§ 367.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind program:

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

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations), with respect to subgrants to an entity that is not a State or local government or Indian tribal organization.

(2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs), with respect to grants under subpart C.

(3) 34 CFR part 76 (State-Administered Programs), with respect to grants under subpart D.

(4) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations).

(5) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(6) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

(7) 34 CFR part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).

(8) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(9) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(10) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 367.

(c) The following provisions in 34 CFR part 364:

(1) Section 364.4 (What definitions apply?).

(2) Section 364.5 (What is program income and how may it be used?).

(3) Section 364.6 (What requirements apply to the obligation of Federal funds and program income?).

(4) Section 364.30 (What notice must be given about the Client Assistance Program (CAP)?).

(5) Section 364.37 (What access to records must be provided?).

(6) Section 364.56 (What are the special requirements pertaining to the protection, use, and release of personal information?).

(d) The following provisions in 34 CFR part 365:

(1) Section 365.13 (What requirements apply if the State’s non-Federal share is in cash?).

(2) Section 365.14 (What conditions relating to cash or in-kind contributions apply to awards to grantees, subgrantees, or contractors?).

(3) Section 365.15 (What requirements apply if the State’s non-Federal share is in kind?).

(4) Section 365.16 (What requirements apply to refunds and rebates?).

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 796k

§ 367.5 What definitions apply?

In addition to the definitions in 34 CFR 364.4, the following definitions also apply to this part:

Independent living services for older individuals who are blind means those services listed in §367.3(b).

Older individual who is blind means an individual age fifty-five or older whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment extremely difficult to obtain but for whom IL goals are feasible.

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 796j

Subpart B—What Are the Application Requirements?

§ 367.10 How does a designated State agency (DSA) apply for an award?

To receive a grant under section 752(1) or a reallocation grant under section 752(j)(4) of the Act, a DSA must submit to and obtain approval from the Secretary of an application for assistance under this program at the time, in the form and manner, and containing the agreements, assurances, and information, that the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this program.

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796k(c)(2) and (1)(1)

§ 367.11 What assurances must a DSA include in its application?

An application for a grant under section 752(1) or a reallocation grant under
section 752(j)(4) of the Act must contain an assurance that—

(a) Grant funds will be expended only for the purposes described in §367.1;

(b) With respect to the costs of the program to be carried out by the State pursuant to this part, the State will make available, directly or through donations from public or private entities, non-Federal contributions toward these costs in an amount that is not less than $1 for each $9 of Federal funds provided in the grant;

(c) In carrying out §367.1(a) and (b), and consistent with 34 CFR 364.28, the DSA will seek to incorporate into and describe in the State plan under section 704 of the Act any new methods and approaches relating to IL services for older individuals who are blind that are developed by projects funded under this part and that the DSA determines to be effective;

(d) At the end of each fiscal year, the DSA will prepare and submit to the Secretary a report, with respect to each project or program the DSA operates or administers under this part, whether directly or through a grant or contract, that contains, information that the Secretary determines necessary for the proper and efficient administration of this program, including—

(1) The number and types of older individuals who are blind, including older individuals who are blind from minority backgrounds, and are receiving services;

(2) The types of services provided and the number of older individuals who are blind and are receiving each type of service;

(3) The sources and amounts of funding for the operation of each project or program;

(4) The amounts and percentages of resources committed to each type of service provided;

(5) Data on actions taken to employ, and advance in employment, qualified—

(i) Individuals with significant disabilities;

(ii) Older individuals with significant disabilities who are blind;

(iii) Individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(iv) Women; and

(v) Elderly individuals;

(b) With respect to the costs of the program to be carried out by the State pursuant to this part, the State will make available, directly or through donations from public or private entities, non-Federal contributions toward these costs in an amount that is not less than $1 for each $9 of Federal funds provided in the grant;

(c) In carrying out §367.1(a) and (b), and consistent with 34 CFR 364.28, the DSA will seek to incorporate into and describe in the State plan under section 704 of the Act any new methods and approaches relating to IL services for older individuals who are blind that are developed by projects funded under this part and that the DSA determines to be effective;

(d) At the end of each fiscal year, the DSA will prepare and submit to the Secretary a report, with respect to each project or program the DSA operates or administers under this part, whether directly or through a grant or contract, that contains, information that the Secretary determines necessary for the proper and efficient administration of this program, including—

(1) The number and types of older individuals who are blind, including older individuals who are blind from minority backgrounds, and are receiving services;

(2) The types of services provided and the number of older individuals who are blind and are receiving each type of service;

(3) The sources and amounts of funding for the operation of each project or program;

(4) The amounts and percentages of resources committed to each type of service provided;

(5) Data on actions taken to employ, and advance in employment, qualified—

(i) Individuals with significant disabilities;

(ii) Older individuals with significant disabilities who are blind;

(iii) Individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(iv) Women; and

(v) Elderly individuals;

(6) A comparison, if appropriate, of prior year activities with the activities of the most recent year; and

(7) Any new methods and approaches relating to IL services for older individuals who are blind that are developed by projects funded under this part;

(e) The DSA will—

(1) Provide services that contribute to the maintenance of, or the increased independence of, older individuals who are blind; and

(2) Engage in—

(i) Capacity-building activities, including collaboration with other agencies and organizations;

(ii) Activities to promote community awareness, involvement, and assistance; and

(iii) Outreach efforts;

(f) The application is consistent with the State plan for providing IL services required by section 704 of the Act and subpart C of 34 CFR part 364; and

(g) The applicant has been designated by the State as the sole State agency authorized to provide rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1820-0018)

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 796k(d), (f), (h), and (i))

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Award Discretionary Grants on a Competitive Basis?

§ 367.20 Under what circumstances does the Secretary award discretionary grants on a competitive basis to States?

(a) In the case of a fiscal year for which the amount appropriated under section 753 of the Act is less than $13,000,000, the Secretary awards discretionary grants under this part on a competitive basis to States.

(b) Subparts A, B, C, and E of this part govern the award of competitive grants under this part.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796k(b)(1))