

## § 222.174

(f) Maintenance costs associated with any of an LEA's school facilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7707(b))

### § 222.174 What prohibitions apply to these funds?

Grant funds under this program may not be used to supplant or replace other available non-Federal construction money. These grant funds may be used for emergency or modernization activities only to the extent that they supplement the amount of construction funds that would, in the absence of these grant funds, be available to a grantee from non-Federal funds for these purposes.

*Example 1. "Supplanting."* An LEA signs a contract for a \$300,000 roof replacement and plans to use its capital expenditure fund to pay for the renovation. Since the LEA already has non-Federal funds available for the roof project, it may not now use a grant from this program to pay for the project or replace its own funds in order to conserve its capital fund.

*Example 2. "Non-supplanting."* The LEA from the example of supplanting that has the \$300,000 roof commitment has also received a \$400,000 estimate for the replacement of its facility's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The LEA has not made any commitments for the HVAC system because it has no remaining funds available to pay for that work. Since other funds are not available, it would not be supplanting if the LEA received an emergency grant under this program to pay for the HVAC system.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7707(b))

### § 222.175 What regulations apply to recipients of funds under this program?

The following regulations apply to the Impact Aid Discretionary Construction program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs) except for 34 CFR §§ 75.600 through 75.617.

(2) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(3) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(4) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and

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Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

(5) 34 CFR part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).

(6) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(7) 34 CFR part 84 (Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)).

(8) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 222.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3)

### § 222.176 What definitions apply to this program?

(a) In addition to the terms referenced in 34 CFR 222.2, the following definitions apply to this program:

*Bond limit* means the cap or limit that a State may impose on an LEA's capacity for bonded indebtedness. For applicants in States that place no limit on an LEA's capacity for bonded indebtedness, the Secretary shall consider the LEA's bond limit to be 10 percent of its total assessed valuation.

*Construction* means

(1) Preparing drawings and specifications for school facilities;

(2) Repairing, renovating, or altering school facilities;

(3) Extending school facilities as described in § 222.172(b);

(4) Erecting or building school facilities, as described in § 222.172(c); and

(5) Inspections or supervision related to school facilities projects.

*Emergency* means a school facility condition that is so injurious or hazardous that it either poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the facility's students and staff or can be reasonably expected to pose such a threat in the near future. These conditions can include deficiencies in the following building features: a roof; electrical wiring; a plumbing or sewage system; heating, ventilation, or air conditioning; the need to bring a school facility into compliance with fire and safety codes, or providing accessibility for the disabled as part of a larger project.

*Level of bonded indebtedness* means the amount of long-term debt issued by

an LEA divided by the LEA's bonding capacity.

*Minimal capacity to issue bonds* means that the total assessed value of real property in an LEA that may be taxed for school purposes is at least \$25,000,000 but not more than \$50,000,000.

*Modernization* means the repair, renovation, alteration, or extension of a public elementary or secondary school facility in order to support a contemporary educational program for an LEA's students in normal capacity, and in accordance with the laws, standards, or common practices in the LEA's State.

*No practical capacity to issue bonds* means that the total assessed value of real property in an LEA that may be taxed for school purposes is less than \$25,000,000.

*School facility* means a building used to provide free public education, including instructional, resource, food service, and general or administrative support areas, so long as they are a part of the facility.

*Total assessed value per student* means the assessed valuation of real property per pupil (AVPP), unless otherwise defined by an LEA's State.

(b) The following terms used in this subpart are defined or referenced in 34 CFR 77.1:

- Applicant
- Application
- Award
- Contract
- Department
- EDGAR
- Equipment
- Fiscal year
- Grant
- Grantee
- Project
- Public
- Real property
- Recipient

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7707(b) and 1221e-3)

ELIGIBILITY

**§ 222.177 What eligibility requirements must an LEA meet to apply for an emergency grant under the first priority?**

An LEA is eligible to apply for an emergency grant under the first priority of section 8007(b) of the Act if it—

- (a) Is eligible to receive formula construction funds for the fiscal year under section 8007(a) of the Act;
- (b)(1) Has no practical capacity to issue bonds;
- (2) Has minimal capacity to issue bonds and has used at least 75 percent of its bond limit; or
- (3) Is eligible to receive funds for the fiscal year for heavily impacted districts under section 8003(b)(2) of the Act; and
- (c) Has a school facility emergency that the Secretary has determined poses a health or safety hazard to students and school personnel.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7707(b))

**§ 222.178 What eligibility requirements must an LEA meet to apply for an emergency grant under the second priority?**

Except as provided in § 222.179, an LEA is eligible to apply for an emergency grant under the second priority of section 8007(b) of the Act if it—

- (a) Is eligible to receive funds for the fiscal year under section 8003(b) of the Act;
- (b)(1) Enrolls federally connected children living on Indian lands equal to at least 40 percent of the total number of children in average daily attendance (ADA) in its schools; or
- (2) Enrolls federally connected children with a parent in the U.S. unformed services equal to at least 40 percent of the total number of children in ADA in its schools;
- (c) Has used at least 75 percent of its bond limit;
- (d) Has an average per-student assessed value of real property available to be taxed for school purposes that is below its State average; and
- (e) Has a school facility emergency that the Secretary has determined poses a health or safety hazard to students and school personnel.

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