Archived Information

CHOICE AND INNOVATION STATE GRANTS

Goal: To assist States and local educational agencies to implement innovative strategies for improving student achievement.	Funding History (\$ in millions)			
	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
Legislation: To be determined.	1985	*	2000	*
	1990	*	2001	*
	1995	*	2002 (Requested)	\$471

^{*}Note: Does not reflect funding levels appropriated for the antecedent programs.

Program Description

The Choice and Innovation State Grants program would consolidate several overlapping and duplicative grant programs into one flexible grant to assist States and local educational agencies (LEAs) to implement innovative strategies for improving student achievement. States and districts would have the freedom to use Federal funds to support reform strategies that meet their particular needs. In addition, States and districts would use their funds on innovative programs that will help them meet the more stringent accountability requirements proposed by the Administration.

Grantees would use their funds to support locally developed innovative programs. For instance, States and LEAs could use program funds to support innovative approaches to school choice, including private school choice and charter school programs. Program funds also could be used to support the types of activities that were authorized under the antecedent programs. They would be able to use the funds for these purposes without going through the effort and expense of applying to the Federal Government for one or more competitive grants and then meeting the programmatic and other requirements associated with each grant.

Program Performance

OBJECTIVE 1: THE PROGRAM WILL SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

Indicat	Indicator 1.1: All states will report that at least 90% of school districts receiving funds under this program meet the goals outlined in the districts' applications			
for program funds.				
	Targets and Performance Data Assessment of Progress Sources and Data Quality			Sources and Data Quality
		Status: New program.	Source: State performance report.	
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		Frequency: Unknown.
1999:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Explanation: New program.	Next collection update: Unknown.
2000:	Not applicable	Not applicable		Date to be reported: Unknown.
2001:	Not applicable	Not applicable		
2002:		Not applicable		Validation Procedure: Not applicable.
				Limitations of Data and Planned
				Improvements: <i>Limitations:</i> Unknown.

Planned Improvements: Unknown.

Indicator 1.2: The percentage of State and local educational agencies that report a decrease in the cost of administering Federal education programs will increase.

	Targets and Performance Data		Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
			Status: New program.	Source: PES Resource Allocation Study
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		(planned).
1999:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Explanation: New program.	Frequency: Unknown.
2000:	Not applicable	Not applicable		Next collection update: Unknown.
2001:	Not applicable	Not applicable		Date to be reported: Unknown.
2002:		Not applicable		Validation Procedure: Not applicable.
				Limitations of Data and Planned
				Improvements: Limitations: Unknown.
				Planned Improvements: Unknown.

OBJECTIVE 2: THE PROGRAM WILL CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

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Indica	Indicator 2.1: States will report increases in student achievement on state assessments in districts that receive funds under this program.				
	Targets and Performance Data		Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality	
		Status: New program.	Source: State performance report.		
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		Frequency: Unknown.	
1999:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Explanation: Though it is questionable whether	Next collection update: Unknown.	
2000:	Not applicable	Not applicable	the impact of funds from this program can be	Date to be reported: Unknown.	
2001:	Not applicable	Not applicable	tied directly to changes in student achievement,		
2002:		Not applicable	this indicator will aim to make such a link.	Validation Procedure: Not applicable.	
				Limitations of Data and Planned	
				Improvements: Limitations: Unknown.	
				Planned Improvements: Unknown.	