

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable.

(b) The extent to which there is a conceptual framework underlying the proposed research or demonstration activities and the quality of that framework.

(c) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice.

(d) The quality of the proposed demonstration design and procedures for documenting project activities and results;

(e) The extent to which the proposed project represents an exceptional approach to the priority or priorities established for the competition.

3. Adequacy of resources. (10 points)

In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The relevance and demonstrated commitment of each partner in the proposed project to the implementation and success of the project.

(b) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design and potential significance of the proposed project.

4. Quality of the management plan. (10 points)

In determining the quality of the management plan, the following factors will be considered:

(a) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, time lines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks.

(b) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project.

5. Quality of the project evaluation. (25 points)

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the following factors will be considered:

(a) The extent to which the methods of the evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives and outcomes of the proposed project.

(b) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. The objective of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Departments's specific plans and actions for this program.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.184G and 84.184J]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs; Combined Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1998

Purpose of Program: The National Programs portion of the SDFSCA supports the development of innovative programs that (1) provide models or proven effective practices that will assist schools and communities around the Nation to improve their programs funded under the State Grants portion of the SDFSCA; and (2) develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate new or improved approaches to creating safe and orderly learning environments in schools.

Eligible Applicants: State and local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, other nonprofit agencies, organizations, and individuals, and any combination of these types of entities.

Applications Available: July 2, 1998.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: August 6, 1998.

Note: All applications must be received on or before the deadline date. This requirement takes exception to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR 75.102. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, this amendment to EDGAR makes procedural changes only and does not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), proposed rulemaking is not required.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 8, 1998.

CFDA No. and name	Range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards	Estimated available funds	Project period
84.184G State and Local Educational Agency Drug and Violence Prevention Data Collection.	\$400,000 to \$600,000 (estimated).	\$500,000	6	\$3,000,000	Up to 24 months.

CFDA No. and name	Range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards	Estimated available funds	Project period
84.184J Model Demonstration Programs to Create Safe and Orderly Learning Environments in Schools.	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000 (absolute).	750,000	8	5,000,000	Up to 60 months. ¹

¹ Initial award period for 36 months; after review of evaluation findings, project may be replicated at additional sites for 24 months.

Note: Range of awards, average size of awards, number of awards and available funding in this notice are estimates only. The Department is not bound by any estimate in this notice. Funding estimates cited for these programs represent single year support for a project period only. Funding for the second and third years of these projects is subject both to the availability of future years' funds and the approval of continuation (see 34 CFR 75.253).

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86 (note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only); (b) 34 CFR parts 98 and 99; and (c) the notice of final priorities and selection criteria, as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** applies to these competitions.

Federal Activities Grants Program Competitions (CFDA 84.184G and 84.184J)

Absolute Priority 1—State and Local Educational Agency Drug and Violence Prevention Data Collection (CFDA 84.184G)

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Absolute Priority 2—Model Demonstration Projects to Create Safe and Orderly Learning Environments in Schools (CFDA 84.184J)

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

For Applications or Information Contact: Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Suite 604 Portals, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: (202) 260-3954. By facsimile (202) 260-3748. Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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