

Supplemental Justification

Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification

This request seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for the unique information collection requirements in the “Indian and Native American Program” solicitation. The Department will announce the availability of approximately \$62 million for Indian and Native American (INA) Program Grants to fund approximately 176 total grants. We anticipate approximately \$49,000,000 of the \$62,000,000 will be for Comprehensive Service Program (adult) activities, and the remaining \$13,000,000 will be for Supplemental Youth Services that will be awarded to those grant recipients that serve Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian youth living on or near Indian reservations and in Oklahoma, Alaska, and Hawaii. The funds are authorized by Section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and amounts will be based on a funding formula provided in the WIOA regulations at 20 CFR 684.270 and 684.440.

The purpose of this program is to “support employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals in order to: (A) develop more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of such individuals; (B) make such individuals more competitive in the workforce and equip them with the entrepreneurial skills necessary for successful self-employment; and (C) promote the economic and social development of Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities in accordance with the goals and values of such communities.”

INA grant competitions are held every four years. Grantees that receive an award as a result of this competition will receive one grant award annually for four consecutive years, subject to appropriated funding, starting in PY 2018. Each annual grant award will have a 36-month period of performance. Grantees will receive a new grant with a new grant number in each of those four years contingent on the availability of funds and satisfactory progress towards achieving the goals and objectives of the grant. The anticipated start date for awardees that receive both youth and adult funding is April 1, 2018, while the anticipated start date for awardees that receive only adult funding is July 1, 2018. The period of performance detailed above includes all necessary implementation and start-up activities.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation will be available on the www.grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 75 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This solicitation implicates no special circumstances.

Burden:

The DOL expects to receive approximately 200 applications from approximately 200 respondents. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

200 applications x 20 hours = 4000 hours

The DOL has increased the average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry to \$31.96 per hour to monetize this burden. See The Employment Situation—February 2018, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empisit_03092018.pdf at page 33.

4000 hours x \$31.96 = \$127,840

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection. In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial and performance reports to the ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

Total burden: 200 respondents, 200 responses, 4000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.