

specified in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this section as to result in the maximum possible effective progress toward the achievement of a high level of competence with respect to each of them, and

"(B) that assistance under this part will, by the State planning agency involved, be used primarily in strengthening the capabilities of its own planning and evaluation staff or, to the extent that the program is to be carried out under the supervision of that agency by other agencies, the planning and evaluation staffs of such other agencies; but consistently with this objective part of the funds received under a grant under this section may be used, in appropriate circumstances, to employ consultants, or to enter into contracts for special projects with public or private agencies, institutions, or organizations having special competence in the areas of planning or evaluation;

"(4) make adequate provision (consistent with such criteria as the Commissioner may prescribe) for using funds granted to the applicant under this section, other than funds granted for planning and evaluation in the field of higher education, (A) to make program planning and evaluation services available to local educational agencies, and (B) in the case of such agencies in areas (particularly metropolitan areas) with school populations sufficiently large to warrant their own planning or evaluation staffs, to assist such agencies (financially or through technical assistance, or both) to strengthen their planning and evaluation capabilities and to promote coordinated areawide planning for such areas;

"(5) provides for such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the program;

"(6) provides for such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds paid under this part to the State including any such funds paid by the State to agencies, institutions, or organizations referred to in subparagraph (B) or paragraph (3); and

"(7) provides for making such reports, in such form and containing such information as the Commissioner may reasonably require (copies of which shall also be sent to the chief executive of the State), and for keeping such records and for affording such access thereto as the Commissioner may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

"(c) A grant made pursuant to an approval of an application under this section may be used to pay all or part of the cost of activities covered by the approved application and included in such grant, but excluding so much, if any, of such cost as is paid for from grants under part A.

"SPECIAL PROJECTS

"SEC. 524. (a) The sums reserved pursuant to section 522(a)(1) for the purposes of this section shall be used for grants for special projects in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

"(b) The Commissioner is authorized to make grants to public or private non-profit agencies, institutions, or organizations, or to make contracts with public or private agencies, institutions, or organizations, for special projects related to the purposes of this part, to be conducted on an interstate, regional, or metropolitan area basis, including projects for such purposes as—

"(1) metropolitan planning in education in areas covering more than one State;

"(2) improvement and expansion in the educational planning of large cities within a State with due regard to the complexities of adequate metropolitan planning in such places;

"(3) comparative and cooperative studies agreed upon between States or metropolitan areas;

"(4) conferences to promote the purposes of this part and involving different States;

"(5) publications of general use to the planning of more effective and efficient educational services, and other activities for dissemination of information related to the purposes of this part.