

(e) Application

To be eligible for a grant under this section for a fiscal year, a local educational agency, in consultation with an expert, shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application shall include each of the following:

- (1) A description of the need for funds provided under the grant and the plan for implementation of any of the activities described in subsection (c) of this section.
- (2) A description of how the experts will work in consultation and collaboration with the local educational agency.
- (3) Measurable objectives for, and expected results from, the use of the funds provided under the grant.
- (4) Provisions for appropriate remuneration for collaborating partners.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title V, §5571, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title V, §501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1861.)

SUBPART 18—HEALTHY, HIGH-PERFORMANCE
SCHOOLS

§ 7277. Grant program authorized

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, is authorized to award grants to State educational agencies to permit such State educational agencies to carry out section 7277a of this title.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title V, §5581, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title V, §501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1863.)

§ 7277a. State uses of funds**(a) Subgrants****(1) In general**

A State educational agency receiving a grant under this subpart shall use funds made available under the grant to award subgrants to local educational agencies to permit such local educational agencies to carry out the activities described in section 7277b of this title.

(2) Limitation

A State educational agency shall award subgrants under this subsection to local educational agencies that are the neediest, as determined by the State, and that have made a commitment to develop healthy, high-performance school buildings in accordance with the plan developed and approved under paragraph (3)(A).

(3) Implementation**(A) Plans**

A State educational agency shall award subgrants under this subsection only to local educational agencies that, in consultation with the State educational agency and State agencies with responsibilities relating to energy and health, have developed plans that the State educational agency determines to be feasible and appropriate in order to achieve the purposes for which the subgrants are made.

(B) Supplementing grant funds

The State educational agency shall encourage local educational agencies that re-

ceive subgrants under this subsection to supplement their subgrant funds with funds from other sources in order to implement their plans.

(b) Administration

A State educational agency receiving a grant under this subpart shall use the grant funds made available under this subpart for one or more of the following:

- (1) To evaluate compliance by local educational agencies with the requirements of this subpart.
- (2) To distribute information and materials on healthy, high-performance school buildings for both new and existing facilities.
- (3) To organize and conduct programs for school board members, school district personnel, and others to disseminate information on healthy, high-performance school buildings.
- (4) To provide technical services and assistance in planning and designing healthy, high-performance school buildings.
- (5) To collect and monitor information pertaining to healthy, high-performance school building projects.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title V, §5582, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title V, §501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1863.)

§ 7277b. Local uses of funds**(a) In general**

A local educational agency that receives a subgrant under section 7277a(a) of this title shall use the subgrant funds to plan and prepare for healthy, high-performance school building projects that—

- (1) reduce energy use to at least 30 percent below that of a school constructed in compliance with standards prescribed in chapter 8 of the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code, or a similar State code intended to achieve substantially equivalent results;
- (2) meet Federal and State health and safety codes; and
- (3) support healthful, energy efficient, and environmentally sound practices.

(b) Use of funds

A local educational agency that receives a subgrant under section 7277a(a) of this title shall use funds for one or more of the following:

- (1) To develop a comprehensive energy audit of the energy consumption characteristics of a building and the need for additional energy conservation measures necessary to allow schools to meet the guidelines set out in subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) To produce a comprehensive analysis of building strategies, designs, materials, and equipment that—
 - (A) are cost effective, produce greater energy efficiency, and enhance indoor air quality; and
 - (B) can be used when conducting school construction and renovation or purchasing materials and equipment.
- (3) To obtain research and provide technical services and assistance in planning and designing healthy, high-performance school buildings, including developing a timeline for implementation of such plans.