

**§ 477.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?**

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine how well the objectives of the proposed project will assist States in evaluating the status and progress of their adult education programs.

(b) *Extent of need for the project.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the proposed project meets specific needs, including consideration of—

(1) The needs addressed by the project;

(2) How the applicant identified those needs;

(3) How those needs relate to project objectives; and

(4) The benefits to be gained by meeting those needs.

(c) *Plan of operation.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the proposed project, including—

(1) The quality of the design of the project;

(2) The extent to which the plan of management is effective and ensures proper and efficient administration of the project;

(3) How well the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program; and

(4) The quality of the applicant's plan to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective.

(d) *Quality of key personnel.* (15 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the proposed project, including—

(i) The qualifications and experience of the project director, if one is to be used;

(ii) The qualifications and experience of each of the other key personnel to be used on the project;

(iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

(2) To determine personnel qualifications under paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section, the Secretary considers—

(i) Experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project;

(ii) Experience and training in project management; and

(iii) Any other qualifications that pertain to the quality of the project.

(e) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The budget is adequate to support the proposed project activities; and

(2) Costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.

(f) *Evaluation plan.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the evaluation plan for the project, including the extent to which the applicant's methods of evaluation—

(1) Are appropriate for the project; and

(2) To the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

(g) *Adequacy of resources.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the adequacy of the resources that the applicant plans to devote to the project, including facilities, equipment, and supplies.

(h) *Dissemination plan.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the dissemination plan for the project, including—

(1) The extent to which the project is designed to yield outcomes that can be readily disseminated;

(2) A description of the types of materials the applicant plans to make available and the methods for making the materials available; and

(3) Provisions for publicizing the findings of the project at the local,

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State, and national levels, as appropriate.

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### § 477.22 What additional factors does the Secretary consider?

In addition to the criteria in § 477.21, the Secretary may consider the following factors in making an award:

(a) *Geographic distribution.* The Secretary may consider whether funding a particular applicant would improve the geographical distribution of projects funded under this program.

(b) *Variety of approaches.* The Secretary may consider whether funding a particular applicant would contribute to the funding of a variety of approaches to assisting States in evaluating the status and progress of their adult education programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1213b(a)).

## PART 489—FUNCTIONAL LITERACY FOR STATE AND LOCAL PRISONERS PROGRAM

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 489.1 What is the Functional Literacy for State and Local Prisoners Program?

(a) The Secretary makes grants to eligible entities that elect to establish a demonstration or system-wide functional literacy program for adult prisoners, as described § 489.3.

(b) Grants under this part may be used for establishing, improving, expanding, or carrying out a program, and for developing the plans and submitting the reports required by this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211-2(a), (d)(1))

#### § 489.2 Who is eligible for a grant?

A State correctional agency, a local correctional agency, a State correctional education agency, or a local correctional education agency is eligible for a grant under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211-2(f)(1))

#### § 489.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

(a) To qualify for funding under § 489.1, a functional literacy program must—

(1) To the extent possible, make use of advanced technologies, such as interactive video- and computer-based adult literacy learning; and

(2) Include—

(i) A requirement that each person incarcerated in the system, prison, jail, or detention center who is not functionally literate, except a person described in paragraph (b) of this section, shall participate in the program until the person—

(A) Achieves functional literacy, or in the case of an individual with a disability, achieves a level of functional literacy commensurate with his or her ability;

(B) Is granted parole;

(C) Completes his or her sentence; or

(D) Is released pursuant to court order; and