

# The Annual U.S. Representative Ed Royce GRANTS SEMINAR

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#### U.S. Department of Education

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#### Where We Are

- U.S. High-School Drop-Out Rate: <u>27%</u>
- U.S. Adults Earning a Two-Year or Four-Year College Degree: 40%
- U.S. Adults Entering a Four-Year College Who Still Need Remedial Instruction: 30% - 40%

#### Where We Are

- Science: U.S. ranks 17th out of 29 developed countries (testing of 15-year-olds)
- Math: U.S. ranks 24th out of 29 developed countries (testing of 15-year-olds)
- Engineering: U.S. graduates 70,000 engineers annually, while China and India together graduate 950,000 engineers per year
- College-Completion Rate: U.S. is 10<sup>th</sup> in the world (25–34 year-olds)

# Why Does It Matter?

It matters...

On a human level

On an economic level

On a national-security level

#### **President Obama's Vision**

- ► Education is the main civil rights issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- ► The U.S. will lead the world in percentage of young people graduating college by the year 2020.

#### How Can ED Help?

- Focus the nation on "pockets of success"
- Recognize success (E.g., Race to the Top, Blue Ribbon School Awards)
- Federal Student Aid (Student Loans)
- Grants

### **Types of Grants**

#### **Formula Grants**

- → Congress determines the formula
- → Examples: Title I (Economic Need), Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Literacy Programs

#### **Discretionary Grants**

- → States, School Districts, Organizations, Consortia (Partnering)
- → Application Required
- → Competitive

# Discretionary Grants = Serious Money

<u>2011</u>

2012 (Request)

\$46.8 Billion

\$48.8 Billion

# www.ed.gov



#### "The Big Eight"

- Office of English Language Acquisition
- Institute of Education Sciences
- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- Office of Innovation and Improvement
- Office of Postsecondary Education
- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
- Office of Vocational and Adult Education

### Sample Grants – Open for Application

- ► Investing in Innovation Development (August 2)
- Charter Schools Program (August 15)
- Promise Neighborhoods (August 26) \*
- Education Research Various Areas (September 22)
- Evaluation of State/Local Programs (September 22)
- ► Special-Ed Research & Interventions (September 22)
- ► Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges (TBD)
- Technology Gaps Underserved Students (TBD)
- \* Extended deadline

#### **Promise Neighborhoods Grants**

- Applications now open \$30 million in new round
- Eligible: Nonprofits, higher ed, Indian tribes
- Setting: Distressed neighborhoods
- Purposes:
  - Improve learning inside and outside of school
  - Build support staff
  - Secure additional funding
  - Establish data systems
     Applications due September 6, 2011

# **Early-Learning Challenge Grants**

- Applications open August 15
- \$500 million available separate from Race to the Top
- 50 States, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico may apply; 52 potential applicants
- Purposes:
  - Ensure that children enter kindergarten ready to succeed
  - Address economic and social factors in children's lives
     Applications due October 15, 2011

### Forecast of Funding Opportunities

http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html

# Let's Go Live....



#### **Grant Application Web Sites**

www.grants.gov

Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726

www.g5.gov

Help Desk: 1-888-336-8930

#### "A Rose By Any Other Name..."

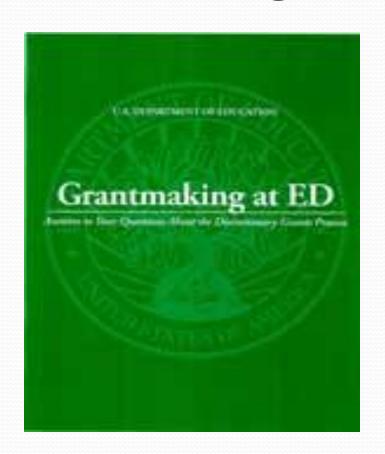
- Many education-related grants are not in ED
- ED grants focus mostly on activity within schools
- Other federal depts/agencies address externals:
  - USDA Internet to rural areas
  - USDA Building rural-school facilities
  - USDA Helping rural teachers buy homes
  - HHS Students' social, emotional and health needs

#### **Federal Youth Initiatives**

#### www.findyouthinfo.gov

- Multi-agency web site
- Outreach programs
- Grant programs
  - Click Tab: Funding Information Center
  - Click Link: <u>Federal Youth Funding Agencies</u>

# "Grantmaking at ED" - THE How-To Book



Grants at ED: In Q-and-A Format

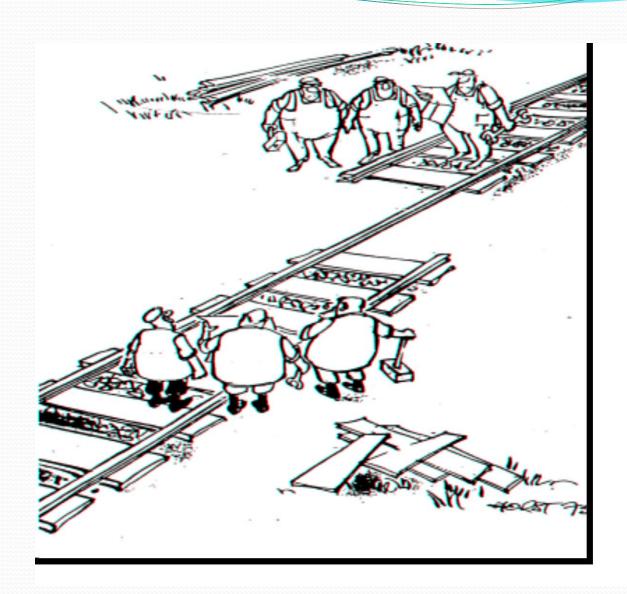
How to Apply - Step by Step

**Application Review Process** 

When Your Project Receives Funding

Your Responsibilities and Accountability

When Your Project Ends



### Little Things Mean a Lot



Triple-check submission deadline

Submit early (in case of technical difficulties, time to re-submit)

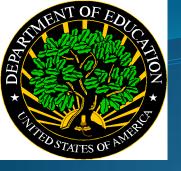
Use correct type font

Meet length requirements

Review with "fresh eyes"

Print out hard copy (computers can crash)

Obtain proof of mailing with a legible postmark



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