

**Topical Heading**

Academic Improvement

**Program Title**

# Smaller Learning Communities

**Also Known as****CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.215L

**Administering Office**

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

LEAs, on behalf of one or more large high schools (that include grades 11 and 12 and enroll at least 1,000 students in grades 9 and above) may apply.

**Current Competitions**

Application deadline for new awards using FY 2007 funds: Feb. 25, 2008. FY 2008 funds are expected to support continuations and possible new awards in FY 2009.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006 \$93,351,240

Fiscal Year 2007 \$93,351,240

Fiscal Year 2008 \$80,107,636

Note: LEAs may receive up to \$1,750,000 for an implementation grant to a single high school depending on the size of the school, during the 60-month project period, or up to \$14,000,000 for an implementation grant on behalf of multiple high schools. LEAs may not include more than eight high schools in a single application for a grant.

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 40 in FY 2008 (using FY 2007 funds)

Average New Award: \$2,208,090

Range of New Awards: \$1,250,000–\$14,000,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

**Legislative Citation**

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title V, Part D, Subpart 4, Sec. 5441; 20 U.S.C. 7249*

**Program Regulations**

*EDGAR*

**Program Description**

This program provides funds to LEAs to support the development of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large high schools as a component of comprehensive high school improvement plans.

**Types of Projects**

LEAs receive funds on behalf of large high schools to enable those schools to undertake research-based reforms and restructure into smaller learning environments. Structures include "houses," career academies, theme-based academies, or other smaller organizational units. Accompanying strategies that support the creation or expansion of these smaller learning environments include block scheduling, mentoring programs, teacher-advisory systems, and other innovations that create a more personal experience for students.

**Education Level (by category)**

Secondary

**Subject Index**

Academic Standards, Educational Improvement, Educational Innovation, Elementary Secondary Education, Innovation, School Reform, Secondary Education, Standards

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/applicant.html>