

(9) A detailed timetable for carrying out the activities of the proposed project, including any plans for continuing activities beyond the project period;

(10) A description of the background and qualifications of the project staff and any proposed consultants;

(11) Information concerning the source and number of potential students for the education program and a description of plans, if any, to encourage graduates of the education program to practice in States in need of nurses prepared in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(12) A plan to sustain the project beyond the period during which Federal assistance is available; and

(13) A plan to attract and retain a higher than average number of minority and financially needy students.

(d) In the case of a project to significantly expand an advanced nurse education program, the application shall contain an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that the applicant will expend, in carrying out the program for which a grant under this subpart is sought, an amount of non-Federal funds (excluding costs of construction) at least as great as the average amount of non-Federal funds (excluding expenditures of a nonrecurring nature, including costs of construction) expended for this purpose during the 3 fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought.

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§ 57.2505 Project requirements.

(a) A project supported under this subpart shall be conducted in accordance with its approved application.

(b) A project supported under this subpart shall enroll professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, or students who will be professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, at or prior to completion of the advanced nurse education program.

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§ 57.2506 Evaluation and grant awards.

(a) *Evaluation.* Within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary, after consultation with the Council, may award grants to those applicants whose projects will, in his or her judgment, best promote the purposes of section 821 of the Act, taking into consideration among other pertinent factors:

(1) The need for the proposed project including, with respect to projects to provide education in professional nursing specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education:

(i) The current or anticipated need for professional nurses educated in the specialty; and

(ii) The relative number of programs offering advanced education in the specialty;

(2) The need for nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided in the State in which the education program is located, as compared with the need for these nurses in other States;

(3) The degree to which the applicant proposes to recruit students from States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided, and to promote their return to these States following education;

(4) The degree to which the applicant proposes to encourage graduates to practice in States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(5) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the educational purposes of section 821 of the Act and this subpart;

(6) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(7) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and

(8) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the period of grant support; and

(9) The degree to which the applicant proposes to attract, retain and graduate minority and financially needy students.

(b) *Funding preference.* In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the

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Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER special factors relating to national needs.

(c) *Grant awards.* (1) The Secretary will determine the amount of any award on the basis of his or her estimate on the sum necessary for the cost (including both direct and indirect costs) of the project.

(2) All grant awards shall be in writing and shall set forth the amount of funds granted and the period for which the funds will be available for obligation by the grantee.

(3) Neither the approval of any project nor the award of any grant shall commit or obligate the United States in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award with respect to any approved project or portion thereof. For continuation support, grantees must make separate application annually in a form and at the time that the Secretary may require.

(d) *Noncompeting continuation awards.* Within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary may make a grant award for an additional budget period for any previously approved project on the basis of an application and those progress and accounting records which may be required. If the Secretary finds that the project's activities during the current budget period justify continued support of the project for an additional budget period, and the Secretary decides to continue support, the amount of the grant award will be determined in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section. If the Secretary decides not to continue support for an additional budget period, he or she will notify the grantee in writing before the end of the current budget period. The Secretary may provide financial support for the orderly phase-out of the supported project, if he or she determines that this support is necessary.

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§ 57.2507 Grant payments.

The Secretary will from time to time make payments to the grantee of all or a portion of any grant award, either by

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way of reimbursement for expenses incurred in the budget period, or in advance for expenses to be incurred, to the extent he or she determines these payments necessary to promote prompt initiation and advancement of the approved project.

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§ 57.2508 Expenditure of grant funds.

(a) Any funds granted under this subpart as well as other funds to be used in performance of the approved project shall be expended solely for carrying out the approved project in accordance with section 821 of the Act, the regulations of this subpart, the terms and conditions of the award, except that funds shall not be expended for sectarian instruction or for any religious purpose.

(b) Any balance of federally obligated grant funds remaining unobligated by the grantee at the end of a budget period may be carried forward provided specific approval is granted by the Secretary. If at any time during a budget period it becomes apparent to the Secretary that the amount of Federal funds awarded and available to the grantee for that period, including any unobligated balance carried forward from prior periods, exceeds the grantee's needs for the period, the Secretary may adjust the amounts awarded by withdrawing the excess. A budget period is an interval of time (usually 12 months) into which the project period is divided for funding and reporting purposes.

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§ 57.2509 What additional Department regulations apply to grantees?

Several other regulations apply to grants under this subpart. These include, but are not limited to:

- 42 CFR part 50, subpart D—Public Health Service Grant Appeals Procedure.
- 45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board.
- 45 CFR part 46—Protection of Human Subjects.
- 45 CFR part 74—Administration of Grants.
- 45 CFR part 75—Informal Grant Appeals Procedures.