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United States Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement

FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OVERVIEW

Program Purpose

The Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) program, which is being carried out under FIE, encourages coordination of educational, developmental, family, health, and other services through partnerships between (1) public elementary and secondary schools and (2) community-based organizations and public or private entities. Such collaboration will provide comprehensive educational, social, and health services for students, families, and communities.

Definition of a Full-Service Community School

A Full-Service Community School is a public elementary or secondary school that coordinates with community-based organizations and public or private entities to provide students, their families, and the community access to comprehensive services.

Eligible applicants: In order to receive funding, an applicant must be part of a consortium that consists of a local educational agency - as defined in section 9101 (26) of the ESEA - and 1 or more community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, or other public or private entities.

Absolute Priority

- **Scientifically-based research:** Applicants must propose a project based on scientifically based research--as defined in section 9101(37) of the ESEA--that establishes or expands an FSCS.
- **Services:** Each grant applicant must propose to provide at least 3 of the services listed below at each participating elementary or secondary school:
 1. early childhood education;
 2. remedial education and academic enrichment activities;
 3. programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy activities;
 4. mentoring and other youth development programs;
 5. parenting education and parent leadership;
 6. community service and service learning opportunities;
 7. programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled;
 8. job training and career counseling services;
 9. nutrition services;
 10. primary health and dental care;
 11. mental health counseling services; and
 12. adult education, including instruction of adults in English as a second language.

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Requirements

Applications must include:

1. a list of partner entities that will assist the eligible entity to coordinate or provide services;
2. a memorandum of understanding between the eligible applicant and all partner entities describing the role the partner entities will assume;
3. a description of the capacity of the eligible entity to provide and coordinate qualified services at a FSCS;
4. a comprehensive plan that includes descriptions of the students, families, and school community to be served, including information about the demographic characteristics and needs of students, families, and community residents, the estimated number of individuals to be served, and the frequency of services to be provided; and,
5. a list and description of the qualified services to be provided or coordinated by the eligible entity and its partner entities.

Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$4,912,650.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$75,000 - \$500,000.per year

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$415,000 per year

Maximum Award: \$500,000 per year

Estimated Number of Awards: 8-12

Estimated Program Schedule

Publication of CDN: 02/25/08

Closing Date for Applications: 04/15/08

Peer Review Begins: 06/16/08

Award/Obligation of Funds: 08/22/08

Further Information:

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