

Teaching Traditional American History¹⁹

Purpose of the Program

The Teaching American History grant program supports projects to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for American history through intensive, ongoing professional development.

New Program Improvements and Resources

The *No Child Left Behind Act* reauthorizes this program, which will help to improve children's education by improving the quality of history teaching.

President Bush's budget proposes providing \$50 million for this program for FY-03.

Highlights:

- Grants are awarded to districts that apply in partnership with Institutions of Higher Education, non-profit history or humanities organizations, and/or libraries or museums
- Districts that receive grants must develop and implement high-quality in-service and/or pre-service professional development that provides educators with rigorous content and appropriate teaching skills to prepare all students to achieve to higher standards in American history.
- Districts that receive grants must implement strategies for on-going collaboration among teachers and outside experts to improve instruction in American history.

¹⁹ *Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by No Child Left Behind: Title II, Part C, Subpart 4*