

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**Notice of Agreement(s) Filed**

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 203-011582

Title: Cooperative Working Agreement among A.P. Moller-Maersk Line, Sea-Land Service, Inc. and Venezuelan Container Line, C.A. ("Maersk/SL/VCL Agreement")

Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk
Sea-Land Service, Inc.
Venezuelan Container Line, C.A.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement permits the parties to discuss and agree on the deployment and redeployment of vessels operated by each of them, the charter of the vessels among the parties, port calls, rationalization of sailings, etc., and other matters necessary to carry out from an operational nature the purpose of the U.S./Latin America Agreement, FMC Agreement No. 203-011448, the U.S./Caribbean Agreement, FMC Agreement No. 203-011499, and the U.S./East Coast South America Agreement, FMC Agreement No. 203-011583. The geographic scope of the Agreement covers the trade between ports and points in the United States and ports and points in the Caribbean, and Central and South America

Agreement No.: 203-011583

Title: U.S./East Coast South America Agreement

Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement would authorize the parties to consult and agree on the deployment and utilization of their vessels; charter vessels and vessel space between themselves; interchange containers and other equipment; and agree on rates, rules, or service items on a voluntary and non-binding basis in the trade between the United States and Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay

Dated: July 22, 1997.

By order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****Food Industry; Interaction Between the Food and Drug Administration and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Public Workshop**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following workshop: A free public workshop to be held jointly by the FDA, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Florida District Office; the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS); and the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the Southern States (AFDOSS) on how FDA and FDACS operate and interact with the food industry. The topic of this workshop concerns policies and procedures regarding FDA and State inspections, an update on issues regarding hazard analysis and critical control points regulations, and promotion of a dialogue in order to better serve Florida consumers.

Date and Time: The workshop will be held on Thursday, August 28, 1997, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Location: The workshop will be held at Adam's Mark Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Rd., Orlando, FL 32809.

Contact Person: Miriam R. Jones, Florida District Office, Food and Drug Administration, 7200 Lake Ellenor Dr., suite 120, Orlando, FL 32809, 407-648-6823, ext. 265, or fax 407-648-6808.

Registration: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number), and specific topics for discussion, to the contact person by August 14, 1997. There is no registration fee for this workshop. Space is limited, therefore, interested parties are encouraged to register early.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Miriam R. Jones (address above) at least 7 days in advance.

Those wishing lodging accommodations should contact the Adam's Mark Hotel at 407-859-1500 to

make reservations. A limited number of rooms at a reduced rate have been blocked for this FDA workshop; please make your reservations by August 5, 1997.

Dated: July 21, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Availability of the HRSA Competitive Grants Preview**

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA announces the availability of the HRSA Competitive Grants Preview publication for Summer 1997. This edition of the Preview is being published primarily to accommodate HRSA programs which anticipate making grant awards during the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 1998. A comprehensive Preview for HRSA's Fiscal Year 1998 programs will be published in October.

The purpose of the Preview is to provide the general public with a single source of program and application information related to the Agency's annual grant review cycle. The Preview is designed to replace multiple **Federal Register** notices which traditionally advertised the availability of HRSA discretionary funds for its various programs. It should be noted that other program initiatives, responsive to new or emerging issues in the health care area, and unanticipated at the time of publication of the Preview, may be advertised through the **Federal Register** mechanism from time-to-time. Deadlines or other requirements appearing in the **Federal Register** are not changed by this notice.

The Preview contains a description of competitive programs scheduled for review early in Fiscal Year 1998 and includes instructions on how to access the Agency for information and receive application kits. Specifically, the following information is included in the Preview: (1) Program Title; (2) Legislative Authority; (3) Purpose; (4) Eligibility; (5) Estimated Amount of competition; (6) Estimated number of awards; (7) Funding Priorities and/or Preferences; (8) Projected Award Date;

(9) Application Deadline; (10) Application kit availability; and (11) The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) program identification number.

This Summer 1997 issue of the Preview relates to funding under HRSA discretionary authorities and programs as follows:

Bureau of Health Professions Programs

- Nurse Anesthetists: (1) Program Grants (2) Traineeships; and (3) Fellowships
- Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds
- Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training
- National Research Service Awards
- Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwifery
- Professional Nurse Traineeships
- Graduate Training in Family Medicine
- Faculty Development in Family Medicine
- Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

- Maternal and Child Health Research Cycle

HIV/AIDS Bureau

- Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease (Ryan White Title III)

Bureau of Primary Health Care

- Health Care For The Homeless
- Community and Migrant Health Centers

Certain other information, including the Secretary's Service Standards For HHS's Partnership with its Grantees and program notes also may be found in the Preview.

Addresses: Individuals may obtain the HRSA Preview by calling HRSA's toll free number, 1-888-333-HRSA. The HRSA Preview may also be accessed on the World Wide Web on the HRSA Home Page at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>

Dated: July 22, 1997.

Claude Earl Fox,
Acting Administrator.

Attachment A—The Administrator's Message

I am pleased to provide you with the second issue of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Preview. This issue of the Preview is being published primarily to accommodate HRSA programs which anticipate awarding grants on or before December 31, 1997. The next Preview,

scheduled to be published in October, will be a comprehensive issue of HRSA's Fiscal Year 1998 discretionary grant programs.

The Preview, a streamlining recommendation, was designed to replace the **Federal Register** notices customarily published throughout the year. Please note that separate **Federal Register** notices may be published to enable HRSA to respond to unanticipated issues in the health services arena, or to comply with specific Congressional directives. Your response to our Spring 1997 Preview was most rewarding. Be assured that our efforts to streamline the grant process and improve our customer service will continue. Beginning with this Summer 1997 issue you can now register on line for Preview materials. Complete instructions are available at the HRSA Home Page at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>

The programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration serve as a safety net for providing health care services to the uninsured, underserved and vulnerable population of this Nation. Our hope is that the Preview's streamlining of the grant application process will encourage more organizations to apply for HRSA grants and join with us as we address these critical services.

HHS Service Standards for Partnership With Grantees

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its grantees (primarily States, local governments, academic institutions, non-profit community organizations, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations) are partners in delivering quality services and supporting research to improve the lives of the American people. The following initial standards express our commitment to making this partnership as cooperative and effective as possible. We look forward to your suggestions as we develop these standards and improve our partnership.

We will:

- (1) Invite our partners to collaborate in the development of HHS program policies and procedures.
- (2) Emphasize program outcomes rather than process.
- (3) Create no new unfunded mandates through policy or process changes.
- (4) Provide prompt, courteous service and accessible information.
- (5) Process waiver requests from States as quickly as possible, generally within 120 days.
- (6) Provide technical assistance to help our partners meet program goals.

(7) Work with our partners to assure integrity in the use of public funds.

(8) Assist our partners to develop their own standards of customer service.

How To Obtain and Use the Preview

It is recommended that you read the introductory materials, terminology section, and individual program category descriptions before contacting the general number 1-888-333-HRSA. Likewise, we urge applicants to fully assess their eligibility for grants before requesting kits. This will greatly facilitate our ability to assist you in placing your name on the mailing list and identifying the appropriate application kit(s) or other information you may wish to obtain. As a general rule, no more than one kit per category will be mailed to applicants. However, applicants may reproduce kit materials to meet their needs.

To Obtain a Copy of the Preview (by Mail)

To have your name and address added to, or deleted from, the Preview mailing list, please call the toll free number 1-888*-333-HRSA. (*Call operator if experiencing difficulty.) Or e-mail us at HRSA.GAC@ix.netcom.com.

To Obtain an Application Kit

Upon review of the program descriptions, please determine which category or categories of application kit(s) you wish to receive and contact the 1-888-333-HRSA number to register on the specific mailing list. Application kits are generally available 60 days prior to application deadline. If kits are already available, they will be mailed to you right away.

World Wide Web Access

The Preview is available on the HRSA Home Page via World Wide Web at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/> Application materials are currently available for downloading in the current cycle for some HRSA programs. HRSA's goal is to post application forms and materials for all programs in future cycles.

You can download this issue of the Preview in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) from HRSA's web site at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/preview.htm>. Also, you can register on-line to be sent specific grant application materials by following the instructions on the web page. Your mailing information will be added to our database and material will be sent to you when it becomes available.

Application Deadlines

Applications will be considered "on time" if they are either received on or before the established deadline date or sent on or before the deadline date given in the program announcement or in the application kit materials.

Authorizations

These are provided immediately preceding groupings of program categories. They are the citations of provisions of the laws authorizing the various programs.

CFDA Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program identification number. The CFDA is a government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance.

Cooperative Agreement

A financial assistance mechanism used when substantial Federal programmatic involvement with the recipient during performance is anticipated by the awarding office.

Eligibility

Authorizing legislation and programmatic regulations specify eligibility for individual grant programs.

In general, assistance is provided to nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local governments and their agencies, and occasionally to individuals. For-profit organizations are eligible to receive awards under financial assistance programs unless specifically excluded by legislation.

Estimated Amount of Competition

The amount listed is provided for planning purposes and is subject to the availability of funds.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Special priorities or preferences are those which the individual programs have identified for the funding cycle. Some programs give preference to organizations which have specific capabilities such as telemedicine networking, or established relationships with managed care organizations. Preference may be given to achieve an equitable geographic distribution.

Matching Funds

Several HRSA categories require a matching amount, or percentage of the total project support to come from sources other than Federal funds. Matching requirements are generally mandated in the authorizing legislation for specific categories. Also matching

requirements may be administratively required by the awarding office.

Review Criteria

The following are generic review criteria applicable to HRSA programs:

(1) That the estimated cost to the Government of the project is reasonable considering the anticipated results.

(2) That project personnel or prospective fellows are well qualified by training and/or experience for the support sought and the applicant organization, or the organization to provide training to a fellow, has adequate facilities and manpower.

(3) That, insofar as practical, the proposed activities (scientific or other), if well executed, are capable of attaining project objectives.

(4) That the project objectives are identical with or are capable of achieving the specific program objectives defined in the program announcement.

The specific review criteria used to review and rank applications are included in the individual guidance material provided with the application kits. Applicants should pay strict attention to addressing these criteria as they are the formal basis upon which their applications will be judged.

PROGRAM DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

Date	Program
August 1997:	
August 1	Health Care for the Homeless.*
August 1	Community Health Centers/Migrant Health Centers.*
August 1	Maternal and Child Health Research Cycle.
September 1997:	
September 9	Graduate Training in Family Medicine.
September 15	Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training.
September 22	National Research Service Awards.
September 29	Faculty Development in Family Medicine.
October 1997:	
October 10	Outpatient Early Intervention Services with respect to HIV Disease (Ryan White Title III).
November 1997:	
November 3	Professional Nurse Traineeships.
November 7	Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine.
November 24	Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds.
December 1997:	
December 1	Nurse Anesthetist: Program Grants, Fellowships & Traineeships.
December 19	Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwifery.
January 1998:	No program deadlines this month.
February 1998:	
February 2	Nurse Anesthetist: Program Grants.

* See multiple application deadlines listed.

Program Locator**Program**

Health Professions Programs

Faculty Development in Family Medicine

Graduate Training in Family Medicine

National Research Service Awards

Nurse Anesthetist Program Grants,
Traineeships, and Fellowships
Nursing Education Opportunities for
Individuals from Disadvantaged
Backgrounds

Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwifery
Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training
Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine
Professional Nurse Traineeships

HIV/AIDS Programs

Outpatient Early Intervention Services with
Respect to HIV Disease (Ryan White Title
III)

Maternal and Child Health Programs

Maternal and Child Health Research Cycle

Primary Health Care Programs

Notification of Expiring Project Periods for Community and Migrant Health Centers
Notification of Expiring Project Periods for Health Care for the Homeless Program

HRSA Program Notes

Health Professions Programs

The Bureau of Health Professions (BHP) plays a vital role in HRSA's safety net program. HRSA programs that serve vulnerable populations are a primary benefactor of BHP health professions programs. The Bureau's major goals are to improve the geographic distribution of health professionals and the diversity of the health professions workforce, in order to supply the Nation with an appropriately trained and competent health professions workforce.

Funding Availability

The level of funding for the health professions programs will depend upon final FY 1998 appropriation. The President's budget for FY 1998 proposes significant reductions from the FY 1997 appropriation level for health professions, except in programs for minorities and the disadvantaged. HRSA fully supports the President's budget. However, it is difficult to predict the outcome of the appropriations process with respect to these programs. We are, therefore, opening these programs to the competitive process to allow potential grantees a reasonable time to prepare their applications and to allow HRSA a reasonable time for careful review with the full understanding that the final appropriation may severely limit the number and amount of awards. Consequently, all "estimated amount of competition" figures are subject to availability of funds and are for competitive grants.

Technical Assistance

The BHP is available to provide ongoing technical assistance to prospective applicants. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of technical assistance opportunities by contacting the appropriate program person.

The Division of Medicine plans to conduct group conference calls to provide technical assistance to prospective applicants. Interested individuals are requested to provide the following information: Name, title, institution, telephone number, and fax number. Specific program questions should be faxed to 301-443-8890 or e-mailed to the program contact person. The Division of Nursing plans to provide technical assistance workshops.

The time and location of these workshops will be announced in the **Federal Register** and be posted at: "http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/bhpr/bhpr.htm".

Faculty Development in Family Medicine. Authorization section 747 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 293k.

Purpose: To increase the supply of physician faculty available to teach in family medicine programs and to enhance the pedagogical skills of faculty presently teaching in family medicine.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public or private non-profit hospital; an accredited public or nonprofit school of allopathic medicine or of osteopathic medicine; or a public or private non-profit health and education institution.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 791(a) of the PHS Act, statutory preference will be given to any qualified applicant that: (1) Has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval by the peer review group.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$2,800,000 (subject to availability of funds).

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.
Group Conference Call Dates: August 26, 1997
Contact: Elsie Quinones by August 8 on 301-443-1467 or by e-mail at equinones@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 12/97-01/98;
Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;
Application Availability: 07/15/97;
Application Deadline: 09/29/97;
CFDA Number: 93.895.

Graduate Training in Family Medicine. Authorization section 747 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 293K.

Purpose. To assist family medicine residency programs in the promotion of graduate education of physicians who are trained for and will enter the practice of family medicine. The program assists approved graduate training programs in the field of family medicine in meeting the cost of planning, developing, and operating or participating in graduate medical education. This includes the cost of supporting trainees in such programs. Supported programs must emphasize

the provision of longitudinal, preventive, and comprehensive care to families.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are accredited schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine, public or private non-profit hospitals, or other public or private non-profit entities.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 791(a) of the PHS Act, statutory preference will be given to any qualified applicant that: (1) Has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval by the peer review group.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$5,200,000 (subject to availability of funds)

Estimated Number of Awards: 39.
Group Conference Call Date: August 12, 1997
Contact: Ellie Grant by July 25 on 301-443-1467 or by e-mail at egrant@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 12/97-01/98;
Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;
Application Deadline: 09/09/97;
Application Availability: 07/15/97;
CFDA Number: 93.379.

National Research Service Awards. Authorization section 487(d)(3) of the Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. 288.

Purpose: To train future researchers and academicians in primary medical care research.

Eligibility: Accredited public or private non-profit schools of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, or a public or private non-profit hospital or other entity is located in a State and which is affiliated with an entity that has received grants or contracts under section 747, 748, or 749 of the PHS Act and agrees to use the funding for research in primary medical care are eligible for grant support.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: N/A.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$3,200,000 (subject to availability of funds).

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.
Group Conference Call Date: August 21, 1997
Contact: Shelby Biedenapp by August 1 on 301-443-1467 or by e-mail at sbiedenapp@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 12/97–01/98;
Contact: 1–888–333-HRSA;
Application Availability: 07/15/97;
Application Deadline: 09/22/97;
CFDA Number: 93.186.

Nurse Anesthetist Program: (1) Program Grants (93.916); (2) Traineeships (93.124); and (3) Fellowships (93.907).

Authorization section 831 (a), (b), (c) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 297–1.

Purpose: To assist eligible institutions to meet the costs of: (1) Projects for the education of nurse anesthetists; (2) traineeships for licensed registered nurses to become nurse anesthetists; and (3) fellowships to enable Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) faculty members to obtain advanced education relevant to their teaching functions.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public or private non-profit institutions that provide registered nurses with full-time nurse anesthetist training and are accredited by an entity or entities designated by the Secretary of Education.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: Statutory Funding Preference as provided in Section 860(e) of the PHS Act, preference will be given to qualified applicants that: (1) Have a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) have achieved, during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of proposals recommended for approval by the peer review group.

Statutory Rural Preference (CFDA 93.124): A preference is given to those applicants carrying out traineeships whose participants gain significant experience in providing health service in rural health facilities.

Established Funding Priority: (CFDA 93.916 & 93.124) A funding priority will be given to education programs and traineeships that demonstrate either substantial progress over the past 3 years or a significant experience of 10 or more years in enrolling and graduating students from those minority populations identified as at-risk of poor health outcomes.

Established Funding Preference for Faculty Fellowship Grants (CFDA 93.907): A funding preference will be given first to faculty who will be completing degree requirements before or by the end of the funded budget year,

second to faculty who are full-time students, and third to faculty who are part-time students.

Evaluation Criteria: Criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$900,000 (subject to availability of funds)

Estimated Number of Awards. 13: (4 Traineeships, 2 Program Grants, and 7 Fellowships).

Projected Award Date: 3/98;
Contact: Marcia Starbecker at: 301–443–6193 or by e-mail at:

mstarbecker@hrsa.dhhs.gov;

Contact: 1–888–333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 7/15/97.

Fellowships & Traineeships:

Application Deadline: 12/1/97.

Projected award date: 3/98.

Program Grants: *Application*

Deadline: 2/2/98;

Projected award date: 5/98;

CFDA Numbers: 93.124, 93.907, & 93.916.

Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. Authorization section 827, 42 U.S.C. 296r of the Public Health Service Act.

Purpose: To meet the costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds by: (a) Identifying, recruiting and selecting such individuals; (b) facilitating the entry of such individuals into schools of nursing; (c) providing services designed to assist such individuals to complete their nursing education; (d) providing preliminary education, prior to entry into the regular courses of nursing, designed to assist in completion of the regular courses of nursing education; (e) paying such stipends as the Secretary may determine; (f) publicizing, especially to licensed vocational or practical nurses, existing sources of financial aid; and (g) providing training, information, or advice to the faculty on encouraging such individuals to complete their nursing education.

Eligibility: Public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities are eligible for grant support.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: None

Evaluation Criteria: Criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$1,400,000 (subject to availability of funds).

Estimated Number of Awards: 8;
Contact: Ernell Spratley at 301–443–5763 or by e-mail at
 spratley@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 5/98;

Contact: 1–888–333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 7/15/97;

Application Deadline: 11/24/97;

CFDA Number: 93.178.

Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwifery.

Authorization section 822a of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 296m.

Purpose: To assist eligible institutions to meet the costs of projects to plan, develop and operate new programs, maintain, or significantly expand existing programs for the education of nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives. Programs must adhere to regulations and guidelines for nurse practitioner and nurse-midwifery education as prescribed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services which require that each program extend for at least one academic year to include supervised clinical practice directed toward preparing nurses to deliver primary health care; and at least four months (in the aggregate) of classroom instruction that is so directed; and have an enrollment of not less than six full-time equivalent students.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public and nonprofit private schools of nursing or other public and nonprofit private entities. Eligible applicants must be located in a State.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: Statutory Program Specific Preference. Preference will be given to any qualified applicant that agrees to expend the award to plan, develop, and operate new programs or to significantly expand existing programs.

Statutory General Preference: As provided in section 860(e)(1) of the PHS Act, preference will be given to any qualified applicant that—(1) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings.

This preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of proposals recommended for approval by the peer review group.

Statutory Special Considerations: Special consideration will be given to qualified applicants that agree to expend the award to educate individuals as nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives who will practice in health professional shortage areas designated under section 332 of the PHS Act.

Established Funding Priority: Funding priority will be given to applicant institutions which demonstrate either substantial progress over the last three years or a significant experience of ten

or more years in enrolling and graduating trainees from those minority or low-income populations identified as at risk of poor health outcomes.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$3,000,000 (subject to availability of funds).

Estimated Number of Awards: 11;

Contact: Audrey Koertvelyessy at 301-443-6333 or by e-mail at akoertvelyessy@hrsa.dhhs.gov/

Projected Award Date: 4/98;

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 7/15/97;

Application Deadline: 12/19/97;

CFDA Number: 93.298.

Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training. Authorization section 751 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 293o.

Purpose: To assist with the costs of training podiatric physicians who plan to specialize in primary care. The program assists in meeting the costs to plan and implement new primary care projects and provides financial assistance to residency trainees enrolled in such programs. Grants may include support for the program only, residents only, or both the program and residents. These grants are intended to promote the postgraduate education of podiatrists in primary care podiatric practice. The program assists accredited schools of podiatric medicine and public and nonprofit private hospitals to meet the costs of projects to: (1) Plan and implement projects in primary care training for podiatric physicians in approved or provisionally approved residency training programs; and (2) provide financial assistance in meeting the costs of supporting trainees who participate in such programs and who plan to specialize in podiatric primary care. Financial assistance for residents is intended to provide stipend support for one year of training, and may include tuition and fees for residents supported during the required academic training.

Eligibility: Schools of podiatric medicine or public or private non-profit hospitals are eligible for grant support. "Candidate status" will be accepted as meeting the statutory requirement for "provisional approval."

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 791(a) of the PHS Act, statutory preference will be given to any qualified applicant that: (1) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought,

has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval by the peer review group. Under section 751(b) of the PHS Act, a funding preference is provided for qualified applicants that provide clinical training in podiatric medicine in a variety of medically underserved communities.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$500,000 (subject to availability of funds).

Estimated Number of Awards: 6.

Group Conference Call Dates: August 19, 1997. Contact: Ed Spierer by August 1 on 301-443-1467 or by e-mail at espiere@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 12/97-01/98;

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 07/15/97;

Application Deadline: 09/15/97;

CFDA Number: 93.181.

Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine. Authorization Section 747 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 293k.

Purpose: To promote the predoctoral training of allopathic and osteopathic medical students in the field of family medicine. Grants are awarded to accredited schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine. Supported programs emphasize the provision of longitudinal, preventive, and comprehensive care to families. The program assists schools in meeting the cost of planning, developing and operating or participating in approved predoctoral training programs in the field of family medicine. Support may be provided both for the program and for the trainees. Assistance may be requested for any of the following purposes: curriculum development; clerkships; preceptorships; and/or student assistantships. The programs should be part of an integrated institutional strategy to provide education and training in family medicine. The intent is to design programs that encourage graduates to seek residency training in family medicine and eventually to enter a career in family medicine.

Eligibility: Public, or private nonprofit, accredited schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine are eligible for grant support.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 791(a) of the PHS Act, statutory preference will be given to any qualified applicant that: (1) has a high rate for placing graduates in

practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval by the peer review group.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$4,500,000 (subject to availability of funds)

Estimate Number of Awards: 41.

Group Conference Call Dates: October 7, 1997; Contact: Betty Ball by September 19 on 301-443-1467 or by e-mail at: bball@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Projected Award Date: 3/98;

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 07/15/97;

Application Deadline: 11/07/97;

CFDA Number: 93.896;

Professional Nurse Traineeships.

Authorization section 830(a), (c) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 297

Purpose: To meet the costs of traineeships for individuals in advanced degree nursing education programs. Traineeships are awarded to individuals by the participating educational institutions offering master's and doctoral degree programs to serve in and prepare for practice as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse educators, public health nurses, or in other clinical nursing specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public or private non-profit entities which provide (1) advanced-degree programs to educate individuals as nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, nurse educators, public health nurses or as other clinical nursing specialists; or (2) nurse-midwifery certificate programs that conform to guidelines established by the Secretary under section 822(b) of the PHS Act. Applicants must agree that: (a) in providing traineeships, the applicant will give preference to individuals who are residents of health professional shortage areas designated under section 332 of the Act; (b) the applicant will not provide a traineeship to an individual enrolled in a master's of nursing program unless the individual has completed basic nursing preparation, as determined by the applicant; and (c) traineeships provided with the grant will pay all or part of the costs of the tuition, books, and fees of the program of nursing with respect to which the traineeship is provided and

reasonable living expenses of the individual during the period for which the traineeship is provided.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: Statutory Preference. In making awards of grants under this section, preference will be given to any qualified applicant that—(1) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile.

Statutory Special Consideration. Special consideration will be given to applications for traineeship programs for nurse practitioner and nurse midwife programs which conform to guidelines established by the Secretary under section 822(b)(2) of the PHS Act.

Established Funding Priority. A funding priority will be given to programs that demonstrate either substantial progress over the past 3 years or a significant experience of 10 or more years in enrolling and graduating students from those minority populations identified as at-risk of poor health outcomes.

Evaluation Criteria: Awards are determined by formula.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$15,600,000* (subject to availability of funds)

Estimated Number of Awards: 270;

Contact: Marcia Starbecker at 301-443-6193 or by e-mail at mstarbecker@hrsa.dhhs.gov;

Projected Award Date: 3/98;

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;

Application Availability: 7/15/97;

Application Deadline: 11/3/97;

CFDA: 93.358.

*Formula Program—All eligible schools will receive awards.

HIV/AIDS Program

Outpatient Early Intervention Services With Respect to HIV Disease (RYAN WHITE Title III)

Authorization sections 2651-2667 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300ff-51-330ff-67

Purpose: To provide on an outpatient basis, high quality early intervention services/primary care to individuals with HIV infection. This is accomplished by increasing the present capacity and capability of eligible ambulatory health service entities. These expanded services become a part of a continuum of HIV prevention and care for individuals who are at risk for

HIV infection or are HIV infected. All Title III programs must provide HIV counseling and testing, counseling and education on living with HIV, appropriate medical evaluation and clinical care, and other essential services such as oral health care, outpatient mental health services and nutritional services, and appropriate referrals for specialty services.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are Migrant Health Centers, Community Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless Programs, Family Planning Organizations, Comprehensive Hemophilia Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Public or non-profit private entities that currently provide comprehensive primary care services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Limited Competition: Applicants are limited to currently funded Ryan White Title III programs whose project periods expire in FY 1998 and new organizations proposing to serve the same populations currently being served by these existing Title III programs. Applications are also requested from new organizations that propose to serve new areas. These will be considered for FY 1998, should new funding become available.

Evaluation Criteria: The criteria are justification of need, organizational capabilities and expertise, adequacy of proposed program plan, coordination with other programs, program evaluation, appropriateness and justification of the budget, adherence to program guidance.

Estimated Amount of Competition: \$35,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 97.

Projected Award Date: FY 1998.

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA.

Application Availability: 7/10/97.

Application Deadline: 10/10/97.

CFDA Number: 93.918.

Existing Ryan White Title III Service Areas *

AZ:

Phoenix

Tucson

AR: Pine Bluff

AL:

Mobile

Anniston

Montgomery

AK: Anchorage

CA:

Santa Cruz

San Francisco

Los Angeles (2)

San Fernando

Santa Ana

San Bernardino

San Jose

Fremont
San Marcos
LaMont

CT:

Bridgeport (2)

New Haven

DC: Washington

FL:

Key West

Miami (2)

Pompano Beach

Palm Beach

Immokalee

GA:

Atlanta (2)

Savannah

Waycross

Augusta

IA: Des Moines

IL:

Chicago (4)

Rockford

IN: Indianapolis

KS: Wichita

MA:

Northampton

Provincetown

Dorchester

Worcester

New Bedford

Boston

MI: Detroit (2)

MO:

Springfield

Kansas City

MT: Billings

NC:

Asheville

Durham

NJ:

Newark

Paterson

New Brunswick

NM: Albuquerque

NV:

Reno

Las Vegas

NY:

New York City (6)

Bronx (2)

Brooklyn (2)

Rochester

Buffalo

Queens

Peekskill

Syracuse

Albany

OH: Cincinnati

OK: Tulsa

PA:

Philadelphia (3)

Allentown

Pittsburgh

Chester

York

PR:

Humacao

San Juan

Mayaguez

Lares
 Gurabo
 RI: Providence
 TX:

Houston
 Dallas
 Fort Worth
 Austin
 San Antonio
 UT: Salt Lake City

*Applications are also requested from new organizations that propose to serve new areas. These will be considered for FY 1998 should new funding become available.

Maternal and Child Health Research Cycle

Authorization Title V of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 701.

Purpose: To encourage research in maternal and child health which has the potential for ready transfer of findings to health care delivery programs. Of special interest are projects that address factors and processes that lead to disparities in health status and the use of services among minority and other disadvantaged groups as well as health promoting behaviors, quality outcome measures, and system/integration reform.

Eligibility: 42 CFR Part 51a.3.

Evaluation Criteria: Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of the Competition: \$1,900,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: Within the issues/questions comprising the research agenda, preference for funding will be given to projects which: (1) Seek to develop measures of racism and/or study its consequences for the health of mothers and children; (2) investigate the role that fathers play in caring for and nurturing the health, growth, and development of children; and (3) address the factors and processes that enhance the quality, safety, access, and effectiveness of health care services provided to mothers and newborns, especially in light of the impact of managed care.

Projected Award date: 12/97;

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA;

Application Deadline: 8/1/97;

Application Availability: 6/97;

CFDA Number: 93.110RS.

Primary Health Care Programs

Notification of Expiring Project Periods for Community and Migrant Health Centers

Authorization section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 254b and 254b(g).

Purpose: The Community Health Center and Migrant Health Center

(C/MHC) programs are designed to promote the development and operation of community-based primary health care service systems in medically underserved areas for medically underserved populations. Assuming the availability of sufficient appropriated funds in FY 1998, it is the intent of HRSA to continue to support health services in these areas, given the unmet need inherent in their provision of services to a medically underserved population. HRSA will open competition for awards under section 330 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 254b for CHCs and 42 U.S.C. 254b(g) for MHCs) to support health services in the areas currently served by these grants. Eighty-three C/MHC grantees will reach the end of their project periods during FY 1998.

Deadline: Current grant expiration dates vary by area throughout FY 1998. Applications for competing continuation grants are normally due 120 days prior to the expiration of the current grant award. The 52 service areas listed are for projects with an application deadline on or before January 1, 1998. All expiring project areas will be listed in a subsequent Preview.

Limited Competition: Applicants are limited to currently funded programs whose project periods expire in FY 1998 and new organizations proposing to serve the same populations currently being served by these existing programs.

Field Office

Communication with Field Office staff is essential for interested parties in deciding whether to pursue Federal funding as a C/MHC. Technical assistance and detailed information about each service area, such as census tracts, can be obtained by contacting the appropriate HRSA Field Office listed on the following page.

State	City	Deadline
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HRSA FIELD OFFICE I (617) 565-1426

ME	Bethel	10/01/97
	Eastport	12/01/97
MA	Roxbury	10/01/97
RI	Pawtucket	09/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE II (212) 264-2664

NY	Bronx	10/01/97
	Buffalo	09/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE III (215) 596-6122

PA	Philadelphia	08/01/97
	Chester	10/01/97
	Hyndman	10/01/97
VA	Axton	01/01/97
	St. Charles	01/01/98

State	City	Deadline
WV	Rainelle	08/01/97
	Grafton	02/01/98

HRSA FIELD OFFICE IV (404) 331-0250

AL	Tuscaloosa	10/01/97
	Huntsville	08/01/97
FL	W. Palm Beach	09/01/97
	Pompano Beach	09/01/97
	Avon Park	10/01/97
	Wewahitchka	12/01/97
GA	Morganton	08/01/97
	Decatur	09/01/97
KY	Prestonburg	10/01/97
MS	Mound Bayou	08/01/97
	Biloxi	09/01/97
NC	Snow Hill	08/01/97
SC	Greenville	10/01/97
	Eastover	10/01/97
	Rock Hill	10/01/97
	Winnsboro	10/01/97
	Fairfax	12/01/97
	McClellanville	12/01/97
TN	Wartburg	09/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE V (312) 353-1715

IL	Chicago	10/01/97
MI	Detroit	10/01/97
	Sparta	09/01/97
	Pullman	12/01/97
OH	Akron	08/01/97
	Youngstown	09/01/97
WI	Milwaukee	09/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE VI (214) 767-3872

OK	Tulsa	12/01/97
TX	Houston	09/01/97
	Rio Grande Ct.	10/01/97
	Newton	12/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE VII (816) 426-5296

NE	Omaha	10/01/97
	Lincoln	12/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE VIII (303) 844-3203

CO	Denver	09/01/97
SD	Rapid City	10/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE IX (415) 437-8090

AZ	Tucson	09/01/97
CA	Los Angeles	8/01/97
		10/01/97
	Fresno	08/01/97
NE	Las Vegas	09/01/97

HRSA FIELD OFFICE X (206) 615-2491

No current projects expiring before January 1, 1998.		
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Health Care for the Homeless.

Authorization section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C 254b(h).

Purpose: The Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program is designed to increase the homeless populations access to cost-effective, case managed, and integrated primary care and substance abuse services provided by existing community-based programs/providers. Assuming the availability of sufficient appropriated funds in FY 1998, it is the intent of HRSA to continue to support health services to the homeless populations in these areas/locations given the continued need for cost-effective, community-based primary care services for these medically underserved populations within these geographic areas. Nine HCH grantees will reach the end of their project periods during FY 1998.

Deadline: Current grant expiration dates vary by area throughout FY 1998. Applications for competing continuation grants are normally due 120 days prior to the expiration of the current grant award. The nine service areas listed are for projects with an application deadline on or before January 31, 1998.

Limited Competition: Applicants are limited to currently funded programs whose project periods expire in FY 1998 and new organizations proposing to serve the same populations currently being served by these existing programs.

Field Office

Communication with Field Office staff is essential for interested parties in deciding whether to pursue Federal funding as an HCH. Detailed information about each service area, such as census tracts, can be obtained by contacting the appropriate HRSA Field Office listed below:

State	City	Project end date
HRSA FIELD OFFICE II (212) 264-2664		
NY	New York	10/31/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE IV (404) 331-0250		
FL	Miami	10/31/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE V (312) 353-1715		
OH	Columbus	01/31/98
HRSA FIELD OFFICE VI (214) 767-3872		
OK	Tulsa	12/1/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE VII (816) 426-5296		
NE	Omaha	10/1/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE VIII (303) 844-3203		
SD	Rapid City	01/31/98

State	City	Project end date
WY	Cheyenne	10/31/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE IX (415) 437-8090		
NV	Las Vegas	12/31/97
HRSA FIELD OFFICE X (206) 615-2491		
WA	Seattle	10/31/97

Additional HRSA Program Notes

Loan Repayment Program

HRSA is soliciting applications from individuals for the Nursing Education Loan Repayment program for Fiscal (FY) 1997. Under section 846 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, approximately \$2,197,000 will be available and the HRSA estimates that approximately 195 loan repayment awards may be made. The program will repay up to 85 percent of the nursing education loans of registered nurses who agree to serve for not less than 2 years as nurse employees in certain health facilities. Additional information and application materials with a list of counties (parishes) with the greatest shortage of nurses may be obtained by calling or writing to: Sharley Chen, 4350 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 594-4400, (301) 594-4981 (FAX).

The 24-hour toll-free phone number is 1-800-435-6464.

Health Professions Programs

Competitive cycles for Fiscal Year FY 1998 are not anticipated for the following Health Professions Programs: CFDA 93.884—Residency Training in General Internal Medicine and/or General Pediatrics; CFDA 93.884—Predoctoral Training in General Internal Medicine and/or General Pediatrics; CFDA 93.900—Faculty Development in General Internal Medicine and/or General Pediatrics.

Maternal and Child Health Programs

Girl Neighborhood Power is a Secretarial Initiative designed to help encourage and empower 9-14 year old girls. For information, contact Samuel Kessel, MD, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Bldg, Room 18A55, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone (301) 443-2340 or e-mail at wkessel@hrsa.dhhs.gov.

BETWEEN ISSUES—DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE FEDERAL REGISTER FOR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT MAY APPEAR AFTER THE HRSA PREVIEW IS ISSUED.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Set-Aside Program; Special Projects of Regional and National Significance; Girl Neighborhood Power Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The HRSA announces that approximately \$1.0 million in fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds is available for five cooperative agreements: one National Consortium of Girl Neighborhood Power Partners and four Community-Based Girl Neighborhood Power Partners Programs. All awards will be made under the program authority of section 502(a) of the Social Security Act, the MCH Federal Set-Aside Program. The Girl Neighborhood Power (GNP) Program will be administered through HHS intra-agency agreements as a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Special Project of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) initiative. Awards will be made for 5-year periods. Funds for GNP cooperative agreements are appropriated by Public Law 104-208. Within the HRSA, SPRANS awards are administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The MCH Block Grant Federal Set-Aside Program addresses issues related to the Healthy People 2000 objectives of improving maternal, infant, child and adolescent health and developing service systems for children with special health care needs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report: Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report: Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (telephone: 202-512-1800).

The PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion