

Number of schools in LEA application	Award ranges
Three Schools	750,000–1,500,000
Four schools	1,000,000–2,000,000
Five schools	1,250,000–2,500,000
Six schools	1,500,000–2,500,000
Seven schools	1,750,000–2,500,000
Eight schools	2,000,000–2,500,000
Nine schools	2,250,000–2,500,000
Ten schools	2,500,000

As previously noted, LEAs may not apply on behalf of a single high school in more than one application. Schools that benefited from FY 2000 or FY 2001 implementation awards are not eligible to receive additional support under this competition.

Applicants should note that the requirements listed in this notice are material requirements. Please note that a failure to comply with any applicable program requirement (for example, failure to reasonably implement the proposed grant-funded project) may subject a grantee to administrative action, including the imposition of special conditions or termination of the grant.

Note: The size of awards will be based on a number of factors. These factors include the scope, quality, and comprehensiveness of the proposed program, and the recommended range of awards indicated in the application.

Estimated Number of Awards: The Secretary anticipates making approximately 100 new planning grant awards and approximately 100 new implementation awards under this competition.

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

Project Period: Planning grants will fund activities up to 12 months. Implementation grants will fund activities up to 36 months. Understanding the unique complexities of implementing a program that affects a school's organization, physical design, curriculum, instruction, and preparation of teachers, the Secretary anticipates awarding the entire grant amount for implementation projects at the time of the initial award. This will provide the applicant with the capacity to effectively carry out the comprehensive long-term activities involved in these projects.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the regulations in the notice of final priorities, application requirements, and selection criteria for FY 2002 as

published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Priorities

This competition gives absolute and competitive priorities to applicants that meet the conditions outlined in the Notice of the Final Priorities for this program, which is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the program and to download an application, you may access the SLC program Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/HS/SLCP/>. If you need further assistance and need to speak with someone in the SLC program, you may contact Karen Stratman Clark, by phone at (202) 205-3779, or by mail 330 C Street, SW., Room 5523, Washington, DC 20202. Requests for applications may also be sent by fax to (202) 401-4079.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Vocational and Adult Education—Smaller Learning Communities Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priorities, application requirements, and selection criteria for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the program is to promote academic achievement through the planning, implementation, or expansion of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large public high schools through competitive grants to local educational agencies (LEAs). LEAs, including schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA schools), applying on behalf of large high schools are eligible applicants. For the purposes of this program, a large high school is defined as a school that includes grades 11 and 12 and enrolls at least 1,000 students in grades 9 and above.

The Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education announces final priorities, application requirements, and selection criteria for the Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) program for FY 2002. The Assistant Secretary may use one or more of these priorities for competitions in later years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These priorities, application requirements and selection criteria are effective March 20, 2003.

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Note: This notice of priorities, application requirements, and selection criteria does not