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RAHALL ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF HANDICAPPED BARRIERS

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced that the U.S. Department of Education has set aside more than \$400,000 for the state of West Virginia to make buildings accessible to the handicapped.

The funds were made possible through Section 607 of the Education of the Handicapped Act, more commonly known as Removal of Architectural Barriers to the Handicapped.

"This grant to the state can help make many of our older buildings accessible to those who have mobility impairments," Rahall said. "Many of our schools and other public buildings are without ramps, elevators and even restroom facilities for handicapped persons."

Funds were allocated to the states based on the number of handicapped children served. In West Virginia, 44,190 handicapped children were served and the total grant award is \$403,398.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS
REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO THE HANDICAPPED
SECTION 607 OF THE EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED ACT

We are pleased to inform you that, under the Removal of Architectural Barriers to the Handicapped (RABH) program, a total of \$40 million is being allocated to the State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to assist them in providing subgrants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and Intermediate Educational Units (IEUs) to pay part or all of the cost of altering existing buildings and equipment to make them accessible to the handicapped. These alterations must be consistent with the standards promulgated under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.

The RABH program is authorized under Section 607 of the Education of the Handicapped Act (EHA), as amended. The funds were appropriated under the Emergency Jobs Bill of 1983. Funds are allocated to an SEA based on the number of handicapped children served in that State, as reported in the child count figures for Part B, EHA and Chapter 1 (handicapped), Education Consolidation Improvement Act (formerly P.L. 89-313). A State by State listing of children counted and funds being allocated is attached for your information.

The attached State list includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Insular Areas. Funds are made available to these States on the basis of an approved State plan. LEAs and IEUs apply to their respective SEA for a subgrant.

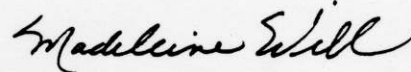
The attached list shows the amount of funds for which each State is eligible. Your State has applied for funds, and its application has been approved. The appropriate grant documents will therefore be sent to your State within the next few days. The attached list is based on the assumption that all States will apply for and receive funds. If some States do not apply, the funds for which those States are eligible will be made available to participating States. This will occur after February 28, 1987.

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Additional information about this program may be obtained from the RABH program coordinator in your SEA or from Mr. David Weber, Director, Division of Assistance to States, Office of Special Education Programs, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Mr. Weber's telephone number is 732-1014.

Your continued interest in programs serving the handicapped is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Madeleine Will".

Madeleine Will
Assistant Secretary

Attachment

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO THE HANDICAPPED
SECTION 607 OF THE EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED ACT

SECTION 607 ALLOCATIONS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Handicapped Children</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>
TOTALS	4,359,964	\$39,800,000.00
ALABAMA	88,976	812,219.00
ALASKA	11,360	103,700.00
ARIZONA	51,666	471,634.00
ARKANSAS	48,043	438,561.00
CALIFORNIA	369,142	3,369,719.00
COLORADO	46,805	427,260.00
CONNECTICUT	65,478	597,717.00
DELAWARE	15,018	137,092.00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	7,394	67,496.00
FLORIDA	165,302	1,508,962.00
GEORGIA	102,448	935,198.00
HAWAII	12,394	113,139.00
IDAHO	18,144	165,628.00
ILLINOIS	250,449	2,286,228.00
INDIANA	104,183	951,036.00
IOWA	57,500	524,890.00
KANSAS	41,419	378,094.00
KENTUCKY	74,901	683,735.00
LOUISIANA	81,379	742,869.00

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Handicapped Children</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>
MAINE	27,452	250,596.00
MARYLAND	90,462	825,784.00
MASSACHUSETTS	140,890	1,286,117.00
MICHIGAN	162,317	1,481,713.00
MINNESOTA	80,640	736,123.00
MISSISSIPPI	52,068	475,304.00
MISSOURI	98,570	899,798.00
MONTANA	15,930	145,417.00
NEBRASKA	30,265	276,274.00
NEVADA	14,087	128,593.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	15,561	142,049.00
NEW JERSEY	166,982	1,524,298.00
NEW MEXICO	28,188	257,315.00
NEW YORK	289,852	2,645,919.00
NORTH CAROLINA	119,688	1,092,574.00
NORTH DAKOTA	11,941	109,004.00
OHIO	201,169	1,836,374.00
OKLAHOMA	65,093	594,202.00
OREGON	48,153	439,565.00
PENNSYLVANIA	196,779	1,796,300.00
PUERTO RICO	40,326	368,116.00
RHODE ISLAND	18,758	171,233.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	72,610	662,822.00
SOUTH DAKOTA	13,008	118,744.00
TENNESSEE	98,954	903,303.00

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Handicapped Children</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>
TEXAS	294,830	2,691,360.00
UTAH	41,809	381,654.00
VERMONT	10,256	93,622.00
VIRGINIA	103,374	943,651.00
WASHINGTON	67,859	619,452.00
WEST VIRGINIA	44,190	403,389.00
WISCONSIN	74,861	683,370.00
WYOMING	11,041	100,788.00
 <u>Insular Areas**</u>		
TOTALS		\$ 200,000.00
AMERICAN SAMOA	--	18,023.00
GUAM	--	51,738.00
NO. MARIANAS	--	15,000.00
TRUST TERRITORY	--	67,360.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	--	47,879.00

*\$39,800,000 distributed on basis of combined handicapped child counts for Part B, Education of the Handicapped Act and Chapter I, Educational Consolidation Improvement Act (formerly P.L. 89-313) as of October 16, 1985

**\$200,000 distributed to insular areas based on resident population ages 3-21, with no area receiving less than \$15,000