

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA No. 84.215F]****Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools—Carol M. White Physical Education Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003**

Purpose of Program: The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides grants to initiate, expand, or improve physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in one or more grades from kindergarten through 12th grade in order to help students make progress toward meeting State standards for physical education.

For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on a statutory requirement we describe in the Statutory Requirements section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: Local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs), including faith-based organizations provided that they meet applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Applications Available: April 1, 2003.
Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: May 12, 2003.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 12, 2003.

Estimated Available Funds: \$59.5 million.

Estimated Range of Awards:
\$100,000–\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:
\$300,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 198.

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

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, and 99.

Statutory Requirements: We will award grants to LEAs and CBOs to pay the Federal share of the costs of initiating, expanding, or improving physical education programs (including after-school programs) for kindergarten through 12th grade students by—

- (1) Providing equipment and support to enable students to participate actively in physical education activities, and
- (2) Providing funds for staff and teacher training and education, in order to make progress toward meeting State standards for physical education.

Administrative Costs

Not more than 5 percent of the grant funds made available to an LEA or CBO

in any fiscal year may be used for administrative costs.

Federal Share

The Federal share for grants under this program may not exceed 90 percent of the total cost of a project.

Prohibition Against Supplanting

Grant funds made available under this program shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, or local funds available for physical education activities.

Participation of Home-Schooled or Private School Students

An application for funds under this program may provide for the participation of students enrolled in private, nonprofit elementary or secondary schools and their parents and teachers, or home-schooled students and their parents and teachers.

Equitable Distribution

We will ensure, to the extent practicable, an equitable distribution of awards among applicants serving urban and rural areas.

Special Rule

Extracurricular activities, such as team sports and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program activities, shall not be considered as part of the curriculum of a physical education program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Novice Applicants**

We encourage the participation of novice applicants, including faith-based organizations, in the Carol M. White Physical Education Program. Therefore, we will reserve up to 25 percent of available funds for grants to novice entities submitting high-quality applications. Applications submitted by eligible novice entities will be read, scored, ranked, and considered for funding separately from applications submitted by non-novice eligible entities.

Cap on Awards for Novice Applicants

The maximum award for which a novice applicant may apply is \$150,000. Applications submitted for consideration under the novice provisions that request funding in excess of \$150,000 will be read in the pool of applications submitted by non-novice entities.

Form Applications

An application under this program should address the specific needs of the population that the applicant proposes

to serve, and activities should be designed to meet those needs. As a result, we strongly discourage applicants from using "form" applications or proposals that do not address the identified needs of their student population or that fail to provide a clear plan for helping students meet State standards for physical education.

Additional Awards

Contingent upon the availability of funds, we may make additional awards in FY 2004 from the rank-ordered list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Participation of Faith-Based Organizations

Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for grants under this competition provided they meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Program Elements

A physical education program funded by the Carol M. White Physical Education Program may provide for one or more of the following:

- (1) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being.
- (2) Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, or social or emotional development of every student.
- (3) Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skill and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle.
- (4) Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation.
- (5) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition.
- (6) Opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

Definitions: For the purpose of this competition, terms used in this notice have the following meanings:

Local Educational Agency

(A) *General.* In general, the term local educational agency means a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as