



FY 21 Grant Competition American History And Civics Education - Academies (AHC-A)

U.S. Department Of Education
Office of Elementary And Secondary Education
Effective Educator Development Division
Closing Date: August 18, 2021 @ 11:59:59 pm
Washington, DC time

Note About These Slides

- The official document for this AHC-A grant competition is the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) published in the Federal Register on July 19, 2021. Applicants should refer to this document for official application and submission instructions.
- The slides presented on this webinar are used to provide guidance only. Applicants may download these slides from the AHC-A webpage.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to download the AHC-A NIA, AHC-A Application Instructions Package and other program resources from the AHC-A program webpage listed below.

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-discretionary-grants-support-services/effective-educator-development-programs/american-history-and-civics-academies/>



Agenda for This Webinar

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I. AHC-A Program Purpose and Funding Legislation

II. Eligible Applicants

III. FY 21 Program Priorities

V. Selection Criteria, GPRA & Application Scoring

VI. Budget and Match Requirements



AHC-Academies Program Costs



AHC-A Program Costs...

- must be allowable, allocable and reasonable for the implementation and operation of the proposed project;
- must be allowed under the AHC-A program statute and/or OMB circulars;
- must be specifically for the operation of the proposed project, not for the IHE or the organization as whole;
- must be comparable to market prices or established rates for similar types of work; and
- must be spent annually according to your annual budget to avoid large sums of carryover or unused funds which could be returned to Treasury.



Indirect Cost Rate (ICR)

- AHC-A uses the training rate of 8 percent, your ICR must not exceed 8 percent.
- If you do not have a federal ICR agreement, you may claim the 8 percent ICR until you get an official agreement.
- **ICR Questions:** Please email questions to IndirectCostGroup@ed.gov



Preparing Your Budget And Budget Narrative



AHC-Academies Budgets

- Applicants must use the ED 524 Budget form to submit a budget summary request **for all five years** of the proposed project.
- Applicants must use the ED 524 form for both federal and non-federal funds.
- Applicants must also submit a budget narrative **for all five years** of the proposed project that explains the requested award amount.
- Applicants must submit budget narratives for both federal and non-federal funds.
- The Department will not make an award exceeding \$500,000 to any applicant per 12-month budget period.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the *EED budget narrative template* found on the AHC-A webpage.



EED Budget Narrative Template

Section A: Budget Summary - U.S. Department of Education Funds		American History and Civics - Academies Program				
Name of Institution/Organization:						
Budget Categories	Project Year 1	Project Year 2	Project Year 3	Project Year 4	Project Year 5	Total
1. Personnel						\$ -
2. Fringe Benefits						\$ -
3. Travel						\$ -
4. Equipment:						\$ -
5. Supplies:						\$ -
6. Contractual:						\$ -
7. Performance Based Compensations (if applicable)						\$ -
8. Other:						\$ -
9. Total Direct Costs: (lines 1-8)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10. Indirect Costs						\$ -
11. Training Stipends						\$ -
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



Budget Narrative Should...

- present and justify all expenses required to achieve the goals and objectives of the proposed project;
- be realistic and request only what is necessary and reasonable to implement the proposed project; and
- provide an adequate justification of all project costs and link them back to project objectives.



AHC-Academies 100% Nonfederal Match Requirement



100% Nonfederal Match Requirement

- Section 2232 (g)(1) of the ESEA, requires that each grantee provide matching funds equal to **100%** of the total amount of the AHC-Academies grant award.
- Matching funds must be from nonfederal sources.
- Matching funds may be provided as cash or in-kind donations.
- Applicants may not use unrecovered Indirect Costs towards meeting the match requirement.
- If a cost is unallowable with Federal funds, it is also unallowable with matching funds.
- The AHC-Academies Program follows the *Supplement Not Supplant Rule* from section 2301 of the ESEA.



Purpose of the Match Requirement

- Match funds share the Federal government's cost for programs with State, local and the private sector agencies; and
- Match funds promote the sustainability of federal programs past the life of the federal award.
 - *Consider federal funds as “seed money” to get you started*
- It is important to document your donor's commitment of matching funds as well as specify the value of their match contributions to your grant.



Match: Cash Or In-kind

Cash Match- Cash contributions from the applicant's own general revenue, cash donations from nonfederal project partners and cash contributions from nonfederal grants are all accepted forms of match donations.

In-Kind Match- A non-cash contribution for which value can be established that is provided by the applicant or nonfederal project partners. In-kind match contributions are typically calculated as the value of personnel, goods, and services, including direct and indirect costs.



AHC-A Competition Resources

Program Webpage:

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- FY 21 AHC-A Notice Inviting Applications (NIA)
- FY 21 AHC-A Application Instructions Package
- FY 21 Applicant Information Webinars
- AHC-A EED Budget Narrative Template

QUESTIONS: Email questions to AmericanHistoryandCivics@ed.gov



AHC-A Competition Reminders

- **Closing Date: August 18, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m., Washington, DC time**
- Late applications WILL NOT be reviewed
- FY 21 Intent to Apply Due Date: **July 30, 2021**
- Send Intents to Apply to: AmericanHistoryandCivics@ed.gov
- All applications must be submitted electronically using **Grants.gov**
- Grants.gov Help Desk: **1-800-519-4726**



AHC-A APPLICATION APPENDICES

Appendix A: Demonstrates a Rationale: (Logic Model)

Appendix B: Documentation of its organization's demonstrated expertise in historical methodology or the teaching of America history or civics.

Appendix C: Resumes of Key Personnel

Appendix D: Current Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, as applicable.

Appendix E: AHC-Academies Waiver Request of 100% Cost Share or Match Requirement, if applicable. *(Applicants that wish to apply for a waiver for one or more fiscal years should include a waiver request in their application that describes how the 100 percent matching requirement would cause serious hardship or an inability to carry out project activities. Waivers are not guaranteed and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As part of the waiver request, the applicant should provide specific details to support the reason why the match cannot be met, and a waiver is needed. Applicants should also articulate what efforts it has undergone to secure funds to meet the match requirement.)*

Appendix F: Other documents, as applicable, for example, sources of the matching funds, letters of support and/or partnerships.

Appendix G: Proprietary Information (Eligible Applicants should identify any specific proprietary information and page numbers in the application where it can be found.)





Thank You for your interest in the AHC-Academies grant program!

Best wishes on a successful AHC-A application submission!

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