

GAN ASSURANCES – STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT (SCG) Program

(American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

By drawing down funds awarded under this Grant Award Notification, the State educational agency (SEA) assures the following:

1. The SEA will reserve no more than 1% of its SCG allocation for administration.
2. All remaining SCG funds will be used for activities allowable under section 4108 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
3. SHSG funds will not be used for the provision to any person of a dangerous weapon¹ or training in the use of a dangerous weapon as prohibited under Section 13401 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which amends section 8526 of the ESEA.
4. Equitable services will be provided with SCG funds to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under section 8501 of the ESEA.
 - The SEA will ensure that a public agency maintains control of funds for the services and assistance provided to a non-public school with SCG funds.
 - The SEA will ensure that a public agency has title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with SCG funds.
 - The SEA will ensure that services to a non-public school with SCG funds are provided by a public agency directly, or through contract with, another public or private entity.
 - The SEA will ensure that equitable services provided with SCG funds are secular, neutral, and nonideological.
5. SCG funds will be expended consistent with the supplement not supplant requirements in section 4110 of the ESEA.
6. SCG funds will be tracked separately from the regular allocation under Title IV, Part A of the ESEA.
7. The SEA will submit to the Department, no later than 90 days after the SEA receives its award, an update on implementation of the SCG program, containing such information as the Department may require.

¹ A “dangerous weapon” is defined in section 930(g)(2) of title 18, United States Code as a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocketknife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.

8. The SEA will submit such other information to the Department as the Secretary may later require, such as:
 - How SCG funds are being used.
 - Whether the SEA will evaluate the effectiveness of the SCG program, and if so, how it will do so.
9. The SEA will participate, as requested, in any Department evaluation of the SCG program and will cooperate with any audit or examination of records with respect to such funds.