

**Topical Heading**

Professional Development

**Program Title**

# Teaching American History

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.215X

**Administering Office**

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

LEAs, which must apply in partnership with one or more of the following: institutions of higher education (IHEs), nonprofit history or humanities organizations, libraries, or museums.

**Current Competitions**

FY 2008 application deadline: December 10, 2007.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006 \$119,790,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$119,790,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$117,903,600

Note: FY 2008 funds awarded to grantees support the first 36 months of the project period, which may be up to 60 months.

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 130

Average New Award: \$500,000

Range of New Awards: For LEAs with enrollments of less than 20,000 students: up to \$500,000; for LEAs with enrollments of 20,000 to 300,000 students: \$350,000–\$1,000,000; and for LEAs with enrollments above 300,000 students: \$500,000–\$2,000,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

**Legislative Citation**

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title II, Part C, Subpart 4*

**Program Regulations**

*EDGAR; 34 CFR 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, and 99*

**Program Description**

The program is designed to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for traditional American history. Grant awards will assist LEAs, in partnership with entities that have content expertise, to develop, document, evaluate, and disseminate innovative and cohesive models of professional development. By helping teachers to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of American history as a separate subject matter within the core curriculum, these programs will improve instruction and raise student achievement.

**Types of Projects**

This program supports professional development for U.S. history teachers.

**Education Level (by category)**

K–12, Postsecondary

**Subject Index**

History Instruction, Professional Development, Social Studies, Teacher Education, United States History

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**Links to Related Web Sites**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/history.html>