



## SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES GRANT OVERVIEW

The SLC grant funds the implementation of smaller learning communities and activities to improve academic achievement in large public high schools with 1,000+ students. Projects might include freshman academies, multi-grade academies organized around career interests or other themes, "houses" in which small groups of students remain together, autonomous schools-within-a-school, as well as personalization strategies, such as student advisories, family advocate systems, an mentoring programs.

CFDA Number: 84.215L, Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/index.html>

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## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

- The application window is from November 26, 2007 through February 25, 2008. Letters of Intent are due by January 10, 2007
- SLC has a tiered funding structure:
  - 1,000-2,000 students can receive \$1,000,000-\$1,250,000
  - 2,001-3,000 students can receive \$1,000,000-\$1,500,000
  - 3,001+ students can receive \$1,000,000-\$1,750,000
- There is no match required for this grant.
- Maximum funds are available for 60 month projects

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## SLC FUNDS CAN BE USED TO:

- Study:
  - The feasibility of creating the smaller learning community or communities
  - Effective and innovative organizational and instructional strategies that will be used in the smaller learning community or communities.
- Research, develop, and implement:
  - Strategies for creating the smaller learning community or communities
  - Strategies for effective and innovative changes in curriculum and instruction, geared to challenging State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards.
- Provide professional development for school staff in innovative teaching methods that
  - Challenge and engage students
  - Will be used in the smaller learning community
- Develop and implement strategies to include parents, business representatives, local institutions of higher education, community-based organizations, and other community members in the smaller learning communities as facilitators of activities that enable teachers to participate in professional development activities and provide links between students and their community.
- Video can:
  - Reach children with innovative teaching methods
  - Bring in outside experts and niche teachers
  - Link smaller learning communities to each other
  - Provide professional development for teachers

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### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- LEAs must be the applicant on behalf of large high schools.
  - A “large high school” is a school that includes grades 11 and 12 and enrolls at least 1,000 students in grades 9 and above. LEAs must include in their applications the name(s) of the eligible school(s) and the number of students enrolled in the school during the current (2007-08) school year.

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### CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS:

- Projects prepare students for postsecondary education and careers without need for remediation
- Applicants are in need of improvement, corrective action, or restructuring
- Schools have poor test scores, large numbers of minority students, students with disabilities, or economically disadvantaged students, and low graduation rates

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### HOW CAN CBE TECHNOLOGIES HELP

- We work with a team of grant writers and often pay the upfront writing fee.
- We will work with school and district grant teams providing guidance and an extra set of “eyes.”
- We will provide budgeting and expenditure guidance.
- We will keep you up to date on new grant opportunities.ediation

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