

(2) the child or children, from birth through age 7, of any individual described in paragraph (1).

(b) Eligibility for certain other participants

(1) In general

Family members of eligible participants described in subsection (a) of this section may participate in activities and services provided under this subpart, when appropriate to serve the purpose of this subpart.

(2) Special rule

Any family participating in a program assisted under this subpart that becomes ineligible to participate as a result of one or more members of the family becoming ineligible to participate may continue to participate in the program until all members of the family become ineligible to participate, which—

(A) in the case of a family in which ineligibility was due to the child or children of the family attaining the age of 8, shall be in 2 years or when the parent or parents become ineligible due to educational advancement, whichever occurs first; and

(B) in the case of a family in which ineligibility was due to the educational advancement of the parent or parents of the family, shall be when all children in the family attain the age of 8.

(3) Children 8 years of age or older

If an Even Start program assisted under this subpart collaborates with a program under part A of this subchapter, and funds received under the part A program contribute to paying the cost of providing programs under this subpart to children 8 years of age or older, the Even Start program may, notwithstanding subsection (a)(2) of this section, permit the participation of children 8 years of age or older if the focus of the program continues to remain on families with young children.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1236, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1562.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), is title II of Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1059, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter I (§9201 et seq.) of chapter 73 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of this title and Tables.

§ 6381f. Applications

(a) Submission

To be eligible to receive a subgrant under this subpart, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the State educational agency in such form and containing or accompanied by such information as the State educational agency shall require.

(b) Required documentation

Each application shall include documentation, satisfactory to the State educational agency, that the eligible entity has the qualified personnel needed—

(1) to develop, administer, and implement an Even Start program under this subpart; and

(2) to provide access to the special training necessary to prepare staff for the program, which may be offered by an eligible organization.

(c) Plan

(1) In general

The application shall also include a plan of operation and continuous improvement for the program, that includes—

(A) a description of the program objectives, strategies to meet those objectives, and how those strategies and objectives are consistent with the program indicators established by the State;

(B) a description of the activities and services that will be provided under the program, including a description of how the program will incorporate the program elements required by section 6381d of this title;

(C) a description of the population to be served and an estimate of the number of participants to be served;

(D) as appropriate, a description of the applicant's collaborative efforts with institutions of higher education, community-based organizations, the State educational agency, private elementary schools, or other eligible organizations in carrying out the program for which assistance is sought;

(E) a statement of the methods that will be used—

(i) to ensure that the programs will serve families most in need of the activities and services provided by this subpart;

(ii) to provide services under this subpart to individuals with special needs, such as individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities; and

(iii) to encourage participants to remain in the program for a time sufficient to meet the program's purpose;

(F) a description of how the plan is integrated with other programs under this chapter or other Acts, as appropriate; and

(G) a description of how the plan provides for rigorous and objective evaluation of progress toward the program objectives described in subparagraph (A) and for continuing use of evaluation data for program improvement.

(2) Duration of the plan

Each plan submitted under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) remain in effect for the duration of the eligible entity's participation under this subpart; and

(B) be periodically reviewed and revised by the eligible entity as necessary.

(d) Consolidated application

The plan described in subsection (c)(1) of this section may be submitted as part of a consolidated application under section 7845 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1237, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1563.)

§ 6381g. Award of subgrants**(a) Selection process****(1) In general**

The State educational agency shall establish a review panel in accordance with paragraph (3) that will approve applications that—

(A) are most likely to be successful in—

(i) meeting the purpose of this subpart; and

(ii) effectively implementing the program elements required under section 6381d of this title;

(B) demonstrate that the area to be served by the program has a high percentage or a large number of children and families who are in need of those services as indicated by high levels of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, limited English proficiency, or other need-related indicators, such as a high percentage of children to be served by the program who reside in a school attendance area served by a local educational agency eligible for participation in programs under part A of this subchapter, a high number or percentage of parents who have been victims of domestic violence, or a high number or percentage of parents who are receiving assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

(C) provide services for at least a 3-year age range, which may begin at birth;

(D) demonstrate the greatest possible cooperation and coordination between a variety of relevant service providers in all phases of the program;

(E) include cost-effective budgets, given the scope of the application;

(F) demonstrate the applicant's ability to provide the non-Federal share required by section 6381c(b) of this title;

(G) are representative of urban and rural regions of the State; and

(H) show the greatest promise for providing models that may be adopted by other family literacy projects and other local educational agencies.

(2) Priority for subgrants

The State educational agency shall give priority for subgrants under this subsection to applications that—

(A) target services primarily to families described in paragraph (1)(B); or

(B) are located in areas designated as empowerment zones or enterprise communities.

(3) Review panel

A review panel shall consist of at least three members, including one early childhood professional, one adult education professional, and one individual with expertise in family literacy programs, and may include other individuals, such as one or more of the following:

(A) A representative of a parent-child education organization.

(B) A representative of a community-based literacy organization.

(C) A member of a local board of education.

(D) A representative of business and industry with a commitment to education.

(E) An individual who has been involved in the implementation of programs under this subchapter in the State.

(b) Duration**(1) In general**

Subgrants under this subpart may be awarded for a period not to exceed 4 years.

(2) Startup period

The State educational agency may provide subgrant funds to an eligible recipient, at the recipient's request, for a 3- to 6-month startup period during the first year of the 4-year grant period, which may include staff recruitment and training, and the coordination of services, before requiring full implementation of the program.

(3) Continuing eligibility

In awarding subgrant funds to continue a program under this subpart after the first year, the State educational agency shall review the progress of each eligible entity in meeting the objectives of the program referred to in section 6381f(c)(1)(A) of this title and shall evaluate the program based on the indicators of program quality developed by the State under section 6381i of this title.

(4) Insufficient progress

The State educational agency may refuse to award subgrant funds to an eligible entity if the agency finds that the eligible entity has not sufficiently improved the performance of the program, as evaluated based on the indicators of program quality developed by the State under section 6381i of this title, after—

(A) providing technical assistance to the eligible entity; and

(B) affording the eligible entity notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(5) Grant renewal

(A) An eligible entity that has previously received a subgrant under this subpart may reapply under this subpart for additional subgrants.

(B) The Federal share of any subgrant renewed under subparagraph (A) shall be limited in accordance with section 6381c(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1238, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1564.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Part A of title IV of the Act is classified generally to part A (§601 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

§ 6381h. Evaluation

From funds reserved under section 6381a(b)(1) of this title, the Secretary shall provide for an independent evaluation of programs assisted under this subpart—

(1) to determine the performance and effectiveness of programs assisted under this subpart;