



RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONLINE

WWW.ED.GOV

GENERAL GRANTS

GRANT-MAKING AT ED, ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html

This portal provides an overview of the discretionary grants process for new and experienced grant seekers.

GRANTS FORECAST www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html

This portal offers information and projected deadlines on current discretionary grant competitions.

GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html

Grants are announced in the *Federal Register*, which can be found at: www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html

GRANT AWARDS DATABASE <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/grantaward/start.cfm>

ED's online database of grants that have been awarded allows one to search by grantee name, state, zip code, grant program, and fiscal year.

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES <http://ies.ed.gov/funding>

This site provides a list of opportunities available for funding through the Institute of Education Sciences.

TEACHERS

STRENGTHENING TEACHERS PAGE www.ed.gov/teaching

The Strengthening Teachers page is written for teachers, by teachers, and about teachers and includes blogs, videos, ongoing dialogues with Teaching Ambassador Fellows, guides, and resources.

ESEA REAUTHORIZATION www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/blueprint/index.html

This site details the Obama administration's blueprint to overhaul the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), particularly through supporting state and local efforts to help ensure that all students graduate prepared for college and a career.

TEACHING AMBASSADOR FELLOWS www2.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/index.html

The Teaching Ambassador Fellowship enables outstanding teachers to bring their classroom expertise to, and expand their knowledge of, federal education policies and priorities. Teaching Ambassador Fellows further the learning and input of educators and community members about federal education laws.

TEACH.GOV www.TEACH.gov

This website serves as a portal to full-service support and information for prospective teachers. The site includes teacher preparation programs, state licensing authorities and prospective employers, as well as an interactive "pathway to teaching" tool designed to help individuals chart their course to becoming a teacher.

RESOURCES

COLLEGE.GOV www.college.gov

This site informs and activates students by giving them the information, tools and resources to take steps to go to college.

RACE TO THE TOP www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/index.html

Race to the Top is a discretionary grant program to advance state education reform. Awards go to states that are leading the way with ambitious, yet achievable, plans for implementing coherent, compelling and comprehensive education reform.

The Investing in Innovation Fund provides competitive grants to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates.

INNOVATIONS PORTAL

<https://innovation.ed.gov/my-portal/>

The Open Innovation Portal is a collaborative web community where education stakeholders can highlight areas of education need, propose solutions and fund, implement, and improve these solutions in and outside the classroom.

SECRETARY'S SPEECHES

www.ed.gov/news/speeches

This site provides transcripts of Secretary Arne Duncan's remarks on a wide range of educational issues.

BLOGS

www.ed.gov/blog

ED's central weblog carries information on events, education stories of interest, and invites comments from the public.

TOOL KIT ON TEACHING AND ASSESSING DISABILITIES

www.osepideasthatwork.org/toolkit/index.asp

The Tool Kit brings together current and accurate information, including research briefs and resources designed to improve instruction, assessment, and accountability for students with disabilities. The Tool Kit can assist state personnel, schools, and families in their efforts to ensure that all students with disabilities receive a quality education.

MILITARY FAMILIES & VETERANS

www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families

This site provides information for military families and veterans including education benefits, other ED programs, education-related resources and the "Touching Base Newsletter."

PARENTS WEBSITE

www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

This site offers the tools and resources available to assist parents in becoming more actively engaged in their child's learning.

FREE (FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE)

<http://free.ed.gov>

FREE offers more than 1600 federal teaching and learning resources organized by subject, e.g., art, history, language arts, math, science, and others..

2012 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget12/index.html

This site provides links to documents describing the President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the U.S. Department of Education.

WHITE HOUSE EDUCATION

www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education

The President's education agenda is highlighted at this site. President Obama is committed to providing every child access to a complete and competitive education, from cradle through career.

RESEARCH

ED DATA EXPRESS

www.eddataexpress.ed.gov

Some of the important data that the U.S. Department of Education collects from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico can be retrieved here. This resource is designed to improve the public's ability to access and explore high-value, state-level education statistics.

WHAT WORKS CLEARINGHOUSE

www.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc

The online clearinghouse provides educators, policymakers, researchers and the public with a central, independent, and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education.

DOING WHAT WORKS

<http://dww.ed.gov>

This site contains videos, slideshows, and tools for using proven teaching practices based on findings from the What Works Clearinghouse.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS (NCES)

nces.ed.gov

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), one of the principal federal statistical agencies, is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations. It provides statistical services for educators and education officials at the federal, State, and local levels; Congress; researchers; students; parents; the media; and the general public.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)

nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard

The National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. There are two NAEP websites, one of which deals with the different components of the NAEP assessment and one presenting the results. Often NAEP is referred to as "The Nation's Report Card."



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Discretionary Grant Information Helpful Hints About The Application Process

Before you get started...

- Assess the needs of the community you seek to serve
- Evaluate the talents of your organization
- Identify a grant that will enable you to better serve your targeted community
- Determine whether or not your organization meets the eligibility requirements
- Read: *Grantmaking at ED*
(<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>)
- Find out from the grant program office when the grant competition will begin; ask for a copy of the grant application package; and ask for a copy of a successful grant application submitted in the last competition

Completing the application...

- Be detailed, clear and concise
- Address selection criteria in the order it was listed in the competition notice
- Adhere to page limits
- Utilize charts, graphs and maps where appropriate
- Make sure the budgeted items are:
 - Allowable—either permitted or not specifically prohibited
 - Allocable—necessary for project success
 - Reasonable—cost that would be incurred by "prudent" person in comparable circumstance
- Identify needed personnel:
 - Purpose, duties and qualifications of each position
 - Resumes if staff is in place
 - Compensation and percent of time for each position
- Include expenses for:
 - Justifiable travel
 - Lease or purchase of necessary equipment and supplies
 - Site modification (Construction is usually not allowable; however, minor remodeling is OK with approval of program officer.)

Important reminders...

- Plan ahead—grant applications typically must be submitted 45 days after the application is made available
- Follow application directions carefully
- Thoroughly review application before submitting
- Remember to include the required signed certifications and assurances
- Request a copy of your reviewers' comments
- When in doubt, call the program officer listed for the grant

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and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence
and ensuring equal access.*

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Everything you ever wanted to know about grants...

- **Guide to U.S. Department of Education Programs and Resources** - A guide to our programs: descriptions, eligibility information, contact numbers for more info about applying, and more is at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=rt>.
- **Grantmaking at ED, Answers to Your Questions About the Discretionary Grants Process** - An overview of the discretionary grants process for new and experienced grant seekers (formerly "What Should I Know about ED Grants") is at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>.
- **Grants Forecast** - Information and projected deadlines on new discretionary grant competitions is at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>.
- **Grant Application Announcements** - Discretionary grant programs that are currently open are listed at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html> which provides links to the announcement in the Federal Register and other information. A direct link to The Federal Register is at <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html>.
- **ED Electronic Grant Initiatives** - Applicants can obtain program information and apply for some grants online using e-Application, the Department's electronic application system, or Grants.gov, the government-wide shared electronic application system. Instructions for using both systems are located on each site's home page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov/> and at <http://www.grants.gov/>. Each grant announcement includes specific information about the application process for the respective program.
- **Grant Awards Database** - Online database of grant awards, searchable by Grantee Name, State, Zip Code, Grant Program, Fiscal Year is at <http://wdcrobc01p01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/grantaward/start.cfm>.
- **Research funding opportunities** through the Institute for Education Sciences are listed at <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/>.
- **Supplemental Priorities for Discretionary Grant Programs** - These priorities ensure that the Department's discretionary grant programs effectively address three key areas: advancing key cradle-to-career education reforms, addressing the needs of student subgroups, and building capacity for systemic continuous improvement. Notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs can be found in the Federal Register/Vol. 75, No. 240/Wednesday, December 15, 2010/Notices. <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html>.
- **Federal Student Aid** - Information about our FSA grant and loan programs, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/funding.jsp>.
- **U.S. Department of Education publications**, free of charge, are listed at <http://edpubs.ed.gov/> for ordering, including grant applications.

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