



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Competition Announcement; Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are DeafBlind

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (ED) announces the opportunity to apply for competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 under the Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are DeafBlind (Interpreter Training) program, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.160D.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* "APPLY" function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time May 26, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: April Hammond. Telephone: (202) 987-0114. Email: 84.160D@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Interpreter Training program is to provide training to interpreters to effectively meet the communication needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and individuals who are DeafBlind receiving vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and/or services from other programs, such as independent living services, under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act). The FY 2026 competition includes an absolute priority and an invitational priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Interpreter Training. The invitational priority is: Older Individuals with Disabilities.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priorities and program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://ncrtm.ed.gov/grant-info> and on *Grants.gov* at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361621>. The application notice and instructions on grants.gov is the official document governing the grant competition.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 709(c) and 772(a) and (f).

Accessible Format: On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

Kimberly Richey,

*Acting Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of Assistant Secretary for
the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*