

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.141A—(HEP) and CFDA No. 84.149A—(CAMP)]

**High School Equivalency Program;
College Assistance Migrant Program**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999 for the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

Purpose of Programs: The purpose of the HEP and CAMP programs is to provide grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs), or to private non-profit agencies working in cooperation with IHEs, to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers complete high school and succeed in postsecondary education.

Eligible Applicants—HEP and CAMP: The Secretary invites applications from IHEs or from private non-profit agencies working in cooperation with IHEs.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: January 25, 1999.

Applications Available: November 23, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: March 26, 1999.

Available funds: HEP FY 1999: \$9,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: HEP \$150,000–\$495,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: HEP \$375,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: HEP 25.

Available Funds: CAMP FY 1999: \$4,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: CAMP \$150,000–\$450,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: CAMP \$325,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: CAMP 12.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HEP program assists migrant and seasonal farmworkers to obtain a general education diploma (GED) and to be placed in postsecondary education or training, career positions, or the military. By locating the programs at IHEs, migrant and seasonal farmworkers also have opportunities to attend cultural events, academic programs, and other educational and cultural activities

usually not available to them. The CAMP program assists migrant and seasonal farmworkers to successfully complete the first academic year of study in the college or university, and provides follow-up services to help students continue in postsecondary education.

Applicants should be aware that the selection criteria for awarding grants, and the 15 points for prior performance, have changed since the last grant competition. The selection criteria used to review applications, including the criterion for awarding points for prior performance, as required by the program statute are included in the application package.

The Congress has appropriated \$9,000,000 for HEP and \$4,000,000 for CAMP for FY 1999, which is an increase of approximately 18% for HEP and 92% for CAMP over the 1998 appropriation.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR Part 74 (Administration of Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).

(2) 34 CFR Part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).

(3) 34 CFR Part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR Part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(5) 34 CFR Part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR Part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension) Non-procurement and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).

(7) 34 CFR Part 86 Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) 34 CFR Part 206 (Special Education Programs for Students Whose Families are Engaged in Migrant and Other Seasonal Farmwork).

(c) The definitions of a migratory child, a migratory agricultural worker and a migratory fisher contained in 34 CFR 200.40 and the definitions of farmwork, migrant farmworker and seasonal farmworker contained in 20 CFR 633.104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the application or to obtain information on the program, call

or write Mary L. Suazo, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Migrant Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3E317, FOB 6, Washington, D.C. 20202–6135. Telephone Number: (202) 260–1396. Inquiries may be sent by e-mail to mary_suazo@ed.gov or by FAX at (202) 205–0089. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d–2.

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