

Topical Heading

School Improvement

Program Title

Reading Is Fundamental—Inexpensive Book Distribution Program

Also Known as

Reading Is Fundamental; RIF

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.820

Administering Office

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Who May Apply (specifically)

By law, the contract is mandated to Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.

Current Competitions

Funds support noncompetitive contract.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Contracts

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$25,043,040

Fiscal Year 2007 \$25,043,040

Fiscal Year 2008 \$24,605,499

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title V, Part D, Subpart 5, Sec. 5451

Program Regulations

FAR

Program Description

This program provides books for low-income children and youths from infancy to high school age and supports activities to motivate them to read.

Types of Projects

RIF enters into agreements with local nonprofit private groups or organizations and public agencies to administer free book distributions and reading motivation activities. Federal funds provide up to 75 percent of the cost of the books, with the balance obtained from private and local sources. Migrant programs may receive up to 100 percent of their costs. In selecting projects, priority must be given to those that will serve a substantial number or percentage of children of low-income families. Priority also must be given to projects that support those at risk of school failure, those who are disabled, or those who are homeless, and those who have certain other special needs as indicated in the statute.

Education Level (by category)

K-12, Pre-K

Subject Index

Books, Children, Reading

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