

the time spent by any particular institution, the agencies believe that the burden estimates fairly represent the total burden on the industry as a whole.

Three of the trade associations and two of the financial institutions commented on the specific requirements that are included in the burden estimates. The Federal Reserve's OMB supporting statement provides a detailed list of the elements included in the burden estimate. Two trade associations and one bank questioned whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and is the least burdensome alternative. The community interest group expressed the opposite view, that the agencies cannot assess CRA performance without these data collection requirements. The justification for this information collection and its use by the Federal Reserve are also addressed in the OMB supporting statement. Some commenters questioned the methodology used for estimating the burden. As mentioned in the May 1999 *Federal Register* notice, the agencies combined the information from several sources, including public comments, contacts with CRA respondents, and knowledgeable agency staff, to derive the burden estimates.

In addition to addressing the paperwork requirements of CRA, several commenters discussed broader issues, including regulatory and examination burden. One banking trade association also included recommendations addressed to OMB. These issues are not addressed here as they are not appropriate for this notice.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 13, 1999.

**Jennifer J. Johnson**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the projects or to obtain

a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Proposed Project 1

Research on Employment Supports for People with Disabilities—NEW—The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation has embarked on a project to collect extensive information on the experiences of people with disabilities in competitive employment. As part of this effort they intend to conduct a series of discussions with working people with disabilities across three locations in the United States and Canada for the purpose of gaining detailed information on their employment experiences. *Respondents:* Individuals or households—Reporting Burden Information for Screener—*Number of Respondents:* 750; *Burden per Response:* 7 minutes; *Total Burden for Screener:* 88 hours—Burden Information for Focus Group Registration—*Number of Respondents:* 375; *Burden per Response:* 10 minutes; *Total Burden of Registration:* 63 hours—Burden Information for Focus Group—*Number of Respondents:* 375; *Burden per Response:* 150 minutes; *Total Burden for Focus Group:* 938—Burden Information for Post-Focus Group Evaluation—*Number of Respondents:* 375; *Burden per Response:* 7 minutes; *Total Burden for Evaluation:* 44 hours—*Total Burden:* 1,133 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

#### Proposed Projects 1. Cash and Counseling Demonstration—Additional Survey Instruments—New—

Cash and Counseling is a consumer directed care model for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. A demonstration project implementing this model is being evaluated by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. This portion of the evaluation consists of four information collection instruments. *Respondents:* Individuals or Households, For-profit, Non-profit Institutions; *Burden Information for Informal Caregiver Survey—Number of Respondents:* 8,000; *Burden per Response:* .38 hours; *Total Burden for Informal Caregiver Survey:* 3,040 hours—*Burden Information for Paid Worker Survey—Number of Respondents:* 800; *Burden per Response:* .5 hours; *Total Burden for Paid Worker Survey:* 400 hours—*Burden Information for Consultant Survey—Number of Respondents:* 400; *Burden per Response:* .58 hours; *Total Burden for Consultant Survey:* 200 hours—*Burden Information for Ethnographic Discussion Guide—Number of Respondents:* 300; *Burden per Response:* 1 hours; *Total Burden for Ethnographic Discussion Guide:* 300 hours—*Total Burden:* 3,940 hours. *OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[Program Announcement 00017]

#### Public Health Conference Support Grant Program (Includes HIV Prevention); Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2000 funds for a grant program for Public Health Conference Support (Includes HIV Prevention). This program addresses the following "Healthy People 2000" priority area(s) for CDC and ATSDR, with the exceptions of Mental Health, and Substance Abuse.

CDC priority areas are: Physical Activity and Fitness; Nutrition; Tobacco; Violent and Abusive Behavior; Unintentional Injuries; Occupational Safety and Health; Environmental Health; Oral Health; Maternal and Infant Health; Heart Disease and Stroke; Cancer; Diabetes and Chronic Disabling Conditions; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Immunization and Infectious Disease. Conferences on Mental Health and Substance Abuse should be directed to other Federal Agencies.

The purpose of conference support funding is to provide PARTIAL support for specific non-federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention information and education programs, and applied research.

Because conference support by CDC/ATSDR creates the appearance of CDC/ATSDR co-sponsorship, there will be active participation by CDC/ATSDR in the development and approval of the conference agenda. CDC/ATSDR funds

will be expended only for approved portions of the conference.

The mission of CDC is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability.

CDC supports local, State, academic, national, and international health efforts to prevent unnecessary disease, disability, and premature death, and to improve the quality of life. This support often takes the form of education, and the transfer of high quality research findings and public health strategies and practices through symposia, seminars, and workshops. Through the support of conferences and meetings in the areas of public health research, education, prevention research in program and policy development in managed care and prevention application, CDC is meeting its overall goal of dissemination and implementation of new cost-effective intervention strategies.

ATSDR priority areas are: (1) health effects of hazardous substances in the environment; (2) disease and toxic substance exposure registries; (3) hazardous substance removal and remediation; (4) emergency response to toxic and environmental disasters; (5) risk communication; (6) environmental disease surveillance; and (7) investigation and research on hazardous substances in the environment.

The mission of ATSDR is to prevent exposure and adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

ATSDR's systematic approaches are needed for linking applicable resources in public health with individuals and organizations involved in the practice of applying such research. Mechanisms are also needed to shorten the time frame between the development of disease prevention and health promotion techniques and their practical application. ATSDR believes that conferences and similar meetings that permit individuals to engage in hazardous substances and environmental health research, education, and application (related to actual and/or potential human exposure to toxic substances) to interact, are critical for the development and implementation of effective programs to prevent adverse health effects from hazardous substances.

##### B. Eligible Applicants

Applications for CDC support may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations. Public and private

non-profit entities include but are not limited to State and local governments or their bona fide agents, voluntary associations, foundations, civic groups, scientific or professional associations, universities, and Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

ONLY Conferences planned for May 01, 2000 through April 30, 2001 are eligible to apply under this announcement.

**Note:** Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

Applications for ATSDR support may be submitted by the official public health agencies of the States, or their bona fide agents. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Island, the Republic of Palau, and Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments. State organizations, including State universities, State colleges, and State research institutions must establish that they meet their respective State's legislature definition of a State entity or political subdivision to be considered an eligible applicant. Also eligible are nationally recognized associations of health professionals and other chartered organizations generally recognized as demonstrating a need for information to protect the public from the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances.

##### C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$900,000 is available from CDC in FY 2000 to fund approximately 35 to 45 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$20,000. Funding estimates may change. For FY 2000 awards will be made for three cycles A, B & C each for a 12-month budget period within a 12-month project period. See (Appendix 3) for suggested dates of when to apply for funds. No awards will be made during a cycle between the LOI due date and the Award Date unless approved by the awarding office.

State and local health departments applying for HIV prevention conference support funds may only apply under Category 2 (See Appendix 4 Applications Content for HIV Applicants).

Approximately \$50,000 is available from ATSDR in FY 2000 to fund approximately six awards. It is expected