

**Sec. 10-17h-8. Bilingual education grants**

(a) **Grant Applications.** Each board of education which is required in accordance with section 10-17h-7(a) of these regulations to provide a program of bilingual education may apply with the Secretary for the following grants:

(1) a grant for the 1977/1978 school year for planning and developing a required program, which grant may also be used for operating an existing program of bilingual education; and

(2) a grant for any school year thereafter for the purpose of implementing a required program of bilingual education.

(b) **1977-1978 Grant Application.** The application for the 1977/1978 grant shall include an estimate of the percentages of the grant the board of education intends to spend on planning and developing the required program of bilingual education and operating any existing programs of bilingual education. It shall also include the number of eligible children.

(c) **Grant Applications Beginning with 1978/1979.** An application for a grant for a required program of bilingual education for the 1978/1979 school year or any school year thereafter shall include the number of eligible children in the school district. If the grant will be used to fund a required program of bilingual education which was not offered during the previous school year or which has been modified, the application shall include for review and approval by the Secretary (1) a description of such program in accordance with subsection (g) of this section and (2) a plan to implement such program in accordance with subsection (h) of this section. Each application shall also include for review and approval by the Secretary a proposed budget for the expenditure of the estimated amount of the grant.

(d) **When to Apply.** The application for the 1977/1978 grant shall be filed with the Secretary. An application for a grant for a school year thereafter shall be filed not later than July 1, beginning with July 1, 1978.

(e) **Amount of Grants.** The amount of each grant shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying the total appropriation available for required programs of bilingual education pursuant to Public Act 77-588 by the ratio which the number of eligible children in the school district bears to the total number of eligible children statewide:

$$\frac{\text{Number of eligible children in district}}{\text{Number of eligible children statewide}} \times \text{Total appropriation} = \text{Amount of Grant.}$$

(f) **Receipt of Grants.** Grants for the 1977-1978 school year will be received by boards of education on or before May 1, 1978. Grants during subsequent school years will be received by boards of education on or before September 1 of the school year for which the program of bilingual education is required. Prior to the receipt of such grants, but not later than September 1, the superintendent of schools and the town fiscal officer shall file with the Secretary the Affidavit for Federal/State Funds (BEMF-1) certifying that said grant shall be expended for the purposes intended and shall not be commingled with the general funds.

(g) **Description of the Program.** A description of a required program of bilingual education shall include, but shall not be limited to, the goals and objectives of such program.

It shall address the characteristics of required programs of bilingual education in section 10-17h-11 of these regulations.

(h) **Plan to Implement.** A plan to implement shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) methods used to inform the school district and the parents, guardians, or others with whom an eligible child lives about the required program of bilingual education;

(2) a list of the skills required for people who are or will be hired to work in a required program of bilingual education;

(3) the manner in which the board of education will initially endeavor to implement a required program of bilingual education through in-service training for existing, certified professional employees, and thereafter, if necessary, will give preference in hiring to such certified professional employees as will be required to maintain the program; and

(4) procedures for assuring parental and community involvement in the development of the plan, including, but not limited to, provisions for a public hearing to be held by each board of education in order to receive public comment on the plan to implement prior to submission of said plan to the Secretary.

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