



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice Announcing Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education – Basic Needs Program Competition

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education (ED), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) – Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.116N, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time June 23, 2026.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Email: [BasicNeedsforPostsecondaryStudentsProgram@ed.gov](mailto:BasicNeedsforPostsecondaryStudentsProgram@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FIPSE – Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program (84.116N) is designed to advance systemic and sustainable solutions to student basic needs insecurity through support programs that address the basic needs of students and to report on practices that improve outcomes for students.

The Fiscal Year 2026 competition includes priorities, selection criteria, and requirements. The priorities are: Returning Education to the States, Basic Needs Security, and Connecting Students to Work-based learning.

*Maximum Award:* \$5,000,000 for a project period of 48 months.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d; the Explanatory Statement accompanying Division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-75).

*To Apply:* The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including all priorities and program requirements, are available on ED’s website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-higher-education/improvement-of-postsecondary-education/basic-needs-postsecondary-students-program>, on DOL’s website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities>, and on *Grants.gov* at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362508>. The application notice and instructions on *grants.gov* is the official document governing the grant competition.

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

Note: Henry Maklakiewicz signs this notice in furtherance of DOL's role in providing support to ED.

**David Barker,**

**Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.**

In concurrence

**Henry Maklakiewicz,**

**Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor.**

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