

*General Comments (Charles Lieberth)**

1. The operation of a project is frequently restricted by the rigid Federal program manual. Imaginative approaches and flexibility are essential to meet local requirements and application.
 2. The State has a very limited role in priority determination of programs emphasizing social and economic approaches. The State's role is often only as a participant in supplying funds.
 3. Certain Federal programs require citizen participation over the future of individual and city environments. It must have participant in supplying funds.
 4. Federal program administrative organization needs to be adapted to State-local needs. The Act would aid in this adaption.
 5. The State must have a major opportunity to exercise control over the future of individual and city environments. It must have an important role in the development of an urban-rural strategy.
 6. The Act is a step toward the development of a State system viewpoint utilizing Federal funds and programs. A systematic technique for program application and audit would reduce the present constraints on unified and pin point action.
 7. The Act is a legislative vehicle which will enhance the intent and spirit of Creative Federalism.
- Recently I have had the opportunity to contribute to a packaging design for ESEA-Title V. Under this arrangement there would be a single State submittal, a single State financial reporting requirement and audit. This is a current development and it exemplifies the aim of the Joint Funding Simplification Act in one area of Federal programs. D. Allan Huff, Director of ESEA-Title V, Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Education, H.E.W., Washington, D.C., provided us the opportunity to contribute in its development.

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(1) Has any single agency in your State (or combination of agencies) been successful in packaging two or more Federal grants to achieve a specific State objective under existing Federal legislative authority?

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We have never been successful in packaging two or more federal grants to achieve a specific state objective under such packaging arrangements as would be authorized by the Joint Funding Simplification Act.

(2) Please cite examples where a state agency (or combination of state agencies) has been unsuccessful in their attempt to package federal grants, or discouraged from such attempts by presumed lack of federal authority.

Comments

We have been discouraged from attempting to package federal grants in the past by presumed lack of federal authority, particularly in programs relating to the testing and training, including the provision of basic education and/or vocational training, for otherwise employable persons in order to make them partially or fully self-supporting.

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