

## § 461.23

### § 461.23 How does the Secretary approve State plans and amendments?

(a) The Secretary approves, within 60 days of receipt, a State plan or amendment that the Secretary determines complies with the applicable provisions of the Act and the regulations in this part.

(b) In approving a State plan or amendment, the Secretary considers any information submitted in accordance with § 461.13 (b) and (c).

(c) The Secretary notifies the SEA, in writing, of the granting or withholding of approval.

(d) The Secretary does not finally disapprove a State plan or amendment without first affording the State reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1206(b), 1206a(a)(3), and 1207(b))

## Subpart D—How Does a State Make an Award to an Eligible Recipient?

### § 461.30 Who is eligible for a subgrant or contract?

(a) The following public or private nonprofit entities are eligible to apply to the SEA for an award:

- (1) A local educational agency (LEA).
- (2) A public or private nonprofit agency.
- (3) A correctional education agency.
- (4) A community-based organization.
- (5) A postsecondary educational institution.
- (6) An institution that serves educationally disadvantaged adults.
- (7) Any other institution that has the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families.

(b) A public or private nonprofit entity listed in paragraph (a) of this section may apply on behalf of a consortium that includes a for-profit agency, organization, or institution that can make a significant contribution to attaining the objectives of the Act.

(c)(1) Each State shall also use an amount of funds provided under this part, as determined by the State given the State's needs and resources for adult education, for competitive 2-year grants to public housing authorities for literacy programs and related activi-

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ties. Any public housing authority that receives a grant under this paragraph shall consult with local adult education providers in conducting programs and activities with assistance provided under the grant. Any grant provided under this paragraph is referred to as a “Gateway Grant.”

(2) For the purposes of this part, “public housing authority” means a public housing agency, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6), that participates in public housing, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(1).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1203a(a)(1), (2), (3)(A))

### § 461.31 How does a State award funds?

(a) In selecting local recipients, an SEA shall give preference to those local applicants that have demonstrated or can demonstrate a capability to recruit and serve educationally disadvantaged adults, particularly in areas with a high proportion of adults who do not have a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education or its equivalent.

(b) An SEA shall award funds on the basis of applications submitted by eligible recipients.

(c) In reviewing a local application, an SEA shall determine that the application contains the following:

(1) A description of current programs, activities, and services receiving assistance from Federal, State, and local sources that provide adult education in the geographic area proposed to be served by the applicant.

(2) A description of cooperative arrangements (including arrangements with business, industry, and volunteer literacy organizations as appropriate) that have been made to deliver services to adults.

(3) Assurances that the adult educational programs, services, or activities that the applicant proposes to provide are coordinated with and do not duplicate programs, services, or activities made available to adults under other Federal, State, and local programs, including the Job Training Partnership Act, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, the Rehabilitation Act