

**Topical Heading**

School Improvement

**Program Title**

# Fund for the Improvement of Education—Programs of National Significance

**Also Known as**

FIE

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.215K; 84.215U

**Administering Office**

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

Other eligible organizations include public, private, and for-profit organizations and institutions may apply.

**Current Competitions**

None. FY 2008 funds support the entities named by Congress in the appropriations language under # 84.215K and only those projects specifically included in the president's budget request under # 84.215U.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Contracts, Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006 \$11,668,140

Fiscal Year 2007 \$16,050,610

Fiscal Year 2008 \$121,933,938

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 385

Average New Award: \$297,497

Range of New Awards: \$23,581–\$11,790,360

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

**Legislative Citation**

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title V, Part D, Subpart 1, Secs. 5411–5414; 20 U.S.C. 7243–7243c*

**Program Regulations**

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**Program Description**

FIE provides authority for the secretary of education to support nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the state and local levels and to help all students meet challenging state academic content standards and student achievement standards. The types of projects that may be supported include: activities to promote systemic education reform at the state and local levels; programs at the state and local levels that are designed to yield significant results, including programs to explore approaches to public school choice and school-based decision-making; recognition programs; and scientifically based studies and evaluations of education reform strategies and innovations. All funded programs must be designed so that their effectiveness is readily ascertainable and is assessed using rigorous, scientifically based research and evaluations.

**Types of Projects**

Activities that have been supported included the following:

- Teach for America (TFA) recruits and trains well-qualified college graduates to teach in high-need communities. The organization receives funds to pay a portion of the costs to train almost 3,000 new teachers in a residential summer training institute and to provide professional development during the first year in the classroom.
- Reach Out and Read receives funds to promote early literacy by providing books to babies and preschool children and advice to parents about the importance of reading with children.

**Education Level (by category)**

K-12

**Subject Index**

Academic Achievement, Demonstration Programs, Educational Assessment, Educational Improvement, Elementary Secondary Education, Recognition (Achievement)

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