

## **FUNDING UPDATE: MENTORING GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

The U.S. Department of Education has just announced the availability of applications for the new **Mentoring Programs/Mentoring for Success grants**. The due date for applications is July 2, 2002. Grants will range from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and can be used over a period of up to three years. Approximately 115 grants will be awarded. You can access:

- 1) Electronically: Visit <http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps/index.html> and look for CFDA#84.184B, Mentoring Programs. Please read the instructions carefully, as you will need to download both the application form and the required forms listed.
- 2) Via Mail: Call 1-877-4EDPubs and order a copy of the application. You will need to refer to the CFDA number, which is 84.184B.
- 3) You can also apply online for this program at <http://e-grants.ed.gov>. Be sure to carefully read the directions on how this system works.

More information, including details on eligibility, priorities, and grant requirements, is available in today's Federal Register announcement at [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-13161-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-13161-filed). Please read this announcement carefully before beginning work on your application.

As you may recall, Mentoring Programs, originally called Mentoring for Success, is a competitive grant program for mentoring organizations that was created in December 2001 by Congress. The program is administered by the Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Office.

The grant program is designed to provide flexible grants that empower local programs to address community needs. Local direct-service mentoring organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants must either be non-profit organizations, local educational agencies, or partnerships of the two. Existing or developing mentoring programs may also apply.