

NHDOE 2014-15 Title III Funds for Immigrant Children and Youth

Eligibility Guidelines

Of the total Title III funds received by New Hampshire, **3%** will be reserved for districts that meet the criteria listed below. This year, funds for Immigrant Children and Youth will be allocated on a discretionary basis. We anticipate awarding grants of sufficient size to implement a high-quality program. Minimum grant award will be \$5000. The project period will begin with the approval of a completed application; funds will be available until September 30, 2016.

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ Accurate LEA immigrant counts for the past three consecutive years (2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15) must be on file in the Title III office
- ◆ The LEA immigrant count collected in September 2014 must show an increase of 1% over the average number of eligible immigrant children and youth enrolled in school in the two years prior to 2014-2015
- ◆ The LEA must have a minimum of 25 eligible immigrant children and youth.

The term “eligible immigrant” refers to students who are ages 3 through 21; were not born in any state in the US, the District of Columbia, or in Puerto Rico; and have not attended school in any one or more states for more than three full academic years. Since there is no public preschool in New Hampshire, we are counting students who are enrolled in the K-12 school system. *For additional information, please read: Title III, Part A, Sections 3114(d) and 3115(e) in NCLB law.*

Based on verified LEA data on file at the New Hampshire Department of Education, the Title III/ESOL office will calculate increases in the number of immigrant children and youth in each district, and then notify districts that qualify for Immigrant funds for 2014-15. Districts with approved applications will be notified of their grant award by email by **February 27, 2015**.

NOTE: Priority points will be given to districts that 1) have limited prior experience in serving refugee or immigrant students; and/or 2) can demonstrate significant need to develop educational and community-based resources for refugee families with school-age children to assist with their transition into American society.

Deadline for submission of a completed application: **February 13, 2015**.

A grant application for Immigrant Children and Youth funding may be requested from the Title III office. Please contact Dr. Andrea Somoza-Norton at 271-2034 or Andrea.Somoza-Norton@doe.nh.gov