

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Funding Down the Grant Slate from fiscal year (FY) 2012; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed in FY 2012 for the GAANN Program authorized by Section 711 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to make new grant awards in FY 2013. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on the FY 2012 grant slate and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2013. We expect to use an estimated \$3,674,000 for new awards in FY 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 15, 2011, the Department of Education published a notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> (76 FR 77985) inviting applications for FY 2012 for new awards under the GAANN Program.

In response to that notice, we received a significant number of high-quality applications, and many applications that received high scores by peer reviewers were not selected for funding.

To conserve funding that would be required for a peer review of new grant applications submitted under this program and instead use those funds to support grant activities, we will select grantees in FY 2013 from the existing slate of applicants developed during the FY 2012 competition using the priority, selection criteria, and

application requirements referenced in the December 2011 notice.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. §1135.

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<u>Delegation of Authority</u>: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: June 14, 2013

Brenda Dann-Messier,
Assistant Secretary for Vocational
and Adult Education, delegated the
authority to perform the functions
and duties of the Assistant
Secretary for Postsecondary
Education.

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