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Where to Obtain Additional Information

A complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance may be obtained from David Elswick, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6521, Internet address: DCE1@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Art Robinson, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop F-35, Atlanta, GA 30341, telephone (770) 488-7630.

Please refer to Announcement 656 when requesting information and submitting an application.

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) referenced in the "INTRODUCTION" may be obtained through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

Atlanta, Georgia, will be the host of the 1996 Summer Olympics Games (July 19 through August 4, 1996). As a result of this event, it is likely that the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) may experience delays in the receipt of both regular and overnight mail deliveries. Contacting PGO employees

during this time frame may also be hindered due to the possible telephone disruptions.

To the extent authorized, please consider the use of voice mail, e-mail, and facsimile transmissions to the maximum extent practicable. Please do not fax lengthy documents, contract proposals or grant applications.

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Development and Feasibility Testing of Interventions to Increase Health-Seeking Behaviors in, and Health Care for, Populations at High Risk for Gonorrhea; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In the notice document Announcement 638 beginning on page 29386, Vol. 61, No. 112, Monday, June 10, 1996, make the following correction:

On page 29389 in the first column, the application due date was previously listed as August 5, 1996. This should be changed to read August 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Boyd, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E15, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6592, Facsimile (404) 842-6513, or Internet at <KPT0@OPSPGO1.em.cdc.gov>.

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[Announcement 661]

Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Programs

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide assistance to official public health agencies to expand and strengthen existing maternal and child health (MCH) programs in epidemiology

and surveillance capacity building. All States have epidemiologic skills or activities; however, many lack MCH specific analytical capability.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Maternal and Infant Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "Where to Obtain Additional Information.")

Authority

This program is authorized under section 317(a) [42 U.S.C. 247b(a)] of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are the official public health agencies of States and their bona fide agents. This includes the District of Columbia, New York City, 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 Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$900,000 is available in FY 1996 to fund approximately 10 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$75,000, ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 27, 1996, for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

If requested, Federal personnel may be assigned to a project in lieu of a portion of the financial assistance.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for State and local health departments to: (1) use epidemiologic and surveillance data to address health problems affecting women, infants, and children; and (2) build their maternal and child health epidemiology skills to conduct surveillance, research, analysis, interpretation, and translation using their own resources.

Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under A. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under B. (CDC Activities).

A. Recipient Activities:

1. Using the "Healthy People 2000" objectives as a guide, develop measurable pregnancy and infant health objectives appropriate for the State.

2. Identify existing MCH activities in the State carried out by Federal, State, academic, and private organizations; develop procedures for collaborating with these organizations.

3. Identify populations at risks for poor pregnancy outcomes.

4. Conduct analysis of MCH data and use information to direct program activities and evaluate the effectiveness of new and existing interventions in achieving established objectives. If needed data is not available, conduct research/surveillance to collect needed data.

5. Attend CDC-sponsored annual MCH Epidemiology Workshop.

B. CDC Activities:

1. Collaborate with the recipient agency in the operational development of various programs.

2. Assist recipients in defining training needs and methods, and identifying the resources necessary for training personnel.

3. Assist recipient agency in training their staff in epidemiologic analytic techniques.

4. Participate with recipient agencies in workshops to exchange findings among States.

5. Participate with States in identifying and designing data collection methods for information that is vital to programmatic decision making and evaluation.

6. Provide information and advice regarding strategies, interventions, and approaches and coordinate collaboration between recipients and CDC staff.

7. Participate in the design and implementation of surveillance systems and other epidemiologic research. This includes collaboration in the development of protocols for special studies.

8. Participate in analysis and interpretation of existing data.

9. Provide technical support in vital record linkage.

10. Participate with each recipient in evaluating the achievement of stated MCH outcome objectives.

11. Assist recipients in the evaluation of their maternal and child health

epidemiology program (MCHEP) activities.

Evaluation Criteria (Total 100 Points)

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

A. Background and Need (30 Points).

1. Background: Extent to which the scope and severity of the problem in relation to the "Healthy People 2000" objectives are described; and evidence that potential benefits of improving MCH epidemiologic expertise are understood.

2. Need: The extent to which the applicant needs support in reducing maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.

B. Surveillance and Risk Factor Identification (20 Points).

1. The quality of proposed surveillance and data collection activities, and the process for the application data collection findings for program planning and evaluation.

2. Evidence of commitment of State resources to support proposed MCHEP activity as demonstrated by the appropriateness of committed resources and the extent to which existing resources are directed toward data collection, analysis, program planning, and evaluation activities.

C. Plan of Operation (40 Points).

1. The quality and feasibility of plans to develop and implement the proposed recipient activities.

2. The feasibility of plans to meet staffing needs by hiring, training, or reassigning existing staff, the appropriateness of proposed organizational structure, and the appropriateness of the background and experience of the individuals responsible for carrying out proposed program activities.

3. The extent, nature, and appropriateness of collaborative relationships.

4. Appropriateness, quality, and feasibility of the plan and timetable for MCH capacity building.

D. Timetable (10 Points).

Extent to which timetable incorporates major MCHEP activities and milestones and is specific, measurable, and realistic.

E. Budget (Not Scored).

Extent to which budget appears reasonable to accomplish objectives as proposed.

F. Human Subjects (Not Scored).

Whether or not exempt from the DHHS regulations, are procedures adequate for the protection of human subjects? Recommendations on the adequacy of protections include: (1) Protections appear adequate and there

are no comments to make or concerns to raise; (2) protections appear adequate, but there are comments regarding the protocol; (3) protections appear inadequate and there are concerns related to human subjects; or (4) disapproval of the application is recommended because the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against the risks are inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.

Funding Priorities

Priority consideration may be given to applicants with communities that have the highest infant mortality and lowest birthweight rates.

Public comments are not being solicited regarding the funding priority because time does not permit solicitation and review prior to the funding date.

Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are subject to Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs as governed by Executive Order (E.O.) 12372. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of proposed Federal assistance applications. Applicants should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC for each affected State. A current list of SPOCs is included in the application kit. If SPOCs have any State process recommendations on applications submitted to CDC, they should send them to Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30305, no later than 30 days after the application deadline date (the appropriation for this financial assistance program was received late in the fiscal year and would not allow for an application receipt date which would accommodate the 60-day State recommendation process period). The Program Announcement Number and Program Title should be referenced on the document. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" State process recommendations it receives after that date.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Other Requirements

Human Subjects

If the proposed project involves research on human subjects, the applicant must comply with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations, 45 CFR part 46, regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurance must be provided to demonstrate that the project will be subject to initial and continuing review by an appropriate institutional review committee. The applicant will be responsible for providing assurance in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and form provided in the application kit.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Women, Racial, and Ethnic Minorities

It is the policy of the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to ensure that individuals of both sexes and the various racial and ethnic groups will be included in CDC/ATSDR-supported research projects involving human subjects, whenever feasible and appropriate. Racial and ethnic groups are those defined in OMB Directive No. 15 and include American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, Black and Hispanic. Applicants shall ensure that women, racial and ethnic minority populations are appropriately represented in applications for research involving human subjects. Where clear and compelling rationale exist that inclusion is inappropriate or not feasible, this situation must be explained as part of the application. In conducting review for scientific merit, review groups will evaluate proposed plans for inclusion of minorities and both sexes as part of the scientific assessment of scoring.

This policy does not apply to research studies when the investigator cannot control the race, ethnicity and/or sex of

subjects. Further guidance to this policy is contained in the Federal Register, Vol. 60, No. 179, pages 47947-47951, Friday, September 15, 1995.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (Revised 7/92, OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 314, Mailstop E-18, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before August 9, 1996.

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Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Hani Atrash, Division of Reproductive Health, Pregnancy and Infant Health Branch, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Mailstop K-23, Atlanta, GA 30341, telephone (770) 488-5187, fax (770) 488-5628, or Internet or CDC WONDER electronic mail at <hka1@ccddrh1.em.cdc.gov>.

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There may be delays in mail delivery and difficulty in reaching the CDC Atlanta offices during the 1996 Summer Olympics. Therefore, CDC suggests applicants use Internet, follow all instructions in this announcement and leave messages on the contact person's voice mail for more timely responses to any questions.

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Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health, Program Announcement TW-96-003: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control SEP: International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health, Program Announcement TW-96-003.

Time and Date: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., July 25-26, 1996.

Place: The Lawton Chiles International House (Building 16) National Institutes of Health Campus, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Discussed: The Special Emphasis Panel will review and evaluate all responsive applications received under Program Announcement TW-96-003. The intent of announcement TW-96-003 is to support the development of international training and research programs related to environmental and occupational health for foreign scientists, clinicians, and other allied health workers from developing countries and emerging democracies. It is anticipated that this training and research program will have significant benefits globally, as well as in the United States (US) and the