

## Innovative Programs General Information

**Innovative Programs Grant Type:** Innovation Programs is a formula grant, which means that it is an award based on a predetermined formula, given non-competitively to eligible applicants. This particular grant is awarded to state education agencies, which then make the funds available to local education agencies through subgrants.

**Innovative Programs Eligibility:** State education agencies are eligible to apply to the federal government for these grants. Local education agencies are eligible to apply for Innovative Programs subgrants, through their state departments of education (a list may be found at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/contacts.html>). Any local education agency may apply for Innovative Programs. The funds may be used to benefit any and all student populations.

**Innovative Programs Use of Funds:** Innovative Programs funds should be used to implement promising educational reform programs and school improvement programs. These programs may include library services, instructional and media materials, professional development activities, and class-size reduction programs. A complete list of uses can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg60.html#sec5131>.

This grant provides funding for instructional and educational materials, technology, school improvement, school and education reform, and the special education needs of at-risk and high-cost students. In general, the funds must be used to promote challenging academic achievement standards, improve student academic achievement, and should be part of an overall education reform strategy.

**Innovative Programs Application Process:** The application process varies state-to-state. Some require electronic submission of a grant application, while some require that you call to request a paper application. You can find out what the requirements are in your state by visiting your state Department of Education website. A list can be found at

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/contacts.html>.

## ***At a Glance: Innovative Programs***

### **School Year 2007-2008:**

**Funding for School Year 2007-2008:** \$99,000,000 (Approximate)

**Number of Awards (Approximate):** 56 (Awards for U. S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Virgin Islands)

**Program Type:** **Formula Grants**

**Additional Information:** List of state-by-state Innovative Programs contacts: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/innovative/statecontacts.doc>

**Helpful Links:** Innovative Programs Resources: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/innovative/resources.html>

### **School Year 2008-2009:**

**Funding for School Year 2008-2009:** \$0 (Anticipated)

**Program Type:** **Formula Grants**

**Eligible Applicants:** **State educational agencies** (Local Educational Agencies may apply to SEA's for subgrants)

**Application Availability and Deadline:** Dates will vary from state to state if this grant program is funded for school year 2008-2009. Contact your state Innovative Programs representative.

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**Innovative Programs Additional Help and Contact Information:** You can contact Lynette Kee, U.S. Department of Education, tel: 202-260-2540