



# Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program FY 2010 Funding Announcement Overview

## Background & Purpose

The Title V state block grant for abstinence education was extended from FY 2010 – FY 2014 under the Affordable Care Act (health care reform). First signed into law by President Clinton, this program gives states the ability to fund programs that encourage abstinence from sexual activity, as defined by the Section 510(b) A-H guidelines:

The term “abstinence education” means an educational or motivational program which—  
(A) has as its exclusive purpose, teaching the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity;  
(B) teaches abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;  
(C) teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems;  
(D) teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity;  
(E) teaches that sexual activity outside of the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects;  
(F) teaches that bearing children out-of-wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child’s parents, and society;  
(G) teaches young people how to reject sexual advances and how alcohol and drug use increases vulnerability to sexual advances; and  
(H) teaches the importance of attaining self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity. (p5)

“States expending funds for abstinence education programs may determine the relative emphasis to place on each of the A-H components of Section 510 (b)(2). (p.7)

## Who may apply for funds?

All 50 States and 9 US Territories may apply for this funding (p12)

A formula based on the state’s child poverty rate determines what part of the total \$50 million dollars is to be annually awarded to each state.

## Who is the target population?

States are to “focus on groups that are most likely to bear children out of wedlock” and are not required, but are encouraged to “consider the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth and how their programs will be inclusive of and non-stigmatizing toward such participants.” (p9)

### **Is there a match requirement for these funds?**

Yes. The state must provide a \$3 match for every \$4 in federal funds. The match “may be State dollars, local government dollars, private dollars, such as foundation dollars, or in-kind support.” (p12)

Many states require community organizations that implement the program to provide the in-kind match, thereby adding no further obligation on tight state budgets. (p12)

### **What are the application deadlines?**

The proposal requires a two-part application process

- Submission of Abbreviated Application: “which will include the federally required standard application documents, assurances and other documents” outlined in the FOA (p11, 14) This abbreviated program narrative should not exceed 5 pages and is intended to assure that states will comply with grant intent. (p16) . **Deadline: August 30, 2010**
- Post-award State Plan : States must “submit the goal statement, outcomes objectives and logic models for all state-led programs or sub-awardee programs not later than **December 10, 2010**, with the post-award State Plan,” together with program assurances. (p10, 14)

### **When will grants be awarded to states?**

- “States that submit an application that is approved will receive a grant award by **September 30, 2010**...The funds must be obligated by the end of FY 2011 and expended by the end of FY 2012.” (p11)
- “A State may not draw down funds awarded to it until the State has an approved post-award State Plan.” (p12) “Approval Decision of Post-Award State Plan by ACF will be made by **January 21, 2011**, or within 45 days of the date of Post-Award State Plan submission.” (p26)

### **What is the estimated allotment to states for FY 2010?**

Appendix A from the federal funding announcement details the state-specific allocations. (p32). Approved State applications in FY 2010 are funded for FY2010 only. “States will be required to submit additional applications/State plans for funding awarded in the years FY2011 through FY 2014” (p11)

### **The entire Funding Announcement can be accessed here:**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-AEGP-0123>