

Funding Opportunity: ED Announces NIA for Promise Neighborhoods Program

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The U.S. Department of Education (ED) issued a Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for new awards under the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Promise Neighborhoods (PN) Program.

The Promise Neighborhoods Program is focused on helping students living in distressed communities. The program supports neighborhoods with high concentrations of low-income individuals, areas with high rates of poverty, and schools implementing comprehensive support services. This competition includes three absolute priorities, four competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. Applications will only be considered if one or more absolute priorities are addressed.

- Absolute Priority 1: Non-Rural and Non-Tribal communities
- Absolute Priority 2: Rural Applicants
- Absolute Priority 3: Tribal communities

- Competitive Preference Priority 1: Community-Level Opioid Abuse Prevention Efforts
 - Applicant must demonstrate how it will partner with an organization that conducts community-level activities to prevent opioid abuse.
- Competitive Preference Priority 2: Spurring Investment in Qualified Opportunity Zones
 - Applicant must demonstrate that the area in which the applicant proposes to provide services overlaps with a Qualified Opportunity Zone (QOZ).
- Competitive Preference Priority 3: Applications from New Potential Grantees
- Competitive Preference Priority 4: Evidence-Based Activities to Support Academic Achievement
 - Projects that propose to use evidence-based activities, strategies, or interventions.

- Invitational Priority: Community-Based Crime Reduction Efforts
 - Applicant must demonstrate how it will partner with an organization that conducts high-quality activities focused on the re-entry of formerly incarcerated individuals or on community-based crime reduction activities.

Applicants must provide a plan that significantly improves the lives of children living in one or more specified geographic areas. Included in the application, a “preliminary memorandum of understanding, signed by each organization or agency with which it would partner in implementing the proposed PN program” is required.

Deadline: The deadline for notice of intent to apply is **February 3, 2021** and full proposals are due by **March 5, 2021**.

Award information: With an estimated project period of 60 months, estimated range of award sizes is \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000, with 5-7 awards expected to be distributed.

Cost sharing: An applicant must demonstrate a commitment from one or more entities in the public or private sector, which may include Federal, State, and local public agencies, philanthropic organizations, and private sources, to provide matching funds.



Eligibility: An institution of higher education; an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization; or a non-profit entity working in partnership with a high-need local educational agency.

Sources and Additional Information

- For more information the full NIA can be found [here](#).