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#### Special Projects of National Significance; Evaluation Technical Assistance Center

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Funds

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1996 Grants for Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) funded under the authority of Section 2618 (a) of the Public Health Service Act, as established by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-381, dated August 18, 1990. This announcement solicits applications to design and develop an HIV Evaluation Technical Assistance Center. This Evaluation Technical Assistance Center will provide technical assistance to SPNS grantees in designing and implementing evaluation studies and dissemination activities for individual projects and develop and coordinate the implementation of any multi-site evaluations. Evaluation activities will

include a description and evaluation of the various demonstration projects involved in an effort to determine which models might be replicated and integrated into HIV/AIDS health care delivery systems nationally and an analysis of changes in client outcomes. Applicants *must* apply for a 5 year project period. The SPNS program, in collaboration with the HIV Evaluation Technical Assistance Center grantee, will provide technical assistance and support for the program evaluation studies for three groups of SPNS grantees. These grantee groups are: (1) Models of Integrated Service Delivery for Persons with HIV Disease, (2) HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative (a collaborative effort between the Departments of Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development) and (3) Health Care Services Demonstration Models for HIV Infected Youth.

This program announcement is subject to the appropriation of funds. Applicants are advised that this program announcement is a contingency action being taken to assure that should funds become available for this purpose, they can be awarded in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the program as well as to provide for an even distribution of funds throughout the fiscal year. At this time, given a continuing resolution and the absence of FY 1996 appropriations for the Ryan White CARE Act programs, the amount of available funding for these specific grant programs cannot be estimated.

The authorizing legislation specifies three SPNS program objectives: (1) to assess the effectiveness of particular models of care; (2) to support innovative program design; and (3) to promote replication of effective models. The SPNS program endeavors to advance knowledge and skills in HIV services delivery by stimulating the design of innovative models of care. SPNS accomplishes its purpose through funding the technical support and evaluation of innovative and potentially replicable HIV service delivery models.

#### **DATES:**

##### *Notification*

In order to allow HRSA to plan for the Objective Review Process, applicants are encouraged to contact the grants office in writing to notify HRSA of their intent to apply. This notification serves to inform HRSA of the anticipated number of applications which are being submitted. If notification is offered, it should be received within 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability of Funds in the Federal Register. The

address is: Grants Management Branch; Bureau of Health Resources Development; Health Resources and Services Administration; Room 7-15; Rockville, MD 20857.

##### *Application*

Applications for this announced grant must be received in the Grants Management Branch by the close of business April 29, 1996 to be considered for competition. Applications will meet the deadline if they are either (1) received on or before the deadline date or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date, and received in time for submission to the objective review panel. A legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service will be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Applications received after the deadline will be returned to the applicant.

**ADDRESSES:** Grant applications, guidance materials, and additional information regarding business, administrative, and fiscal issues related to the awarding of grants under this Notice may be requested from Mr. Neal Meyerson, Grants Management Branch, Bureau of Health Resources Development, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-15, Rockville, MD, 20857. The telephone number is (301) 443-2280 and the FAX number is (301) 594-6096. Applicants for grants will use Form PHS 5161-1, approved under OMB Control No. 0937-0189. Completed applications should be sent to the Grants Management Branch.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional technical information may be obtained from the SPNS Branch, Office of Science and Epidemiology, Bureau of Health Resources Development, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7A-07, Rockville, MD 20857. The telephone number is (301) 443-9976 and the FAX number is (301) 594-2511. Questions concerning the Health Care Services Demonstration Models for HIV Infected Youth should be directed to Evelyn M. Rodriguez, M.D., M.P.H., Office of the Director, Bureau of Health Resources Development, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-13, Rockville, MD 20857. The telephone number is (301) 443-9530 and the FAX number is (301) 443-9645.

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVES:** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) urges applicants to address specific objectives of Healthy People 2000 in their work plans. 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, D.C. 200402-9325 (Telephone 202-783-3238).

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### *Description of Grant*

This grant will support the establishment of an Evaluation Technical Assistance Center to provide evaluation and dissemination technical assistance. Applicants should propose a plan to provide technical assistance to design and implement outcome evaluation studies and dissemination activities for SPNS grantees funded under the Models of Integrated Service Delivery for Persons with HIV Disease Demonstration Projects, the HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative and the Health Care Services Demonstration Models for HIV Infected Youth. In addition, the HIV Evaluation Technical Assistance Center will be responsible for developing and coordinating the implementation of any multi-site evaluations within groups of similar projects.

Evaluation and technical assistance will include providing overall evaluation coordination, including data management and analysis, training in common procedures, and distribution of necessary materials to all projects. Specifically, the Evaluation Technical Assistance Center will work with the grantees in the planning phase to: (1) Provide advice regarding the evaluation personnel needs at the project level; (2) develop criteria for compatible computer equipment; (3) recommend cross-cutting outcome measures; (4) develop model data collection formats that can be used by grantees at their discretion and (5) provide assistance in the development, preparation and dissemination of evaluation results and findings. It is anticipated that many of these tasks will be coordinated through a series of grantee meetings to commence early in the first project year.

##### *Description of SPNS Projects*

The Models of Integrated Service Delivery Demonstration Projects will be a group of approximately eight to ten grants. These projects will focus on defining and evaluating innovative

models of care that address the formal linkage and integration of mental health, substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation and/or other critical services with HIV ambulatory medical care (such as primary medical care and/or home health care). In developing integrated models, projects will address the following sub-categories: (1) Coordinated delivery of HIV health and support services to specified transient, homeless, migrant, immigrant or mobile populations to ensure the delivery of a comprehensive continuum of care throughout the course of HIV infection and disease; (2) Delivery of comprehensive health and support services to Native Americans (American Indian, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians) through a linked network of providers experienced in caring for Native American communities; and, (3) Development of a formally linked system of HIV ambulatory care services for an underserved population group experiencing significant barriers to care, (e.g., ethnic and language minorities, visually or hearing impaired communities, the severely and persistently mentally ill, rural communities or *others*) that improves access to and retention in the health care delivery system.

The HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative. This initiative, a collaborative effort between the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is designed to develop and evaluate programs for the integration of medical, substance abuse, mental health services and other support services with housing assistance for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS and a serious mental illness and/or alcohol or substance abuse problems. The collaboration targets "on the street" homeless persons who currently do not have a place to live. Applicants should propose an innovative strategy for developing an integrated system of outreach, needs assessment, comprehensive health and other support services and various types of transitional and permanent housing which has the potential for replication. Related assistance is being announced under the Special Projects of National Significance component of HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The Evaluation Technical Assistance Center will be responsible for evaluating the medical, substance abuse, mental health and other support services components of these jointly funded projects.

Projects funded under the Health Care Services Demonstration Models for HIV Infected Youth will develop, expand, implement, and provide health and

related support services for youth with HIV infection. Three to four grantees will be funded to incorporate innovative health, nursing, and ancillary care services (such as mental health and substance abuse treatment) to improve participation by youth in HIV counseling and testing, diagnosis, prophylaxis, and treatment of manifestations and complications of HIV infection and AIDS, including: (1) Antiretroviral therapy to children and youth, and (2) prophylactic therapy for opportunistic infections for children and youth, including tuberculosis. Models will also determine the spectrum of HIV disease among treated and untreated children/adolescents (upon entry to care), the progression of HIV disease among children/adolescents, physical growth and development, adherence to antiretroviral treatment and PCP prophylaxis.

#### Review Criteria

Applications submitted to the SPNS program under this announcement will be reviewed and rated by an objective review panel. Criteria for the technical review of applications will include the following factors:

#### Evaluation Technical Assistance Center

**Factor 1: Professional Qualifications of Personnel (15 points)** Qualifications, i.e., professional degree(s), work experience, publication(s), training provider, etc., of the project director, existing staff, proposed staff and/or consultants in (a) the design and direction of national and multi-site health services models evaluation and/or research, (b) the dissemination of progress reports and final results of completed studies, (c) the provision of technical assistance on both qualitative and quantitative evaluation techniques, and in (d) the development of various types of dissemination products, i.e., professional journal articles, media work, manuals, training programs, etc.

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**Factor 3: Implementation Plan (25 points)** Comprehensiveness of

applicant's plan for implementing national and multi-site evaluation studies as evidenced by (a) the relevancy of the goals and objectives for measuring progress and achievement of completion of the evaluation studies, (b) the feasibility of the projected time line, (c) capability of meeting the needs of the Federal government through production of timely reports and providing assistance in managing the meetings of the three groups of grantees, and (d) meeting the needs of the grantees through the provision of ongoing technical assistance, designing efficient measurement tools, and the initiation and receipt of continuous support in their data collection process.

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#### **Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month March 1996:

*Name:* Council on Graduate Medical Education.

*Date and Time:* March 12, 1996, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* Governor's House Hotel, 17th Street at Rhode Island, Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

This meeting is open to the Public.

*Agenda:* The agenda will include a panel to discuss International Medical Graduates, data and trends, and entry and participation in the U.S. physician workforce. There will be reports and updates on the work Groups: Minorities in Medicine; Geographic Distribution/Medical Education Consortia; Physician Competencies in a Managed Care World; and IMG entry and Participation in the physician workforce.

Anyone requiring information regarding the subject should contact F. Lawrence Clare, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Executive Secretary, telephone (301) 443-6326, Council on Graduate Medical Education, Division of Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Service Administration, Room 9A-27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Agenda Items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Jackie E. Baum,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
HRSA.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner**

[Docket No. FR-2491-N-04]

#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments due: April 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Oliver Walker, Housing, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 415-7th Street, SW, Room 9116, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oliver Walker, Telephone number (202) 708-1694 (this is not a toll-free number)