

Agency will also consider whether the grantee is already receiving funding for a SEDS project or for another project from ANA. The Agency will also take into account in making funding decisions whether a proposed project would require funding on an indefinite or recurring basis.

Application Consideration: The Commissioner's funding decision is based on an analysis of the application by the review panel, the panel review scores, recommendations of the ANA staff, comments of State and Federal agencies having contract and grant performance related information, and other interested parties. The Commissioner makes grant awards consistent with the purpose of the Native American Programs Act (NAPA), all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, this program announcement, and the availability of appropriated funds.

The Commissioner reserves the right to award more, or less, than the funds described or under such circumstances as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the federal government. Applicants may be required to reduce the scope of projects based on the amount of approved award.

VI. Award Administration Information

Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates: 120 days after the due date of applications.

Award Notices: 120 days after the due date of applications.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements: 45 CFR part 74 and 45 CFR part 92 and 45 CFR part 1336, subpart C and 42 U.S.C. 2991 *et seq.*—Native American Programs Act of 1974;

Reporting Requirements:

Programmatic Reports: Quarterly.

Financial Reports: Quarterly.

Special Reporting Requirements: An original and two copies of each performance report and financial status report must be submitted to the Grants Officer. Failure to submit these reports when required will mean the grantee is non-compliant with the terms and conditions of the grant award and

subject to administrative action or termination. Performance reports are submitted 30 days after each quarter (3-month intervals) of the project period. The final performance report, due 90 days after the project period end date, shall cover grantee performance during the entire project period. All grantees shall use the SF 269 (Long Form) to report the status of funds. Grantees shall submit quarterly Financial Status Reports that shall be due 30 days after the end of each quarter of each budget period. The final report shall be due 90 days after the end of the project period. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b; 45 CFR 74.51 and 74.52; 45 CFR 92.40 and 92.41*)

VII. Agency Contacts

Program Office Contact: ANA Applicant Help Desk at 202-690-7776 or toll free at 1-877-922-9262.

Grants Management Office Contact: Lois B. Hodge, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Aerospace Building 8th Floor-West, Washington, DC 20447-0002, Telephone: (202) 401-2344, E-mail: Lhodge@acf.dhhs.gov.

VIII. Other Information

Training and Technical Assistance: All potential ANA applicants are eligible to receive free T&TA in the SEDS, Language, or Environmental program areas. Prospective applicants should check ANA's web site for training and technical assistance dates and locations, or contact the ANA Applicant Help Desk at 1-877-922-9262. Due to the new application and program additions and modifications, ANA strongly encourages all prospective applicants to participate in free pre-application training. (*Legal authority: Sections 804 of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991c*)

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13): Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Department is required to submit to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of any reporting and record keeping requirements in regulations including program announcements. This program announcement does not contain information collection requirements beyond those approved for ANA grant applications under the Program Narrative Statement by OMB (Approval Number 0980-0204).

Assurances and Certifications and Standard Application Forms

Blank Federal Forms may be photocopied. Forms are also available electronically from the following Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/form.htm>.

- SF-424A, Budget Information—Non construction Programs
- SF-424B, Assurances—Non construction Programs
- Non-Federal Share Waiver Request, per CFR 1336.50(b)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities—as revised by OMB in January 1996 to reflect the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
- Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- Certification Regarding Maintenance of Effort
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not create any reporting or record keeping requirements requiring OMB clearance.

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