

PURPOSE

This funding is provided to meet the educational needs of students in grades 1 to 12 who are economically or socially disadvantaged.

CONDITIONS

New 1. Funding is provided only for projects approved by Alberta Learning.

Revised 2. Projects that may be considered for funding must be in **schools** where 50 percent or more students are affected by one or more of the following primary factors and secondary indicators:

Primary factors

- high incidence of low income;
- high incidence of single parent families;
- high incidence of unemployment or under-employment;
- high frequency of changes in residence;
- high incidence of recent arrivals in Canada and low parental facility with the language of instruction;
- high incidence of crime;
- difficult access to services for students.

Secondary indicators

- high incidence of alcohol/drug abuse;
- high incidence of violence;
- evidence of poor nutrition;
- limited education and job skills of parents;
- crowded living conditions.

New 3. Funding approved for an Enhanced Opportunity Project (EOP) will be determined based on the above criteria and on the appropriateness of the proposed program plan including expected outcomes, strategies, community involvement, evaluation and reporting procedures.

Revised 4. Funding may be provided for projects in up to 15 percent of the **schools** in each **school jurisdiction**. School jurisdictions shall set priorities for the project proposals they submit to Alberta Learning. Approval for projects will be based on jurisdiction priorities and the extent to which the proposals meet conditions #2 and #3.

5. Funding is allocated to **school jurisdictions** for a three-year period.

New

6. Each EOP project is eligible for funding to a maximum of \$21,000. School jurisdictions may apply for more than one project for schools meeting the primary factors and secondary factors.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Funding for the four large urban boards in Calgary and Edmonton has been approved for 2000/2001 to 2002/2003.

Funding for boards other than the four large urban jurisdictions has been approved for 2001/2002 to 2003/2004. Further requests for funding are made on Form 02AL1.4 and may be submitted to School Finance by May 31 during each of the three years of funding. These requests will be put on a waiting list pending available funding.

2. Submissions for project funding will outline:
 - a) the type of intervention(s) and its consistency with the needs of the intended participants;
 - b) time frame;
 - c) the number of students involved;
 - d) the budget, including the extent to which funding is supporting staff, other administrative needs and other indirect services;
 - e) the extent to which **parents** and community members and organizations were involved in developing and planning the proposal and will be assisting in its implementation;
 - f) the description of co-operative arrangements made with other public and private agencies;
 - g) the results expected; and
 - h) the assessment strategies.
3. **School jurisdictions** that receive Enhanced Opportunity Funding will provide the programs and services identified in their project submissions. Funding for enhanced opportunity projects may be adjusted based on a review of final expenditures by Alberta Learning.
4. **School jurisdictions** that received funding for EOPs will report results annually in the jurisdiction *Annual Education Results Report*.