



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

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Honorable Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

I am pleased to inform you that SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO has been selected to receive funding under the CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (215F). This grant will be in the amount of \$450,644.00 for the period 07/01/2009 through 06/30/2010. It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of 3 year(s). Accompanying this letter you will find both an explanation of the purpose of the CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM and a brief description of the activities that will be funded under the grant to SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO.

The contact at SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO is:

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The grantee will be notified officially of their selection by the Department in the next few days. Please feel free to share this information with the grantee and others as you see fit.

I hope you find this information useful. If the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs can provide any further information in this regard or assistance in any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (202) 401-1028.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Gomez  
Assistant Secretary,  
Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs

Reference Grant Award Number: #Q215F090687  
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## **Purpose of the Program**

Grants to LEAs and community-based organizations to initiate, expand or improve physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in one or more grades for K-12 in order to help students make progress toward meeting State standards for physical education.

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program is authorized under Sections 5501-5506 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Under this program, local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) receive funds to initiate, expand, or improve physical education programs for students in grades kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Through these programs we expect students to develop an appreciation for lifelong healthy habits and make progress toward meeting state standards for physical education. Funds are used to develop staff and curriculum, conduct fitness assessments, and purchase equipment to enable students to actively participate in physical education activities.

To receive funding, each applicant must design and implement a program that clearly aligns to state standards for physical education and provides for one or more of the following elements:

- Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve or maintain physical well-being;
- Instruction in motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, or social or emotional development;
- Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support healthy lifestyles;
- Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation;
- Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition; and
- Opportunities for professional development for physical education teachers to stay abreast of current research, issues, and trends in physical education.

Novice applicants for funding under the program were given a five-point competitive preference. Applicants were also encouraged to self-assess existing programs and activities using two modules of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index (Physical Education and Nutrition Services), and propose a project that addresses the problems and gaps identified as a result of that assessment.