeting their state's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP). Applicants do not compete but rather are entitled to funds if they meet basic eligibility requirements. Eligibility is restricted by statute.

Awards are issued annually to SEAs, which make subgrants to LEAs that meet the applicable requirements. Awards are made to all SEAs that apply and meet the applicable requirements of the act (see Legislative Citation above). If an SEA does not participate, awards are issued by the U.S. Department of Education to eligible LEAs in the state either competitively or by formula.

Types of Projects

Recipients may use program funds to conduct the following activities:

- Teacher recruitment and retention, including the use of signing bonuses and other financial incentives;
- Teacher professional development, including programs that train teachers to use technology to improve

teaching and that train teachers of students with special needs;

- Support for educational technology, including software and hardware, that meets the requirements of *ESEA*, Title II, Part D (see Enhancing Education Through Technology Program; see # 84.318, under topical heading "Technology");
- Parental involvement activities;
- Activities authorized under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities: State Grants program (*ESEA*, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1; # 84.186A, under topical heading "Safe and Drug-Free Schools");
- Activities authorized under *ESEA*, Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs; # 84.010, under topical heading "Disadvantaged Persons"); or
- Activities authorized under *ESEA*, Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students).

Education Level (by category)

K-12

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Academic Achievement, Elementary Education, Rural Education, Secondary Education

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