

ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation; (b) The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent; (c) A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; (d) A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

9. Animal Subjects (Not Scored)

If the proposed project involves research on animal subjects, the applicant must comply with the "PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals by Awardee Institutions." An applicant organization proposing to use vertebrate animals in PHS-supported activities must file an Animal Welfare Assurance with the Office of Protection from Research Risks at the National Institutes of Health.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Semi-annual progress reports including a brief program description and a listing of program goals and objectives accompanied by a comparison of the actual accomplishments related to the goals and objectives established for the period;
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/S E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Addendum I (included in the application package).

AR98-1 Human Subjects

Requirements

AR98-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR98-3 Animal Subjects Requirements

AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR98-11 Healthy People 2000

AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under Sections 20(a) and 22(e)(7) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 669(a) and 671(e)(7)). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.262 for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call 1-888-GRANTS4. You will be asked to leave your name, address, and phone number and will need to refer to NIOSH Announcement 98090. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures, and application forms. CDC will not send application kits by facsimile or express mail. PLEASE REFER TO NIOSH ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 98090 WHEN REQUESTING INFORMATION AND SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained by contacting: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98090, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/S E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6804, Email address: vxw1@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance contact:

Scott Deitchman, M.D., telephone (404) 639-1534, Email sed2@cdc.gov

or

Robert Mullan, M.D., telephone (404) 639-1533, Email rjm1@cdc.gov, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HIV Activity, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Mailstop D-40, Atlanta, GA 30333.

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA): CDC, NIOSH is committed to the program priorities developed by NORA. Copies of the publication, "The National Occupational Research Agenda" may be obtained from The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Publications Office, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998 or

phone 1-800-356-4674, and is available through the NIOSH Home Page, "<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.html>".

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement Number 98067]

Cooperative Agreement for a Suicide Prevention Research Center; Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 1998 cooperative agreement funds to establish a Suicide Prevention Research Center. This program addresses the Healthy People 2000 priority area of Violent and Abusive Behavior.

The purposes are:

1. To support Suicide Prevention Research Center (SPRC) which represent CDC's largest national extramural investment in suicide prevention research and training, intervention development, and evaluation;

2. To integrate collectively, in the context of a national program, the disciplines of epidemiology, medicine, biostatistics, public health, and behavioral and social sciences in order to prevent injuries from suicidal behavior more effectively;

3. To identify and evaluate current and new interventions for the prevention and control of suicide-related injuries;

4. To bring the knowledge and expertise of SPRC to bear on the development and improvement of effective public and private sector programs for suicide prevention and control; and

5. To facilitate suicide prevention efforts supported by various governmental and non-governmental agencies within a geographic region.

For additional information please see Addendum 2, Background and Definitions (included in the application package).

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit

organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$500,000 is expected to be available in fiscal year (FY) 1998 to fund one new center project. It is expected that the award will begin on or around September 30, 1998, and will be made for a 12 month budget period, not to exceed a project period of three 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.

D. Program Requirements

The following are applicant requirements:

1. Applicant must demonstrate expertise in some form of suicide prevention research.
2. Applicant must provide a director (Principal Investigator) who has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the project.

E. Cooperative Agreement Activities

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities).

1. Recipient Activities:

- a. Conduct, evaluate, and publish suicide prevention research.
- b. Design, implement, and evaluate suicide prevention programs.
- c. Collaborate with outside agencies and other entities which will allow for implementation of any proposed intervention activities.
- d. Collaborate with at least one National organization that has suicide prevention as its major objective and whose members are actively engaged in suicide prevention activities.
- e. Develop a curricula and graduate training programs in disciplines relevant to suicide prevention (e.g., epidemiology or behavioral sciences).
- f. Disseminate injury control research findings, translate them into interventions, and evaluate their effectiveness.

2. CDC Activities:

- a. Collaborate in establishing research and evaluation priorities, and defining the target populations.

- b. Provide technical assistance.

F. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan.

1. The narrative should be no more than 30 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unreduced font.

2. Applications must be organized as follows: Applications for support of a SPRC should follow the PHS Form 398 (Revised 9/91, OMB Control Number 0925-0001) format and should include the following information:

- a. Face page.
- b. Description (abstract) and personnel.
- c. Table of contents.
- d. Detailed budget for the initial budget period: The budget should reflect the composite figures for the grant as well as breakdown budgets for individual projects within the grant.
- e. Budget for entire proposed project period including budgets pertaining to consortium/contractual arrangements.
- f. Core Faculty: Biographical sketches of key personnel, consultants, and collaborators, beginning with the Principal Investigator and core faculty.
- g. Organizational collaboration: The applicant must describe a collaborative relationship with at least one National organization that has suicide prevention as its major objective and whose members are actively engaged in suicide prevention activities. The collaborating organization should be described in terms that demonstrate how collaboration with the applicant will strengthen the proposed SPRC. Roles and activities for collaborating organizations must be clearly specified in relation to the SPRCs goals and objectives. Evidence of relationships should be documented through letters that detail commitments and a clear statement of the role, activities, and participating personnel of each organization.

- h. Research and prevention plan including:

1. The proposed activities should be clearly described in terms of need, scientific basis, expected interactions, and anticipated outcomes, including the expected effect on injury morbidity and mortality. In selecting the theme, applicants should consider the findings in *Injury In America* and the *Year 2000 Objectives for the Nation*.

2. A research plan (design and methods) including hypothesis and expected outcome, value to field, and specific, measurable, and time-framed objectives consistent with the proposed theme and activities for each project within the proposed grant. The applicant must demonstrate that they have met the CDC/ATSDR policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed projects. This includes:

- a. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation;
- b. The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent;
- c. A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; and

d. A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

Human Subjects: If the proposed research involves obtaining data through intervention or interaction with an individual(s) or identifiable private information then the applicant must provide background information on the precautions that will be put in place to protect human subjects.

3. A description of the core faculty and its role in implementing and evaluating the proposed programs.

4. Charts showing the proposed organizational structure of the SPRC and its relationship to the broader institution of which it is a part, and, where applicable, to affiliate institutions or collaborating organizations. These charts should clearly detail the lines of authority as they relate to the center or the project, both structurally and operationally. SPRC's should report to an appropriate organizational level (e.g., dean of a school, vice president of a university, or commissioner of health), demonstrating strong institution-wide support of SPRC activity and ensuring oversight of the process of interdisciplinary activity.

5. Documentation of the involved public health agencies and other public and private sector entities to be involved in the proposed program, including letters that detail commitments of support and a clear statement of the role, activities, and participating personnel of each agency or entity.

G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS Form 398 (Revised 9/91, OMB

Control Number 0925-0001). Please adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS Form 398. Forms are in the application kit.

On or before July 21, 1998, submit to:

Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement Number 98067, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Room 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

If your application does not arrive in time for submission to the independent review group, it will not be considered in the current competition unless you can provide proof that you mailed it on or before the deadline (i.e., receipt from U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier; private metered postmarks are not acceptable).

H. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent reviewer group appointed by CDC. Applicants will be evaluated according to the following criteria (Maximum of 100 total points):

1. Core faculty, staff, and organizational capacity (30 points)
 - a. *Core faculty*: Qualifications, experience, and/or ability of core faculty in conducting research relevant to suicide prevention. Faculty history and experience in receiving research support from competitive sources of funding.
 - b. *Staffing plan*: Qualifications, adequacy, and appropriateness of personnel to accomplish the proposed activities.
 - c. *Organizational capacity*: Existence and availability of organizational resources and support for achieving research and prevention goals.
2. Organizational collaboration (30 points)
 - a. The extent to which the collaborative relationship (joint activities and access to the collaborative organization's membership for promoting prevention activities) will be considered and will strengthen the proposed SPRC.
 - b. The extent to which the collaborating organization is a National organization that has suicide prevention as its major objective and whose members are actively engaged in suicide prevention activities.
3. Research and prevention plan (40 points)
 - a. The extent to which suicide is a public health problem in the State(s) or region to be served by the SPRC.

b. The extent to which the applicant plans to provide consultation, technical assistance, and training to public and private agencies and institutions in the area of suicide prevention.

c. The extent to which the research plan is responsive to needed research in the area of suicide prevention.

d. If human subjects are involved, how they will be protected, i.e., describe the review process which will govern their participation. The applicant must demonstrate that they have met the CDC/ATSDR policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed projects. This includes:

1. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation;
2. The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent;
3. A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; and
4. A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

4. Budget (not scored)
Soundness of the proposed budget in terms of adequacy of resources and their allocation.

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

- a. Quarterly progress reports;
- b. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
- c. Final financial report and performance report, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Room 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Addendum 1 (included in the application kit).

AR98-1 Human Subjects Requirements

AR98-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR98-7 Executive Order 12372 Review

AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR98-11 Healthy People 2000

AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR98-13 Prohibition on Use of CDC Funds for Certain Gun Control Activities

J. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program announcement is authorized under sections 301, 317, and 391-394A (42 U.S.C. 241, 247b, and 280b-280b-3) of the Public Health Service Act as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

K. Where To Obtain Additional Information:

To receive additional written information call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name, organization, address, and phone number and will need Announcement Number 98067.

All application procedures and guidelines are contained within that package or can be found on the CDC Homepage. The address for the CDC Homepage is (<http://www.cdc.gov>). For your convenience, you may be able to retrieve a copy of the PHS Form 398 from (<http://www.nih.gov.grants/funding>).

Business management technical assistance, contact: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Room 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209, Telephone (404) 842-6796, E-mail address lgt1@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Timothy Thornton, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Mailstop K-60, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, Telephone (770) 488-4389, E-mail address tnt1@cdc.gov.

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