

Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 387.30 What additional selection criteria are used under this program?

In addition to the criteria in 34 CFR 385.31(c), the Secretary uses the following additional selection criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Relevance to State-Federal rehabilitation service program.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the proposed project appropriately relates to the mission of the State-Federal rehabilitation service program.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the project can be expected either—

(i) To increase the supply of trained personnel available to public and private agencies involved in the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities; or

(ii) To maintain and improve the skills and quality of rehabilitation workers.

(b) *Nature and scope of curriculum.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that demonstrates the adequacy and scope of the proposed curriculum.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that—

(i) The scope and nature of the training content can be expected to enable the achievement of the established project objectives of the training project;

(ii) The curriculum and teaching methods provide for an integration of theory and practice relevant to the educational objectives of the program;

(iii) There is evidence of educationally focused practicum or other field experiences in settings that assure student involvement in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or independent living rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with severe disabilities; and

(iv) The didactic coursework includes student exposure to vocational rehabilitation or independent living reha-

bilitation processes, concepts, programs, and services.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

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A grantee must contribute to the cost of a project under this program in an amount satisfactory to the Secretary. The part of the costs to be borne by the grantee is determined by the Secretary at the time of the grant award.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

§ 387.41 What are allowable costs?

In addition to those allowable costs established under EDGAR §§ 75.530–75.562, the following items are allowable under experimental and innovative training projects—

(a) Student stipends;

(b) Tuition and fees; and

(c) Student travel in conjunction with training assignments.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

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Subpart A—General

§ 388.1 What is the State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program?

This program is designed to support projects for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel in program areas essential to the effective management of the unit's program of vocational rehabilitation services or in skill areas that will enable staff personnel to improve their ability to provide vocational rehabilitation services leading to employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program responds to needs identified in the comprehensive system of personnel development in section 101(a)(7) of the Act. The program may include training designed—

(a) To address recruitment and retention of qualified rehabilitation professionals;

(b) To provide for succession planning;

(c) To provide for leadership development and capacity building; and

(d) For fiscal year 1994, to provide training on the amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 made by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(g)(3))

§ 388.2 Who is eligible for an award?

Each designated State agency is eligible to receive an award under the basic State award program described in § 388.21. If a designated State agency does not apply for an award during an announced competition, no funds may be made available for in-service training of the staff of that designated State agency under this program until there

is a new competition for funding. At least 15 percent of the sums appropriated to carry out section 302 of the Act must be allocated to designated State agencies to be used, directly or indirectly, for projects for in-service training of rehabilitation personnel.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(g)(3))

§ 388.3 What types of projects are authorized?

State vocational rehabilitation unit in-service training projects are concerned with the staff development and training of State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel in order to ensure an improved level of competence in serving State unit clients and to assist in expanding and improving vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, especially those with severe disabilities, to ensure employment outcomes.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 770 and 771a)

§ 388.4 What activities may the Secretary fund?

(a) Training activities supported under a State vocational rehabilitation unit in-service training grant focus primarily on program areas that are essential to the State unit's operation or on skill areas that will enable staff personnel to improve their ability to function on their job, or prepare for positions of greater responsibility within the unit, or to correct deficiencies identified in the State program. Projects may—

(1) Address recruitment and retention of qualified rehabilitation professionals;

(2) Provide for succession planning;

(3) Provide for leadership development and capacity building; and

(4) For fiscal year 1994, provide training on the amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 made by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.

(b) Training methods may include—

(1) The development of State unit training institutes related to the specific aspects of State unit administration or service provision;

(2) Group employee training at courses conducted in cooperation with or by an educational institution;