



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF PLANNING, EVALUATION AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

September 10, 2025

Notice of Non-Continuation of Grant Award

This letter provides notice that the United States Department of Education (“Department”) has determined not to continue your federal award, as it is no longer consistent with the continuation requirements for multiyear projects under 34 C.F.R. § 75.253.

Continuation requires “a determination from the Secretary that continuation of the project is in the best interest of the Federal Government.” *See, inter alia*, 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(a)(5) and (f)(1). Congress provided the Department with flexibility in allocating grant funds among certain higher education programs because it did not specify which specific grant programs had to be funded, or what the funding levels should be. Based upon the Department’s judgment that the purpose of and functions of the international and foreign language education grant programs are not a priority of the Administration, the Department exercised its authority to reprogram the funds to grant programs that are a priority for the Administration. This determination is further reflected in the Department’s FY 2026 Budget Request, which did not request funding for the programs noted in this decision, as being programs that “are inconsistent with Administration priorities and do not advance American interests or values.” As such, the Department has determined that continuation of the following programs is not in the best interest of the Federal Government and has exercised its authority to repurpose available funding for other available uses. Therefore, the Department will not be making continuation awards to grantees in these programs (Assistance Listing Number noted in parentheses) under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended:

- National Resource Centers (84.015A)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Program (84.015B)
- Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs (84.016A)
- International Research and Studies (84.017A)
- Centers for International Business Education (84.220A)
- Language Resource Centers (84.229A)
- American Overseas Research Centers (84.274A)

Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(g), the Department is required to offer non-continued awards “an opportunity to request reconsideration of the decision.” However, as noted above, the Department has repurposed all available funding for your program. Reconsideration requests must set forth your basis for disagreeing with the Department’s non-continuation of your award, or your disagreement with a term or condition of this non-continuation, and documentation supporting your position. Reconsideration requests must be received within 7 calendar days of the date of this non-continuation notice. Reconsideration requests must be sent by email addressed to:

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Consistent with 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(h), the Department is authorizing a twelve month no-cost extension of the last budget period of your grant in order to provide for orderly closeout. As such, your period of performance and final budget period will conclude twelve months following the end of your budget period or September 30, 2026, whichever comes first. During the no-cost extension period, you may continue to utilize unobligated balances to complete activities within the approved objectives and scope of the project and for administrative costs associated with closeout activities, as appropriate.

For those grantees with no available funding, you are encouraged to carefully review and discharge your closeout responsibilities set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344-46 and your award agreement. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, your obligation to “promptly refund any unobligated funds” that have been paid out but “are not authorized to be retained.” *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(g). Failure to do so will result in the Department filing a report documenting your “material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of” this award on SAM.gov and taking any other appropriate enforcement actions, which could impact your eligibility for future grants and may result in additional liabilities. *See id.* § 200.344(i). Additionally, under 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(b), you are required to submit all final reports by no later than 120 calendar days after the end of the grant period of performance. Finally, we also remind you of your responsibility to retain all Federal award records for three years from the date of submission of your final financial report. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

Sincerely,

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