

Functional literacy means at least an eighth grade equivalence, or a functional criterion score, on a nationally recognized literacy assessment.

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Local correctional education agency means any agency of local government, other than a local correctional agency, that provides educational services to incarcerated adults.

State correctional agency means any agency of State government that provides corrections services to incarcerated adults.

State correctional education agency means any agency of State government, other than a State correctional agency, that provides educational services to incarcerated adults.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211-2(f)(2))

Subpart B—How Does One Apply for a Grant?

§ 489.10 How does an eligible entity apply for a grant?

An eligible entity may receive a grant under this part if the entity submits an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) An assurance that the entity will provide the Secretary such data as the Secretary may request concerning the cost and feasibility of operating the functional literacy programs authorized by § 489.1(a), including the annual reports required by § 489.30.

(b) A detailed plan outlining the methods by which the provisions of §§ 489.1 and 489.3 will be met, including specific goals and timetables.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211-2(d)(2))

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 489.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 489.21.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria, including 15 points that the Secretary assigns in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(c) The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(d) For each competition under this part, the Secretary, in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, assigns 15 points among the criteria in § 489.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211-2)

§ 489.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews the application to determine the quality of the proposed project, including the extent to which the application includes—

(1) A clear description of the services to be offered;

(2) A complete description of the methodology to be used, including a thorough assessment of all offenders in the system and assessments necessary to identify offenders with disabilities affecting functional literacy;

(3) Flexibility in the manner that services are offered, including the provision of accessible class schedules;

(4) A strong relationship between skills taught and the literacy and skill requirements of the changing workplace; and

(5) An innovative approach, such as interactive video curriculum or peer tutoring that will provide a model that is replicable in other correctional facilities of a similar type or size; and

(6) Staff in-service education.

(b) *Educational significance.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant proposes—