

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Even Start Family Literacy Programs - Recommended Grant Awards 2003-2007

Type of Executive Summary:

- Consent
- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # _____
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other Even Start Grant Awards

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Description:

Federal Even Start Family Literacy funds (\$4,508,182 projected) will be used to improve educational opportunities for children and adults by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified program. Based on availability of federal funds, nineteen continuation and six new sites will be recommended for funding. Even Start Family Literacy Programs provide quality early childhood education for children who qualify and adult basic and parenting education to improve parenting skills for parents who have dropped out of school and/or lack literacy skills required to be successful at work. Projects are funded for four years and are subject to availability of federal grant funds and approval of annual continuation applications. The grant period for new programs will be July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2007. After four successful years, sites may apply for an additional four years.

Resources:

Federal

Input Process:

Each proposal/site was reviewed by at least three people representing adult education, early childhood education, and one of the following: Title I, school services, business and industry, parent-child education, and family literacy.

Stakeholders:

Students at-risk of school failure and their families, educators working in literacy programs, and communities across North Carolina working to reduce illiteracy and promote school success.

Timeline For Action:

Sites will be presented for approval at the June meeting of the State Board of Education.

Recommendations:

Following review and based on availability of federal funds, the State Board is asked to approve the recommended Even Start Family Literacy sites.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

- Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)
Specify: _____
- Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)
Specify: _____
- Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

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**EVEN START PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS
2003-2004**

In January 1993, the State Board of Education adopted specific procedures for selection of Even Start grantees. Because of criteria and procedures specified in the federal statute and regulations, State Board Policies for Competitive /Discretionary Projects could not be followed. Each subsequent year, we have followed the federal criteria when reviewing Even Start proposals. Each proposal was reviewed by three people representing the following categories: 1) adult education, 2) early childhood education, and 3) one of the following: Title I programs, school services, business and industry, parent-child education organization, community-based literacy organizations, or local boards of education. Federal review criteria and rating points are:

Federal Criteria	Points
Part I-Need for the Project	20
Part II- Project Description and Plan of Operation	70
Part III- Project Personnel, Training and Facilities	40
Part IV-Collaboration, Coordination and Cooperation	20
Part V-Program Evaluation	15
Part VI-Fiscal Accountability	20
Part VII-Special Consideration	15
Total	200

Eighteen applications were submitted to Even Start for review. After review of the applications, nine sites were selected for site visits.

Sites Selected for Site Visits

Number Reviewed	School System & Collaborative Partner	Site Visit Score
1	Western Carolina/Caldwell Community College	197
2	Craven County Schools/Craven Community College	195
3	Bertie County	183
4	Hoke County	167
5	Ashe County	166
6	Edgecombe County	160
7	Swain County	150
8	Quality Academy Charter	142
9	Warren County	122

Continuation Grants

Subject to availability of federal funding, the following LEAs are recommended for continuation funding.

Asheboro City	\$136,349.00	Lenoir County	\$193,562.00
Avery County	\$195,000.00	Lee County	\$200,000.00
Beaufort County	\$152,444.00	Nash Rocky Mt.	\$107,765.00
Brunswick CC	\$128,380.00	Richmond County	\$160,000.00
Burke County	\$230,912.00	Rutherford County	\$180,442.00
Charlotte-Mecklenburg	\$200,000.00	Scotland County	\$200,000.00
Cherokee County	\$183,206.00	Stokes County	\$187,500.00
Cumberland County	\$223,832.00	Surry County	\$120,000.00
Henderson County	\$192,873.00	Washington County	\$220,500.00
Greene County	\$179,535.00	Total	\$3,392,300.00

New Grants

Based on ratings from site visits and subject to availability of federal funds, the following new programs are recommended for new Even Start Family Literacy Grants for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Unit and Collaborative Partner(s)	Recommended Funding Level	Region
Western Carolina Center/Caldwell County Schools/Caldwell Community College	\$250,000.00	Northwest-7
Craven County Schools/Craven Community College	\$208,632.00	Southeast-2
Bertie County/Martin Community College	\$110,250.00	Northeast-1
Ashe County/Ashe Partnership for Children	\$110,000.00	Northwest-7
Hoke County/Sandhills Community College	\$237,000.00	South Central-4
Edgecombe County/Edgecombe Community College	\$200,000.00	Central-3
Total	\$1,115,882.00	

If reversion/carryover funds become available and subject to the availability of federal funds, Swain County/Southwestern Community College will also be recommended for funding.

Swain County/Southwestern Community College	\$217,248.00	Western-8
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