



State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

FY 2010 Funding Announcement Overview

Background & Purpose

The Affordable Care Act (health care reform) created a new Section 513 to Title V of the Social Security Act, thereby authorizing the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) state block grant. This program gives states the ability to fund contraceptive-centered “comprehensive sex education” programs.

“The program(s) must provide medically accurate and complete contraceptive information, and inform youth about the responsibilities and consequences of being a parent, and how early pregnancy and parenthood can interfere with educational and other goals, and the risks associated with sexually transmitted infections, including HIV.” (p11)

“Funds must be used for a program designed to educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and at least three adulthood preparation subjects.” (p4,5)

The adulthood preparation subjects must be selected from the following list:

- a. Healthy relationships, such as positive self-esteem and relationship dynamics, friendships, dating, romantic involvement, marriage, and family interactions.
- b. Adolescent development, such as the development of healthy attitudes and values about adolescent growth and development, body image, racial and ethnic diversity, and other related subjects.
- c. Financial literacy.
- d. Parent-child communication.
- e. Educational and career success, such as developing skills for employment preparation, job seeking, independent living, financial self-sufficiency, and work-place productivity.
- f. Healthy life skills, such as goal-setting, decision making, negotiation, communication and interpersonal skills, and stress management. (p7)

Are States free to select curriculum to implement for this grant?

- States should refer to TPP Tier One curricula in making their selection. This list may be accessed at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohs/oah/prevention/research/programs/index.html>
- “States should use this list in the development of their program as a guide for evidence-based program models; along with assuring that their program addresses (1) both abstinence and contraception and (2) incorporates at least three of the adult preparation subjects noted in *Section I.3.i*. Of the 28 program models meeting the evidence-based criteria, 27 models addressed abstinence and contraception in some fashion. One program, *Promoting Health Among Teens! Abstinence Only Intervention*, is abstinence-only and if used would have to be adapted. States will also need to assess program models under consideration to determine whether they would adhere to the requirements that at least three adult preparation subjects be addressed or whether additional components addressing these additional adult preparation subjects will need to be added to the program model.” (p8) Therefore, while states are not required to use curricula from the TPP Tier One list, they are strongly encouraged to do so.

Are States free to alter or amend selected curricula?

“Whether States (or their sub-awardees) are replicating an entire program or incorporating significant elements of evidence-based programs into a program, fidelity to the original evidence-based program model or program elements is strongly encouraged.” (p8)

Who may apply for funds?

All 50 States and 9 US Territories may apply for this funding. A separate announcement for tribal applicants will be released later (p5).

However, if the state does not apply for funds in FY210 or FY2011, “the State is ineligible to apply for funds from the amounts allotted for each of the fiscal years FY 2012 through FY 2014” and “the sum of the unexpended annual State allotments for FY 2010 through FY 2014 will be utilized to award 3-year discretionary grants to local organizations and entities for the same purpose and in the same State.” (p6).

Who is the target population?

“States are encouraged to target youth populations that are the most high-risk or vulnerable for pregnancies or otherwise have special circumstances, including youth in foster care, homeless youth, youth with HIV/AIDS, pregnant youth who are under 21 years of age, mothers who are under 21 years of age, and youth residing in areas with high birth rates for youth. ACF also recognizes youth populations that are the most high-risk or vulnerable for pregnancies or otherwise have special circumstances to include culturally underrepresented youth populations, including Hispanic, African American, or Native American teenagers, youth in or aging out of foster care or adjudication systems, males,

runaway youth, and out of school youth.” (p6).

Is there a match requirement for these funds?

No, there is no match requirement for this grant. (p5)

What is the estimated allotment to states for FY 2010?

“Under this announcement, an appropriation in the amount of \$55,250,000 will be allotted to States to implement PREP. Individual State awards for each fiscal year shall be at least \$250,000. States may only submit one request for funding under this announcement; approved applicants will be awarded funding for a 5 year period in allotments as indicated in the chart in Appendix B. Allotment calculations for each State are based upon the Bureau of Census data on the number of 10 – 19 year olds in the State. Approved State applications in FY 2010 are funded for FY 2010 through FY 2014.” (p5)

What are the application deadlines?

The 2010 proposal requires a two-part application process

- Submission of Abbreviated Application: “which will include the federally required standard application documents and an abbreviated program narrative” (p7). **Deadline: August 30, 2010**
- Post-award State Plan : States must a more complete application by **February 1, 2011. (p7)**.
- Due Date for FY 2011 Application and State Plan: **April 29, 2011**

When will grants be awarded to states?

- “Approval decisions are estimated to be made by June 6, 2011 for FY 2010 awardees.” (p7)
- FY 2011 applicants can expect an estimated award date of September 30, 2011. (p7)

The entire Funding Announcement can be accessed here:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-PREP-0125>