

Long Island Savings Bank F.S.B., Melville, New York, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Stichting Prioriteit ABN AMRO Holding*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Stichting Administratiekantoor ABN AMRO Holding, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ABN AMRO Holding N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and ABN AMRO North America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; to acquire indirectly through Integrion Financial Network LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, 15.38 percent of the voting shares of CheckFree Corporation, Norcross, Georgia, and thereby engage in providing data processing and data transmission services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of the Board's Regulation Y. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than March 24, 1998.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 3, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Stamp Program: Grants for Nutrition Education Projects

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of competitive grants for Food Stamp Nutrition Education Projects.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a new program of competitive grants mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. These grants will provide for collaborative efforts to integrate and coordinate nutrition education into health, social service and food distribution programs to reach large numbers of food stamp participants and other low-income households. This notice sets out the objectives for these grant projects, the eligibility criteria for the projects and applicants, and the application procedures.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before May 8, 1998. Applications received after May 8, 1998 will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: To obtain program grant application materials, and to submit completed applications, please contact the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Contract Management Branch, Room 914, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Attn: Suzanne A. Pastura.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Speshock, Food Stamp Program, at (703) 305-2410, or via Internet mail at ed_speshock@fcs.usda.gov.

Legislative Authority

Section 1004 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33) (BBA) amended Section 11(f) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, (the Act) 7 U.S.C. 2020(f), to require the Department of Agriculture (the Department) to make available up to \$600,000 in each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001 to pay the Federal share of collaborative grants to eligible private nonprofit organizations and State agencies. As required in Section 1004 the Department, in deciding between 2 or more eligible project proposals, shall give preference to a private nonprofit organization or state agency that conducted and received funding for a collaborative nutrition education project before August 5, 1997, the date of enactment of this authorization.

Description of Projects

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the Department will conduct a one-time competition for grants to support the development or the continuation of collaborative food stamp nutrition education projects. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11(f) of the Act, as amended by the BBA, the food stamp collaborative nutrition education projects should be designed to: (i) Meet the food needs of Food Stamp Program participants and other low-income households; (ii) increase the self-reliance of households in providing improved food preparation, safety, and budgeting skills; and (iii) promote comprehensive approaches to local food and nutrition education activities. Successful proposals will include objectives which describe how the collaborative nutrition education project will support the design and implementation of nutrition education efforts that reach large numbers of food assistance program recipients, foster the development or continuation of nutrition network resources to better integrate nutrition education services, and provide integrated nutrition education outside of traditional program-centered delivery systems. Proposals that focus their nutrition

education messages on topics that have relevance to large numbers of program recipients, such as healthful eating behavior or economical shopping practices are encouraged rather than narrowly focused topics of interest to small segments of the eligible population. Healthful eating practices are those that are described in the Fourth Edition (1995) of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by private nonprofit organizations and State agencies. To be eligible for a food stamp collaborative nutrition education grant, as mandated by Section 1004, private nonprofit organizations and State agencies must agree to: (1) Use the funds to direct collaborative efforts to coordinate and integrate nutrition education into health, nutrition, social service, and food distribution programs for food stamp participants and other low-income households; and (2) design the collaborative effort to reach large numbers of food stamp participants and other low-income households through a network of organizations including but not limited to schools, child care centers, farmers' markets, health clinics, and outpatient education services.

Applications must contain a description of how the grant funds will be used for the four years of the award. Each year of the grant, beginning with 1998, should be described as a discrete portion of the project's work with all four years contributing toward the goals and objectives as spelled out in the proposal. The authorizing legislation, in particular Section 11(f)(2)(C), requires FNS, in deciding between two or more private nonprofit organizations or State agencies that are eligible to receive a grant, to give preference to an organization or State agency that conducted and received funding for that collaborative effort from FNS prior to August 5, 1997.

Availability of Funds and Award Limitations

The total amount of funds available will not exceed \$600,000 in each fiscal year beginning in 1998 and ending in 2001 to pay the Federal share. The Federal share of each grant will not exceed \$200,000 for each fiscal year and will represent 50 percent of each grant. Grant awards will be made to successful proposals for four years beginning in fiscal year 1998 with subsequent year funding subject to the availability of Federal funds. The non-federal share of these projects must be in cash. Funding

to support the non-federal share could include State agency as well as private non-governmental sources. No in-kind contributions are allowed as the non-federal share of the grant. Private sector contributions that require product endorsement or an advertising tie-in are not permitted, only unrestricted cash donations will be considered.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2011–2036.

Dated: March 2, 1998.

Yvette S. Jackson,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority; Office of the Actuary

Part F of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), (**Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 85, pp. 24121–24122, dated Friday, May 2, 1997, and **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 129, pg. 36294, dated Monday, July 7, 1997) is amended as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to reflect a change to the Actuarial and Health Cost Analysis Group in the Office of Strategic Planning (OSP). Specifically, the Actuarial and Health Cost Analysis Group (FAKC) and its subordinate divisions are abolished and replaced by the Office of the Actuary (OACT) which will now report directly to the Administrator. The functional responsibilities of the remaining components in OSP are not affected. OACT's administrative code is changed from FAKC to FAN.

The specific amendments to Part F are described below:

- Section F.10. (Organization) is amended to read as follows:
- 4. Office of Strategic Planning (FAK)
 - a. Research and Evaluation Group (FAKA)
 - b. Planning and Policy Analysis Group (FAKB)
 - c. Systems, Technical and Analytic Resources Group (FAKD)
 - d. Information and Methods Group (FAKE)
- 18. Office of the Actuary (FAN)
 - a. Medicare and Medicaid Cost Estimates Group (FAN1)
 - b. National Health Statistics Group (FAN2)

- Section F.20. (Functions) is amended to read as follows:
- 4. Office of Strategic Planning (FAK)
 - Develops and manages the long-term strategic planning process for the Agency; responsible for the Agency's conformance with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).
 - Provides analytic support and information to the Administrator and the Executive Council needed to establish Agency goals and directions.
 - Performs environmental scanning, identifying, evaluating, and reporting emerging trends in health care delivery and financing and their interactions with Agency programs.
 - Manages strategic, crosscutting initiatives.
 - Designs and conducts research and evaluations of health care programs, studying their impacts on beneficiaries, providers, plans, States and other partners and customers, designing and assessing potential improvements, and developing new measurement tools.
 - Coordinates all Agency demonstration activities, including development of the research and demonstration annual plan, evaluation of all Agency demonstrations, and assistance to other components in the design of demonstrations and studies.
 - Manages assigned demonstrations, including Federal review, approval, and oversight; coordinates and participates with departmental components in experimental health care delivery projects.
 - Develops research, demonstration, and other publications and papers related to health care issues.

18. Office of the Actuary (FAN)

- Conducts and directs the actuarial program for HCFA and directs the development of and methodologies for macroeconomic analysis of health care financing issues.
- Performs actuarial, economic and demographic studies to estimate HCFA program expenditures under current law and under proposed modifications to current law.
- Provides program estimates for use in the President's budget and for reports required by Congress.
- Studies questions concerned with financing present and future health programs, evaluates operations of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund and performs microanalyses for the purpose of assessing the impact of various health care financing factors upon the costs of Federal programs.
- Estimates the financial effects of proposals to create national health

insurance systems or other national or incremental health insurance reform.

- Develops and conducts studies to estimate and project national and area health expenditures.
- Develops, maintains, and updates provider market basket input price indexes and the Medicare Economic Index.
- Analyzes data on physicians' costs and charges to develop payment indices and monitors expansion of service and inflation of costs in the health care sector.
- Performs actuarial reviews and audits of employee benefit expenses charged to Medicare by fiscal intermediaries and carriers.
- Publishes cost projections and economic analyses, and provides actuarial, technical advice and consultation to HCFA components, governmental components, Congress, and outside organizations.

a. Medicare and Medicaid Cost Estimates Group (FAN1)

- Evaluates the financial status of the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds and prepares the annual report to Congress for the Medicare Board of Trustees.
- Prepares cost estimates for the HI program, the SMI program, and the Medicaid program for use in the President's budget.
- Estimates the financial effects of proposed Medicare and Medicaid legislation.
- Determines key Medicare program amounts, including the Part B premium rates, the inpatient hospital deductible, the Part A premium rate for voluntary enrollees, and the physicians' economic index applicable to prevailing fees.
- Develops the payment rates for the annual update of the Medicare+Choice capitation rate book, which is used to pay managed care organizations that enter into a risk contract with HCFA to provide benefits to Medicare enrollees.
- Serves as technical consultant throughout the Government on Medicare and Medicaid cost estimate issues.
- Provides actuarial consultation to other organizations in the research of managed care payment methodology.

b. National Health Statistics Group (FAN2)

- Develops, maintains and makes analytical use of the National Health Accounts (NHA) which include annual estimates and publication of National Health Expenditures (NHE) and periodic estimates and publication of NHE by age groupings or by region and state.