DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Grants to Institutions of Higher Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1998

Purpose of Program: The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) National Programs—Grants to Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Validation Competition supports increased knowledge about effective programs by validating and disseminating model policies, practices, products and programs to prevent violent behavior and the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs by college students.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or consortia of such institutions.

Applications Available: July 22, 1998.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: August 24, 1998.

Note: All applications must be received on or before the deadline date. This requirement takes exception to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR 75.102. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, this amendment to EDGAR makes procedural changes only and does not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), proposed rulemaking is not required.

Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Secretary may make additional awards in fiscal year 1999 from the rank-ordered list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: 60 days from date of publication in **Federal Register**.

CFDA No. and name	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards	Estimated available funds	Project period (month)
84.184H Drug and Violence Prevention Program in Higher Education: Validation Competitition	*Priority 1, $150,000–$250,000*	$200,000	6	$1,200,000	27
	Priority 2, $60,000–$80,000	$70,000	3	$210,000	27
	Priority 3, $15,000	$15,000	2	$30,000	15

Note: Range of awards, average size of awards, number of awards and available funding in this notice are estimates only. The Departments is not bound by any estimate in this notice. Funding estimates that are cited for priorities one and two represent support for 27 months for the entire project period. The funding estimate that is cited for priority three represents support for 15 months for the entire project period.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and 34 CFR parts 98 and 99; and (b) the notice of final priorities and selection criteria, as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** applies to these competitions.

Drug and Violence Prevention Program in Higher Education: Validation Competition (CFDA 84.184H).

Absolute Priority 1

Correcting misperceptions of student alcohol and other drug use among a large influential subpopulation of students attending institutions of higher education.

Absolute Priority 2

Assess the impact of an existing or new consortium (such as coalitions and other partnerships at the community, State, or regional levels) on limiting illegal alcohol and other drug use, and preventing intoxication and violence.

Absolute Priority 3

Disseminate knowledge of existing model programs, new prevention theories, or new application of theories, theoretical models, or conceptual approaches (theories) to alcohol and drug or violence prevention or both.

For Applications or Information Contact: Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 604 Portals, Washington, DC 20202–6123. Telephone: 202–260–3954. By facsimile 202–260–3748. Internet: *http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS* or *http://www.edc.org/hec.* Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone 202–260–9950; on the Internet Gopher Service (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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