

Public Health Service, HHS

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award grants under this subpart to applicants whose project will, in the judgment of the Secretary, best promote the purposes of the Act, and the regulations of this subpart, taking into account:

(1) The apparent capability of the applicant to organize and manage the proposed project successfully considering, among other things the adequacy of staff, management systems, equipment and facilities.

(2) The soundness of the applicant's plan for conducting the project and for assuring effective utilization of grant funds.

(3) The adequacy of the budget in relation to the scope of the project and available funds.

(4) The relative effectiveness of the applicant's plan, as set forth in the application, to carry out each of the requirements § 136.105.

(5) The compatibility of the proposed project with the published goals and responsibilities of the IHS in carrying out its statutory mission.

(b) The Notice of Grant Awards specifies how long the Secretary intends to support the project period without requiring the project to re-compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will usually be for one to two years. The total project period comprises the original project period and any extension. Generally the grant will be for a one-year budget period, any subsequent award will also be a one-year budget period. A grantee must submit a separate application 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, awards require a determination by the Secretary that 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 ap-

proved application or portion of an approved application.

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§ 136.107 Use of project funds.

(a) A grantee shall only spend funds it receives under this subpart according to the approved application and budget, the regulations of this subpart, the terms and conditions of the award and the applicable cost principles prescribed in subpart Q of 45 CFR part 74.

(b) The provisions of any other Act notwithstanding, any funds made available to a tribal organization under grants pursuant to section 104(b) of the Act may be used as matching shares for any other Federal grant programs which contribute to the purposes for which grants under this section are made.

NOTE: This provision is excepted from application of 45 CFR 74.53 by section 104(c) of Pub. L. 93-638.

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§ 136.108 [Reserved]

§ 136.109 Availability of appropriations.

The Secretary will from time to time publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER indicating by areas the allotment of funds and categories of activities for which awards may be made under this subpart. The Secretary may revise such allotments and categories from time to time and will promptly publish a notice of such revisions in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 136.110 Facilities construction.

In addition to other requirements of this subpart:

(a) An applicant for a construction grant to build, renovate, modernize, or remodel a hospital, clinic, health station or quarters for housing personnel associated with such facilities, must in its application:

(1) Provide its assessment of the environmental impact of the project as called for by section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(c)).

(2) Furnish its evaluation of the project site in accordance with the terms and conditions of E.O. 11296, 31 FR 10663 (August 10, 1966) relating to the evaluation of flood hazards in locating federally owned or financed facilities.

(b) The following requirements are applicable to each construction grant to build, renovate, modernize, or remodel a hospital, clinic, health station or quarters for housing personnel associated with such facilities.

(1) Competitive bids. The approval of the Secretary shall be obtained before the project is advertised or placed on the market for bidding. The approval shall include a determination by the Secretary that the final plan and specifications conform to the minimum standards of construction and equipment specified in the grant award or in HHS documents specified in the grant award.

(2) There will be no preference given to local contractors or suppliers over non-local contractors or suppliers, except as otherwise provided in these regulations.

(3) Construction contracts and subcontracts under this program are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a *et seq.*). For requirements that grantees must observe for enforcing compliance by contractors and subcontractors, see the section on contract provisions in the procurement standards for HHS grantees made applicable by subpart P of 45 CFR part 74.

(4) Minimum standards of construction and equipment. The plans and specifications for the project will conform to the minimum standards of construction and equipment specified in the grant award or in HHS documents specified in the grant award.

(5) The following provision must be included in all construction contracts let by the grantee: "The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall have access at all reasonable times to work wherever it is in preparation or progress, and the contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection."

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§ 136.111 Interest.

Tribes and Tribal organizations shall not be held accountable for interest earned on grant funds, pending disbursement by such organization.

NOTE: This provision is excepted from application of 45 CFR 74.47(a) by section 106(b) of Pub. L. 93-638.

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§ 136.112 Additional conditions.

The Secretary may with respect to any grant award impose additional conditions prior to or at the time of any award when in his judgment such conditions are necessary to assure or protect advancement of the approved project, the interests of public health, or the conservation of grant funds.

§ 136.113 Fair and uniform provision of services.

Services provided pursuant to a grant under this subpart shall be provided by the Grantee in a fair and uniform manner to all participants in the project consistent with their medical need, the policies and regulations of the Indian Health Service, and the Act.

§ 136.114 Applicability of other Department regulations.

Several other regulations apply to grants under this subpart. These include to the extent applicable 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 84, Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities 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 HHS programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance

NOTE: To the extent they provide special benefits to Indians, grants under this subpart are exempted from the requirements of section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 200d], prohibiting discrimination on