

### § 65.3

*Training grant* means an award of funds to an eligible entity for a project authorized under § 65.1.

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#### **§ 65.3 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?**

Public and private nonprofit entities providing worker health and safety education and training may apply for grants under these regulations. Applicants for a grant may use services, as appropriate, of other public or private organizations necessary to develop, administer, or evaluate proposed worker training programs so long as the majority of the work is done by the applicant.

#### **§ 65.4 Project requirements.**

In addition to meeting the requirements specified in the application, the instructions accompanying it, and the regulations referred to in § 65.8, each applicant must meet the following requirements:

(a) Two or more nonprofit organizations may join in a single application and share grant resources in order to maximize worker group coverage, enhance the effectiveness of training, and bring together appropriate academic disciplines and talents. Joint applications must describe the cooperative arrangements for program integration and effectiveness. Specific expertise, facilities, or services to be provided by each participating member must be identified.

(b) Each applicant must detail the nature, duration, and purpose of the training for which the application is filed. The proposed training program must meet the standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Transportation under section 126(g) of the SARA or section 106(b) of the HMTA, and such additional requirements as the Director may prescribe to ensure appropriate health and safety training.

(c) The applicant must provide assurance that the applicant will not discriminate in the selection of trainees

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or instructors on the basis of membership or nonmembership in a union.

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#### **§ 65.5 How will applications be evaluated?**

(a) The Director shall evaluate applications through the officers and employees, and experts and consultants engaged by the Director for that purpose. The Director's first level of evaluation will be for technical merit and shall take into account, among other pertinent factors, the significance of the project, the qualifications and competency of the project director and proposed staff (including the ability to manage complex training programs), the adequacy of selection criteria for trainees for the project, the adequacy of the detailed training plan including provision for hands-on training, the adequacy of the applicant's resources available for the project, the amount of grant funds necessary for completion of its objectives, and how well the projects meet training criteria in OSHA's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Regulation (29 CFR 1910.120) and/or how well they cover the target populations listed in § 65.1(b). A second level of review will be conducted for program relevance.

(b) Within the limits of funds available, the Director may award training grants to carry out those projects which have satisfied the requirements of the regulations of this part; are determined by the Director to be technically meritorious; and in the judgment of the Director best promote the purposes of the grant programs authorized by section 126(g) of the SARA or section 118 of the HMTA, the regulations of this part, and program priorities.

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#### **§ 65.6 How long does grant support last?**

(a) The notice of grant award specifies how long NIEHS intends to support the project without requiring the project to re compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will usually be for 1–5 years.

(b) Generally, the grant will initially be for one year and subsequent continuation awards will also be for one year at a time. A grantee must submit a separate application to have the support continued for each subsequent year. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding level of such awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee's progress and management practices and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require a determination by the NIEHS that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

(c) Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any grant commits or obligates the Federal Government in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award with respect to any approved application or portion of an approved application.

#### § 65.7 For what purposes may grant funds be spent?

Individuals receiving training shall be entitled only to the stipends and allowances included in a budget approved by the Director, taking into account the cost of living and such other factors as the needs of the program and the availability of funds.

#### § 65.8 What additional Department regulations apply to grantees?

Several other regulations and policies apply to grants under this part. These include, but are not limited to:

- 42 CFR part 50, subpart D—Public Health Service grant appeals procedure.
- 45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board.
- 45 CFR part 74—Administration of grants.
- 45 CFR part 75—Informal grant appeals procedures.
- 45 CFR part 76, subparts A–F—Government-wide debarment and suspension (non-procurement) and government-wide requirements for drug-free workplace (grants).
- 45 CFR part 80—Nondiscrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services—Effectuation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 45 CFR part 81—Practice and procedure for hearings under part 80 of this title.
- 45 CFR part 84—Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activi-

ties receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance.

- 45 CFR part 86—Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance.
- 45 CFR part 91—Nondiscrimination on the basis of age in Health and Human Services programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- 45 CFR part 92—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and local Governments.
- 45 CFR part 93—New restrictions on lobbying.

#### § 65.9 Additional conditions.

The Director may with respect to any award impose additional conditions prior to, or at the time of, any award when, in the Director's judgment, such conditions are necessary to assure the carrying out of the purposes of the award, the interest of the public health, or the conservation of funds awarded.

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