

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)

Information Memorandum

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Formula Grants

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To:

Directors, Designated State Agencies
Directors, State Councils on Developmental Disabilities,
Directors, State Protection and Advocacy Agencies Directors,
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Disabilities Rights Network

Subject:

Formula Grants for Fiscal Year 2016

Legal and Related References:

Public Law 106-402, Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15001 et seq).

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45 CFR Part 1385.8

Content:

The Final Rule of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 45 CFR Part 1385.8 (which applies to Sections 122 and 142 of the Act) has been modified (80 FR 44799). The formula for determining the allotments for the State Developmental Disabilities Councils and Protection & Advocacy Systems has been removed from regulation. For Fiscal Year 2016, AIDD will continue using the current formula for allotments. AIDD posted estimated allotments on April 1, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2016 at http://acl.gov/About_ACL/Allocations/DD-Act.aspx. Estimated allotments for Fiscal Year 2016 are based on Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation final amounts and do not reflect the current Congressional budget discussions.

In the fall of 2015, AIDD will release guidance seeking public comments for a new formula to be used in Fiscal Year 2017 and beyond. AIDD will respond to comments and release a final formula to meet statutory requirements and post estimated allotments by April 1, 2016 at http://acl.gov/About_ACL/Allocations/DD-Act.aspx.

AIDD grantees are required to follow all statutory and regulatory requirements (42 U.S.C 15001 et seq. & 45 CFR Parts 1385 through 1388).

The Fiscal Year 2016 allotments will be calculated using the below formula:

The Commissioner will allocate funds appropriated under the Act for the State Developmental Disabilities Councils and the Protection and Advocacy Systems on the following basis:

(a) Two-thirds of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State according to the ratio the population of each State bears relative to the population of the United States. This ratio is weighted by the relative per capita income for each State. The data used to compute allotments are supplied by the U.S. Department of Commerce, for the three most recent consecutive years for which satisfactory data are available.

(b) One-third of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State on the basis of the relative need for services of persons with developmental disabilities. The relative need is determined by the number of persons receiving benefits under the Childhood Disabilities Beneficiary Program (Section 202(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act), (42 U.S.C. 402(d)(1)(B)(ii)) as a percentage to working population (ages 18-64) of each State.

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