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Section 235.20 Eligible Applicants

Proposals for grant awards under Section 2-3.71(a) of the School Code may be submitted only by a public school district [105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)]. Charter schools, public university laboratory schools approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 18-8.05(K) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(K)], and area vocational centers are also eligible to apply [105 ILCS 5/27A-11.5, 2-3.109a, and 2-3.109b, respectively]. A public school district An eligible applicant may subcontract with a private school, not-for-profit corporation or other governmental agency to conduct a preschool educational program for children ages 3 to kindergarten enrollment age, as defined in Section 10-20.12 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.12], who are considered to be at risk of academic failure. A combination of school districts eligible applicants may submit a joint application for funds.

a) If a joint application is submitted, then an administrative agent shall be designated, and the superintendent or authorized official from each of the participating districts shall sign the application.

b) Applicants who propose to use a subcontractor shall provide the information required by Section 235.30(d)(8).

(Source: Amended at 25 Ill. Reg. _____, effective ________)

Section 235.60 Terms of the Grant

a) All grants issued under this Subpart shall be governed by the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1989, ch. 127, par. 2301 et seq.) [30 ILCS 705].

b) The time period of the grant shall run from September 1 July 1 of the calendar year or from a date to be negotiated through August 31 June 30 of the following calendar year.
c) An audit report which includes a certified opinion and statement of receipts and disbursements compared to the approved budget shall be submitted to the State Board no later than 45 days after the end of each contract period.

d) Payments from the State Board of Education to grantees shall be made according to a negotiated payment schedule provided that there is no excessive cash on hand. Payments will be subject to availability of funds. Amounts projected for each month are expected to be a reflection of need for that month and not simply the total budget divided by the number of months in the project. Following negotiations, contract budgets may be amended by completing an amendment to the approved budget summary and payment schedule form, using forms supplied by the State Board of Education and attaching supplementary documentation showing variances and justifications. A budget amendment is necessary whenever an approved individual line item changes by more than $500 $1,000 or 10% 20 percent (whichever is larger) from the approved budget. A budget amendment must also be submitted for approval when a grantee proposes to use funds for allowable expenditures not identified in the approved budget. Changes will be approved if the proposed distribution of resources or activities would have been approvable within the original application.

e) Successful applicants shall submit formative and summative evaluation reports, as requested, specifying:

1) descriptive statistics on the population served, eligibility, screening procedures and staff qualifications and training;

2) descriptive information, including type and quality of the educational program, amount and extent of interagency collaboration, and parent education and involvement;

3) the extent to which program objectives have been accomplished; and
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4) any similar program-related information that the State Superintendent of Education may request upon 30 days' written notice.

(Source: Amended at 25 Ill. Reg. _____, effective ____________ )

SUBPART B: COORDINATED MODEL PRESCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Section 235.110 Eligible Applicants

a) Proposals for grant awards under Section 2-3.71(b) of the School Code shall be submitted jointly by public school districts, charter schools, university laboratory schools approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 18-8.05(K) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(K)], or area vocational centers, in partnership with public or private institutions of higher education. Where the applicant is a public school district, charter school, approved university laboratory school, or area vocational center or consortium of districts such entities, then the proposal also shall include a public or private institution of higher education. Where the applicant is an institution of higher education, then the proposal shall include a public school district or districts, charter school or schools, or approved university laboratory school or schools, or area vocational center or centers.

b) In each case a single entity shall be designated as the administrative agent, and the chief executive officer of each participating agency shall sign the proposal.

c) A cover letter which identifies the applicants and the administrative agent for the model program shall be submitted with each proposal.

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a) All grants issued under this Subpart shall be governed by the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1989, ch. 127, par. 2301 et seq.) [30 ILSC 705].

b) The time period of the grant shall run from September 1 to July 1 of the calendar year or from a date to be negotiated through August 31 to June 30 of the following calendar year.

c) An audit report which includes a certified opinion and statement of receipts and disbursements compared to the approved budget shall be submitted to the State Board no later than 45 days after the end of each contract period.

d) Payments from the State Board of Education to grantees shall be made according to a negotiated payment schedule provided there is no excessive cash on hand. Payments will be subject to the availability of funds. Amounts projected for each month are expected to be a reflection of need for that month and not simply the total budget divided by the number of months in the project. Following negotiations, contract budgets may be amended by completing an amendment to the approved budget summary and payment schedule form, using forms supplied by the State Board of Education and attaching supplementary documentation showing variances and justifications. A budget amendment is necessary whenever an approved individual line item changes by more than $500 or 10% (whichever is larger) from the approved budget. A budget amendment must also be submitted for approval when a grantee proposes to use funds for allowable expenditures not identified in the approved budget. Changes will be approved if the proposed distribution of resources or activities would have been approvable within the original application.

e) Successful applicants shall submit formative and summative evaluation reports, as requested, specifying:

1) descriptive statistics on the population served, eligibility, screening procedures and staff
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qualifications, and outcomes related to training objectives;

2) descriptive information, including type and quality of the educational program, amount and extent of interagency collaboration, and parent education and involvement;

3) the extent to which program objectives have been accomplished;

4) research results, conclusions and recommendations; and

5) any similar program-related information that the State Superintendent of Education may request upon 30 days’ written notice.

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