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A review of the White House budget proposal and the figures from the House and Senate provide a pretty good picture of what the final funding numbers will be for the FY10 budget. It is estimated that there will be a \$74 million increase in state grant funding. Of that amount, \$46 million will go to the 18 states that lost funding from 2003-2008 due to a calculation error related to the counting of 16-18 year old current high school students in the distribution formula. Those states and their grants are: Alabama \$2,639,984, Arizona \$829,214, Arkansas \$1,344,687, California \$4,699,085, Delaware \$79,886, **Florida \$6,073,066**, Georgia \$1,967,783, Kentucky \$2,384,222, Louisiana \$932,844, Mississippi \$1,407,081, Nevada \$676,496, New York \$4,010,804, North Carolina \$4,580,842, Rhode Island \$370,557, South Carolina \$1,867,302, Tennessee \$3,212,112, Texas \$2,341,220, West Virginia \$1,130,606, District of Columbia \$299,654 and Puerto Rico \$4,861,310. An additional \$7 million will go to EL/Civics programs and will be distributed by the formula used for those grants. The remaining \$21 million in the increase will be allocated to the states using the new formula based upon the ACS census data. The funding above will become available to states in July, 2010.

Even Start was not funded by the Administration, received \$66 million in the House version of the budget and received no money in the Senate version. The House and Senate conference committee on the budget will determine the final figure for Even Start.