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Program Rules:

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1. Consider changing FCC set up with 15 % Adm. Rules.
2. Allowing states to use 15% of the amount from equipment for admin is detrimental to smaller states. It should be changed to 15% of the total funds regardless of the amount of equipment distributed.
3. Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing's budget relatively small.
4. Please ease up on the reporting requirements. Reporting requirements for time allocation are excessive. Program seems micro managed and the way funding works puts a lot of pressure on small organization like ours. Having to front funds and be reimbursed is a lot more difficult for us than other states
5. Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services is asking the FCC to give position for outreach because the center is understaff. We cannot afford the luxury of hiring someone to oversee the program even for ten hours a week. There were times Executive Committee and I feel best interest to withdraw this program.
6. Given the cap on Administrative reimbursement, I understand the need to separate Administrative costs but the amount of detail he and everyone else has to keep regarding their work is very time consuming and all has to get charged to administrative expenses. It should be in addition 15% for expenses.
7. It would be very beneficial to have funds available to "train the trainer." and outreach.

Bottom line I see the joy of those who are in our program. Fully access however with limited funds. Clearly very difficult to be in the black with what restrictions FCC has for this small organization.

I am asking the FCC to reconsider and use NH funds for part time position so we can recruit more customers.

Sincerely

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