

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 27, 2024

NUMBER: 25-006

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval to Accept
Grant Award

ABSTRACT:

Board Acceptance of New Grants

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's Approval to accept a newly awarded grant for FY25-27

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

This Spring, the district applied for a 3-year grant through the Alaska Native Education Program.

The Ilisautri Project (*Ilisautri*) is a partnership between the Northwest Arctic Borough School District and the Alaska Humanities Forum. *Ilisautri's* goal is to increase Alaska Native student achievement and engagement in school by increasing educator retention, improving school cultural responsiveness, and building school-community relationships.

Included is the project abstract and Grant Award Notification

08/01/2024 – 7/31/2025 \$1,186,243

08/01/2024 – 7/31/2025 \$1,215,087

08/01/2024 – 7/31/2025 \$1,237,238

Total Grant Funding \$3,638,568

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the acceptance of the Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project Grant for the total amount over 3 years of \$3,638,568 as presented;
2. Disapprove the acceptance of the Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project Grant for the total amount over 3 years of \$3,638,568 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the board approve the acceptance of the Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project Grant for the total amount over 3 years of \$3,638,568 as presented;

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FUND CODE	FUNDING YEAR	AWARD YEAR	ORG. CODE	CATEGORY	LIMITATION	ACTIVITY	CFDA	OBJECT CLASS	AMOUNT
1000A	2024	2024	ES000000	B	Q22	000	356	4101C	\$1,186,243.00

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PR/AWARD NUMBER: S356A240031
 RECIPIENT NAME: Northwest Arctic Borough School District
 GRANTEE NAME: NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
 776 3RD AVE,
 KOTZEBUE, AK 99752 - 0051
 PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE: Unrestricted
 PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE: 4.4%

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT:

- 1) THE RECIPIENT'S APPLICATION (BLOCK 2);
- 2) THE APPLICABLE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS: 2 CFR PART 180; NONPROCUREMENT DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION AS ADOPTED AT 2 CFR PART 3485; 2 CFR PART 200 AS ADOPTED AT 2 CFR 3474 (BLOCK 8), AND 34 CFR PARTS 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, 99; AND THE PROGRAM REGULATIONS SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 8; AND
- 3) THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHOWN AS ATTACHMENTS IN BLOCK 8 ON THE INITIAL AWARD APPLY UNTIL CHANGED.

THIS AWARD SUPPORTS ONLY THE BUDGET PERIOD SHOWN IN BLOCK 6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 34 CFR 75.253, THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTINUED FUNDING IF:

- 1) CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM;
- 2) THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT CONTINUING THE PROJECT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT;
- 3) THE GRANTEE HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT;
- 4) THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT IN THE APPLICATION NOTICE, THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS IN THE GRANTEE'S APPROVED APPLICATION;
- 5) THE RECIPIENT HAS SUBMITTED REPORTS OF PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES THAT MEET THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOUND AT 34 CFR 75.118, 2 CFR 200.328 AND 200.329, AND ANY OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY; AND
- 6) THE GRANTEE HAS MAINTAINED FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN 2 CFR 200.302, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND 2 CFR 200.303, INTERNAL CONTROLS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR 200.308(c)(2) CHANGES TO KEY PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 5 MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES FUTURE FUNDING FOR THIS AWARD ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 6. THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND DO NOT BIND THE SECRETARY TO FUNDING THE AWARD FOR THESE PERIODS OR FOR THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHOWN. THE RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC FUTURE FUNDING ACTIONS THAT THE SECRETARY TAKES FOR THIS AWARD.

(2) The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number (FAIN) to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FAIN.



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If subawards are permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/ AWARD NUMBER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this grant. The term subaward means:

1. A legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient. (See 2 CFR 200.331(a))
2. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) of the OMB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").
3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract. (See 2 CFR 200.1)

(3) Build America Buy America Act (BABAA) Grant Condition
BABAA Domestic Content Procurement Preference Requirements

Requirement: As a condition of this award, a grantee using grant funds for infrastructure projects or activities (e.g., construction and broadband infrastructure) must comply with the following requirements:

- (1) All iron and steel used in the infrastructure project or activity are produced in the United States. Accordingly, all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- (2) All manufactured products used in the infrastructure project or activity are produced in the United States. Accordingly, the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.
- (3) All construction materials are manufactured in the United States. Accordingly, all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

Scope: The Buy America domestic sourcing requirement only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. The requirement does not apply to

- (1) Tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project.
- (2) Equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

Categorization of articles, materials, and supplies: An article, material, or supply should only be classified into one of the following categories:

- (1) Iron or steel products.
- (2) Manufactured products.
- (3) Construction materials.
- (4) Section 70917(c) materials.

An article, material, or supply should not be considered to fall into multiple categories. In some cases, an article, material, or supply may not fall under any of the categories listed above. The classification of an article, material, or supply as falling into one of the categories listed above must be made based on its status at the time it is brought to the work site for incorporation into an infrastructure project. In general, the work site is the location of the infrastructure project at which the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials will be incorporated.

Application of the BABAA domestic content procurement preference by category: An article, material, or supply incorporated into an infrastructure project must meet the BABAA domestic content procurement preference for only the single category in which it is classified.



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Definitions: Definitions for iron or steel products, manufactured products, and construction materials are available in 184.3 of 2 CFR Part 184 -- Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects.

BABAA Section 70917(c): BABAA Section 70917(c) establishes limitation with respect to aggregates accordingly:

(1) the term construction materials shall not include cement and cementitious materials, aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel, or aggregate binding agents or additives.

- (4) Determining the cost of components for manufactured products: In determining whether the cost of components for manufactured products is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components, use the following instructions:

(1) For components purchased by the manufacturer, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the manufactured product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the manufacturer, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (a), plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the manufactured product.

Construction material standards: The BABAA domestic content procurement preference applies to the following construction materials incorporated into infrastructure projects. Each construction material is followed by a standard for the material to be considered produced in the United States. Except as specifically provided, only a single standard should be applied to a single construction material.

(1) Non-ferrous metals. All manufacturing processes, from initial smelting or melting through final shaping, coating, and assembly, occurred in the United States.

(2) Plastic and polymer-based products. All manufacturing processes, from initial combination of constituent plastic or polymer-based inputs, or, where applicable, constituent composite materials, until the item is in its final form, occurred in the United States.

(3) Glass. All manufacturing processes, from initial batching and melting of raw materials through annealing, cooling, and cutting, occurred in the United States.

(4) Fiber optic cable (including drop cable). All manufacturing processes, from the initial ribboning (if applicable), through buffering, fiber stranding and jacketing, occurred in the United States. All manufacturing processes also include the standards for glass and optical fiber, but not for non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, or any others.

(5) Optical fiber. All manufacturing processes, from the initial preform fabrication stage through the completion of the draw, occurred in the United States.

(6) Lumber. All manufacturing processes, from initial debarking through treatment and planning, occurred in the United States.

(7) Drywall. All manufacturing processes, from initial blending of mined or synthetic gypsum plaster and additives through cutting and drying of sandwiched panels, occurred in the United States.

(8) Engineered wood. All manufacturing processes from the initial combination of constituent materials until the wood product is in its final form, occurred in the United States.

- (5) Waivers: Grantees may request waivers to the BABAA domestic content procurement preference requirements by submitting a Build America, Buy America Act Waiver Request Form. Pass-through entities may not approve waivers of the BABAA domestic sourcing requirements. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget's Made in America Office. For information regarding the BABAA domestic content procurement preference waiver requirements and waiver request process, see the Department's Build America Buy America Waivers (ed.gov) website and its waiver submission guidance document available here: Build America, Buy America Act Domestic Content Procurement Preference Requirements Agency Level Waivers and Grantee Waiver Request Procedures.

Records: As required under 2 CFR 200.334, a grantee must maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to their infrastructure project for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report, including all records related to the



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domestic sourcing of materials used in the infrastructure project(s) supported by this grant or the applicability of any agency-level waivers of the BABAA domestic content procurement preference requirements the grantee chooses to implement.

Applicable Regulations and Guidance: In addition to the regulations and guidance identified in block 8 of the grant award notification, the Build America, Buy America Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58) and 2 CFR Part 184 -- Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects also apply.

Contact: If you have questions about this grant condition, please contact your Education Program contact listed in box 3 of this grant award notification. For more information, see the Department of Education's Build America Buy America Waiver website at: Build America Buy America Waivers Website (ed.gov).

- (6) Unless this grant solely funds research, you must comply with new regulations regarding awards to faith-based organizations (FBOs) that provide beneficiary services under this grant or under a contract you award to provide beneficiary services under this grant. These new regulations clarify the rights of FBOs and impose certain duties on FBOs regarding the referral of beneficiaries they serve. See 34 CFR 75.52, 75.712-75.714, appendix A to part 75, and 2 CFR 3474.15. The Department has established a web page that provides guidance on the new regulations, including FAQs and other implementation tools, which is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/fbci-reg.html>. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the Education Program Contact identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
- (7) Reimbursement of indirect costs is subject to the availability of funds and statutory and regulatory restrictions. The negotiated indirect cost rate agreement authorizes a non-Federal entity to draw down indirect costs from the grant awards. The following conditions apply to the below entities.

A. All entities (other than institutions of higher education (IHE))

The GAN for this grant award shows the indirect cost rate that applies on the date of the initial grant for this project. However, after the initial grant date, when a new indirect cost rate agreement is negotiated, the newly approved indirect cost rate supersedes the indirect cost rate shown on the GAN for the initial grant. This new indirect cost rate should be applied according to the period specified in the indirect cost rate agreement, unless expressly limited under EDGAR or program regulations. Any grant award with an approved budget can amend the budget to account for a change in the indirect cost rate. However, for a discretionary grant award any material changes to the budget which may impact the scope or objectives of the grant must be discussed with the program officer at the Department. See 34 CFR 75.560 (d)(3) (ii) (part 75 of EDGAR).

B. Institutions of higher education (IHE)

Under 2 CFR part 200, Appendix III, Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), the Department must apply the negotiated indirect cost rate in effect on the date of the initial grant award to every budget period of the project, including all continuation grants made for this project. See 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III, paragraph C.7. Therefore, the GAN for each continuation grant will show the original indirect cost rate and it applies to the entire period of performance of this project. If the indirect cost rate agreement that is applicable to this grant does not extend to the end of the grant's project period, the indirect cost rate set at the start of the project period must still be applied to the end of project period regardless of the fact that the rate has otherwise expired.



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