In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

#### VII. Other Information

program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or

compact disc, or other accessible format.

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## **Signing Authority**

This document of the U.S. Department of Education was signed on July 9, 2025, by Christopher J. McCaghren, ED.D, Acting Assistant Secretary Office of Postsecondary Education. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by the U.S. Department of Education. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned has been authorized to sign the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the U.S. Department of Education. This administrative process in no way alters

the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

### Sharon Cooke,

Associate Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Applications for New Awards; Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.031L. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840–0798.

Applications Available: July 14, 2025. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 13, 2025. Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: September 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2024 (89 FR 104528) and available at www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/commoninstructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs. Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 7, 2022.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pearson Owens, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW,

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4260. Telephone: (202) 987–1866. Email: Pearson.Owens@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# Full Text of Announcement I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The AANAPISI Program provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to enable them to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students. Institutions may use these grants to plan, develop, or implement activities that strengthen the institution's services leading to student success.

*Priorities:* This notice contains two invitational priorities, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(i).

Invitational Priorities: For FY 2025 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

The priorities are:

Invitational Priority One: Expanding access to distance education, workforce-based options, or shortened time-to-degree models.

Applicants should demonstrate how their projects, institutions, or proposals are designed to promote education choice in one or more of the following ways:

Expand access to postsecondary distance education, competency-based or skills-based education, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, part-time coursework and career preparation, work-based learning or shortened time-to-degree models, and programs or coursework that lead to high-wage, high-skilled, or in-demand, industry recognized credentials.

Invitational Priority Two: Advancing Artificial Intelligence in Education.

Projects that implement or promote greater understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through one or both of the following: (1) supporting the integration of AI tools into the institution's pedagogy or student support services to improve postsecondary educational outcomes for students or (2) expanding students' understanding of artificial intelligence by (a) expanding offerings of AI and computer science courses as part of an institution of higher education's general education curriculum; (b) embedding AI and computer science into an institution of higher education's general preservice or in-service teacher professional development or teacher preparation programs, or (c) targeting additional support to teacher preparation programs that are preparing future computer science educators in K-12 education.

Note: For purposes of this priority (and consistent with the definition proposed in the Secretary's Supplemental Priorities, published in the **Federal Register** May 21, 2025 (90 FR 21710)), Computer Science means the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, theories, computational thinking, coding, analytics, applications, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Computer science often includes computer programming or coding as a tool to create software, including applications, games, websites, and tools to manage or manipulate data; or development and management of computer hardware and the other electronics related to sharing, securing, and using digital information. In addition to coding, the expanding field of computer science emphasizes computational thinking and interdisciplinary problem-solving to equip students with the skills and abilities necessary to apply computation to the digital world.

Computer science does not involve using computers for everyday tasks, such as browsing the internet or using tools like word processors, spreadsheets, or presentation software. Instead, it focuses on creating and developing technology, not just utilizing it

Definitions: The definitions below are from 34 CFR 77.1.

English learner means an individual who is an English learner as defined in section 8101(20) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, or an individual who is an English language leaner as defined in section 203(7) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Logic model (also referred to as a theory of action) means a framework that identifies key project components of the proposed project (i.e., the active "ingredients" that are hypothesized to be critical to achieving the relevant outcomes) and describes the theoretical and operational relationships among the key project components and relevant outcomes.

Project component means an activity, strategy, intervention, process, product, practice, or policy included in a project. Evidence may pertain to an individual project component or to a combination of project components (e.g., training teachers on instructional practices for English learners and follow-on coaching for these teachers).

Relevant outcome means the student outcome(s) or other outcome(s) the key project component is designed to improve, consistent with the specific goals of the program.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1059g (title III, part A, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)).

Note: In 2008, the HEA was amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), Public Law 110— 315. Please note that the regulations for the AANAPISI Program in 34 CFR part 607 have not been updated to reflect these statutory changes. The statute supersedes all other regulations.

Note: Projects will be awarded and must be operated in a manner consistent with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Federal civil rights laws.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The **Education Department General** Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 607.

### II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants. Five-year Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants will be awarded in FY 2025.

Note: A cooperative arrangement is an arrangement to carry out allowable grant activities between an institution eligible to receive a grant under this part and another eligible or ineligible IHE, under which the resources of the cooperating institutions are combined and shared to better achieve the purposes of this part and avoid costly duplication of effort.

Estimated Available Funds: \$5,400,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in subsequent years from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Individual Development Grants: Estimated Range of Awards: \$400,000–\$500,000 per year. Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$450,000 per year.

Maximum Award: We will not make

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding \$500,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants:

Estimated Range of Awards: \$500,000–\$600,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$550,000 per year.

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding \$600,000 for a single budget period of 12 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: 2. Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

## **III. Eligibility Information**

- 1. (a) Eligible Applicants: To qualify as an eligible institution under the AANAPISI Program, an institution must be—
- (i) Accredited or pre-accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered;
- (ii) Legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior or community college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; and
- (iii) Designated as an "eligible institution," as defined in 34 CFR 600.2, by demonstrating that it has (1) an enrollment of needy students as described in 34 CFR 607.3, and (2) low average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student as described in 34 CFR 607.4.

Note: The notice announcing the FY 2025 process for designation of eligible institutions, and inviting applications for waiver of eligibility requirements, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2025 (90 FR 11408). Only institutions that the Department determines are eligible, or which are granted a waiver under the process described in that notice, may apply for a grant in this program.

At the time of submission of their applications, applicants must certify their total undergraduate headcount enrollment and that 10 percent of the IHE's enrollment is Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander. An assurance form, which is included in the application materials for this competition, must be signed by an official for the applicant and submitted.

b. Relationship between the Title III, Part A Programs and the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program:

A grantee under the Developing HSI Program, which is authorized under title V of the HEA, may not receive a grant under any HEA, title III, part A program. The title III, part A programs are the Strengthening Institutions Program, the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, the AANAPISI Program, the Alaska Native and Native

Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Program, and the Predominantly Black Institutions Program. Furthermore, a current Developing HSI Program grantee may not give up its Developing HSI Program grant in order to be eligible to receive a grant under the AANAPISI Program or any title III, part A program as described in 34 CFR 607.2(g)(1).

An eligible HSI that is not a current grantee under the Developing HSI Program may apply for a FY 2025 grant under all title III, part A programs for which it is eligible, as well as receive consideration for a grant under the Developing HSI Program. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant as described in 34 CFR 607.2(g)(1).

c. Individual Development and Cooperative Arrangement Grants:

An eligible IHE that submits applications for an Individual Development Grant and a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant in this competition may be awarded both in the same fiscal year. However, we will not award a second Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant to an otherwise eligible IHE for an award year for which the IHE already has a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant under the AANAPISI Program. A grantee with an Individual Development Grant or a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant may be a subgrantee in one or more Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants. The lead institution in a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant must be an eligible institution. Partners or subgrantees are not required to be eligible institutions.

- 2. a. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not require cost sharing or matching unless the grantee uses a portion of its grant for establishing or improving an endowment fund. If a grantee uses a portion of its grant for endowment fund purposes, it must match those grant funds with non-Federal funds (20 U.S.C. 1057(d)(1)-(2)).
- b. Supplement-Not-Supplant: This program involves supplement-not-supplant funding requirements. Grant funds must be used so that they supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the funds that would otherwise be available for the activities to be carried out under the grant and in no case supplant those funds (34 CFR 607.30(b)).
- c. Indirect Cost Rate Information: A grantee may not use an indirect cost rate to determine allowable cost under its grant (34 CFR 607.30(c)).

- d. Administrative Cost Limitation:
  This program does not include any program-specific limitation on administrative expenses. All administrative expenses must be reasonable and necessary and conform to Cost Principles described in 2 CFR part 200 subpart E of the Uniform
- 3. Subgrantees: A grantee under this competition may award subgrants to entities to directly carry out project activities described in its application.
- 4. Other: General Application Requirements: All applicants must meet the following application requirement in order to be considered for funding. The application requirement is from 34 CFR 75.112 (https://www.ecfr.gov/ current/title-34/section-75.112).

Applicants must include a logic model (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c)) or other conceptual framework.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Submission Instructions:

Applicants are required to follow the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2024 (89 FR 104528), and available at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs, which contain requirements and information on how to apply.

- 2. Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program. Please note that, under 34 CFR 79.8(a) (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-A/part-79/section-79.8#p-79.8(a)), we have shortened the standard 60-day intergovernmental review period in order to make awards by the end of FY 2025.
- 3. Funding Restrictions: We specify unallowable costs in 34 CFR 607.10(c). We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.
- 4. Recommended Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you (1) limit the application narrative to no more than 50 pages for Individual Development Grants and no more than 65 pages for Cooperative Arrangement

Development Grants and (2) use the following standards below. If you are addressing one or both of the invitational priorities we recommend that you limit your response to no more than 3 additional pages for each priority.

• A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom,

and both sides.

• Double-space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

• Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, and no smaller than 10 pitch

(characters per inch).

• Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

The recommended page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract and the bibliography. However, the recommended page limit does apply to all of the application narrative.

Note: The Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs Form (ED 524) Sections A–C are not the same as the narrative response to the Budget section

of the selection criteria.

## V. Application Review Information

- 1. Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 607.22 and 34 CFR 75.210. Applicants should address each of the selection criteria separately for each proposed activity. The selection criteria are worth a total of 100 points; the maximum score for each criterion is noted in parentheses.
- (a) Quality of the Comprehensive Development Plan. (Maximum 20 Points)

The extent to which-

- (1) The strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are clearly and comprehensively analyzed and result from a process that involved major constituencies of the institution;(5 points)
- (2) The goals for the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are realistic and based on comprehensive analysis; (5 points)

(3) The objectives stated in the plan are measurable, related to institutional goals, and, if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution; and (5 points)

(4) The plan clearly and comprehensively describes the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the proposed project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources. (5 points)

(b) Quality of Activity Objectives.

(Maximum 16 Points)

The extent to which the objectives for each activity are—

(1) Realistic and defined in terms of measurable results; and (8 points)

(2) Directly related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (8 points)

(c) *Quality of Implementation*Strategy. (Maximum 16 Points)

The extent to which-

(1) The implementation strategy for each activity is comprehensive; (4 points)

(2) The rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity is clearly described and is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects; and (4 points)

(3) The timetable for each activity is realistic and likely to be attained. (4

points)

- (4) The quality of the logic model or other conceptual framework underlying the proposed project, including how inputs are related to outcomes. (4 points)
- (d) *Quality of Key Personnel.* (Maximum 8 Points)

The extent to which-

(1) The past experience and training of key professional personnel are directly related to the stated activity objectives; and (4 points)

(2) The time commitment of key personnel is realistic. (4 points)

(e) Quality of Project Management Plan. (Maximum 16 Points)

The extent to which-

- (1) Procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure efficient and effective project implementation; and (8 points)
- (2) The project coordinator and activity directors have sufficient authority to conduct the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer. (8 points)
- (f) Quality of Evaluation Plan. (Maximum 16 Points)

The extent to which—

(1) The data elements and the data collection procedures are clearly described and appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives and to measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan; and (8 points)

(2) The data analysis procedures are clearly described and are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project on achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (8 points)

(g) Budget. (Maximum 8 Points)
The extent to which the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and

scope.

2. Review and Selection Process: We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary requires various assurances, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

A panel of three non-Federal reviewers will review and score each application in accordance with the selection criteria. The applications will be put in a rank order based on the average scores received from the peer review.

In tiebreaking situations for development grants, under 34 CFR 607.23(b), among the tied applications, we award 1 additional tiebreaker point to an application from an IHE that has an endowment fund of which the current market value, per FTE enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per FTE enrolled student, at comparable type institutions that offer similar instruction. We award 1 additional tiebreaker point to an application from an IHE that has expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student that are less than the average expenditure for library materials per FTE enrolled student at similar type institutions. We also add 1 additional tiebreaker point to an application from an IHE that proposes to carry out one or more of the following activities:

(1) Faculty development.

- (2) Funds and administrative management.
- (3) Development and improvement of academic programs.
- (4) Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs.
  - (5) Joint use of facilities.
  - (6) Student services.

For the purpose of these funding considerations, we use 2022–2023 data.

If a tie remains after applying the tiebreaker mechanism above, priority will be given to applicants that have the lowest endowment values per FTE enrolled student.

- 3. Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions: Consistent with 2 CFR 200.206, before awarding grants under this competition the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 200.208, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, under 2 CFR 3474.10, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.
- 4. Integrity and Performance System: If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.206(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through the System for Award Management. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

- 5. In General: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance, the Department will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this notice inviting applications in accordance with:
- (a) Selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the program objectives through an objective process of evaluating Federal award applications (2 CFR 200.205);
- (b) Prohibiting the purchase of certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment in alignment with section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232) (2 CFR 200.216);
- (c) Providing a preference, to the extent permitted by law, to maximize use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States (2 CFR 200.322); and
- (d) Terminating agreements in whole or in part to the greatest extent authorized by law if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities (2 CFR 200.340).

### VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. Open Licensing Requirements: Unless an exception applies, if you are awarded a grant under this competition, you will be required to openly license to the public grant deliverables created in whole, or in part, with Department grant funds and that constitute new copyrightable works. When the deliverable consists of modifications to pre-existing works, the license extends only to those modifications that can be separately identified and only to the

- extent that open licensing is permitted under the terms of any licenses or other legal restrictions on the use of preexisting works. Additionally, a grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds must have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. This dissemination plan can be developed and submitted after your application has been reviewed and selected for funding. For additional information on the open licensing requirements please refer to 2 CFR 3474.20.
- 4. Reporting: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. See the standards in 2 CFR 170.105 to determine whether you are covered by 2 CFR part 170.
- (b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/ fund/grant/apply/appforms/ appforms.html.
- 5. Performance Measures: The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of the AANAPISI
- (a) The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students at 4-year AANAPISIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same AANAPISI.
- (b) The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students at 2-year AANAPISIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same AANAPISI.
- (c) The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at 4-year AANAPISIs who graduate within 6 years of enrollment.
- (d) The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at 2-year AANAPISIs who graduate within 3 years of enrollment.

6. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application, or whether the continuation of the project is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

### VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

## **Signing Authority**

This document of the U.S. Department of Education was signed on July 9, 2025, by Christopher J. McCaghren, ED.D, *Acting Assistant*  Secretary Office of Postsecondary Education. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by the U.S. Department of Education. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned has been authorized to sign the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the U.S. Department of Education. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

#### Sharon Cooke.

Associate Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Applications for New Awards; Transition Programs for Students With Intellectual Disabilities Into Higher Education

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities Program (TPSID), Assistance Listing Number (ALN) number 84.407A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840–0825.

## DATES:

Applications Available: July 14, 2025. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 13, 2025. Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: September 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2024 (89 FR 104528) and available at www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/commoninstructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs. Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 7, 2022.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## **Full Text of Announcement**

## I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the TPSID program is to support model demonstration programs that promote the successful transition of students with intellectual disabilities into higher education and to enable institutions of higher education (IHEs), or consortia of IHEs, to create or expand high-quality, inclusive model comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

Priority: This notice contains one absolute priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), the absolute priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute and the Award Basis provision (see section 767(d) and 767(c)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1140g).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2025 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

A grant recipient must use grant funds to establish a model comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities that—

- (1) Serves students with intellectual disabilities;
- (2) Provides individual supports and services for the academic and social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities in academic courses, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the IHE's regular postsecondary program;
- (3) Provides a focus on academic enrichment, socialization, independent living skills, including self-advocacy, and integrated work experiences and career skills that lead to gainful employment;
- (4) Integrates person-centered planning in the development of the course of study for each student with an intellectual disability participating in the model program;
- (5) Participates with the coordinating center established under section 777(b)

of the HEA in the evaluation of the components of the model program;

(6) Partners with one or more local educational agencies to support students with intellectual disabilities participating in the model program who are still eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including the use of funds available under part B of IDEA to support the participation of such students in the model program;

(7) Plans for the sustainability of the model program after the end of the grant

period; and

(8) Creates and offers a meaningful credential for students with intellectual disabilities upon the completion of the model program.

(9) Incorporates into the model comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities carried out under the grant one or more of the following elements:

(A) The formation of a partnership with any relevant agency serving students with intellectual disabilities, such as a vocational rehabilitation

agency.

- (B) In the case of an institution of higher education that provides institutionally owned or operated housing for students attending the institution, the integration of students with intellectual disabilities into the housing offered to nondisabled students.
- (C) The involvement of students attending the institution of higher education who are studying special education, general education, vocational rehabilitation, assistive technology, or related fields in the model program.

Definitions: The following definitions apply to this competition. The definitions of "comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities" and "student with an intellectual disability" are from section 760 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1140).

Children or students with disabilities means children with disabilities as defined in the IDEA or individuals defined as having a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) (or children or students who are eligible under both laws).

Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities means a degree, certificate, or nondegree program that—

(1) Is offered by an IHE;