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Please refer to Announcement Number 98042 when requesting information regarding this program.

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) referenced in the Introduction through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone:(202) 512-1800.

Dated: June 24, 1998.

John L. Williams,

*Director Procurement and Grants Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(CDC).*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACF/ACYF/CB-98-04A]

Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications to Support Demonstration Projects Under the Adoption Opportunities Program

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the Notice of an Announcement published in the **Federal Register** on June 9, 1998 (63 FR 31502) by correcting the category of eligible applicants under Priority Area 98.3—Achieving Increased Placements of Children in Foster Care. For this priority area only State agencies are eligible to compete for funds. Under section 203(d)(1) of Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended, Pub. L. 104-235, states that the Secretary “shall make grants for improving State efforts to increase the placement of foster children legally free for adoption * * *. Additionally, states are encouraged to collaborate with private, non-profit agencies and Indian tribes to increase the number of adoptions or permanent placements of children who are in foster care.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite

415, Arlington, Virginia 22201, the telephone number is 1-800-351-2293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, 1998, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families published the Notice of Announcement Number: CB-98-04 in the **Federal Register** soliciting proposals to support demonstration projects under the Adoption Opportunities Program. The eligibility should have been limited to State social service agencies. This amendment corrects that error. Further, the Children's Bureau encourages states to develop collaborate agreements with private, non-profit agencies and Indian tribes to increase the number of adoptions or permanent placements of children who are in foster care. All other requirements for mailed applications/overnight/express mail service and hand-delivered applications/applicant couriers remain the same as in the original announcement.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 93.652, Adoption Opportunities Program)

Dated: June 23, 1998.

James A. Harrell,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. OCSE 98TIP-1]

Child Support Enforcement Demonstration and Special Projects; Federal/Tribal Grant (Cooperative Agreement) to Plan Tribal Child Support Programs

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The OCSE invites eligible entities to submit competitive grant applications to assist them in planning and preparing to run their own child support program. Applications will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this program announcement. Awards will be contingent on the outcome of the competition and the availability of funds.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is August 31, 1998. See Part IV of this announcement for more information on submitting applications.

ADDRESSES: Application kits containing the necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program announcement are available from: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of Automation and Special Projects (OCSE/OASP), 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 4th Floor, West Wing, Washington, DC 20447, Attention: Jay Adams, (202) 401-9240, 401-5539 (FAX), ljadams@ACF.DHHS.GOV, www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/oa/form.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), OCSE/OASP, Lucille Dawson at (202) 401-5437 or Lawrence A. Dunmore, III at (202) 205-4554, for specific program concerns regarding the announcement. Lois Hodge, Grants Officer/Team 1, (202) 401-2344.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program announcement consists of four parts:

Part I: Background—program purpose, program objectives, legislative authority, funding availability, and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.

Part II: Applicant and Project Eligibility—eligible applicants, priorities and preferences, and project and budget periods.

Part III: The Review Process—intergovernmental review, initial ACF screening, competitive review and evaluation criteria, funding reconsideration.

Part IV: The Application—application development, application submission.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13): Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information.

The following information collections within this Program Announcement are approved under the following currently valid OMB control numbers: 424 (0348-0043); 424A (0348-0044); 424B (0348-0040); Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (0348-0046); Uniform Project Description (0970-0139 Expiration date 10/31/00).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Part I. Background

A. Child Support Enforcement Program History

The mission of the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, which was established in 1975 under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, is to ensure that children receive financial and emotional support from both their parents. The program locates non-custodial parents, establishes legal paternity, and establishes and enforces child support orders. The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) administers the program in cooperation with the State and local agencies designated under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The OCSE provides direction, guidance and oversight to the States. The Federal government reimburses the bulk of the State agencies' administrative costs in the conduct of their responsibilities for the program.

B. Program Purpose

The CSE program is a Federal matching program where Federal funding is available for State expenditures eligible for reimbursement. A number of Tribes have been involved in CSE by way of agreements with States. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), as amended by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, provides a number of new opportunities for Tribes and tribal organizations to become more involved in child support enforcement.

The first of these opportunities involves changes to the Federal law that allow funding of tribal activities carried out under cooperative agreements with States. Prior to enactment of PRWORA, Federal funding under title IV-D of the Act was available, through the State, for eligible expenditures of tribes pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the State under which the State delegated any functions of the IV-D program to the tribal entity and the tribal entity complied with all requirements of title IV-D applicable to the function or functions delegated to the tribe. The amended Act authorizes State/Tribal cooperative agreements under which Tribes no longer need to satisfy all applicable IV-D requirements as specified in 45 CFR 303.107(c). Federal Financial Participation (FFP) continues to be available for expenditures under State/Tribal cooperative agreements if such expenditures are otherwise eligible for reimbursement under title IV-D of the Act and 45 CFR part 304.

C. Direct Tribal Funding

The second of these opportunities, direct funding from the Federal government, is the subject of this program announcement. New section 455(f) of the Social Security Act allows the Secretary to make direct payments to an Indian tribe or tribal organization that demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that it has the capacity to operate a child support enforcement program meeting the following objectives of Part IV-D of the Social Security Act.

- Establishment of paternity;
- Establishment, modification, and enforcement of support orders;
- Location of absent parents.

The Law requires the Secretary to issue regulations establishing the requirements which must be met by an Indian tribe or tribal organization in order for it to be eligible for direct funding under subsection 455(f).

D. Program Objectives

OCSE has undertaken a consultation process to obtain ideas, suggestions, and concerns from Tribes and tribal organizations regarding the regulations it must prepare before issuing direct grants to Tribes. OCSE (has or is in the process of) holding three major regional consultation meetings. In addition, OCSE sent packages of information on child support to all tribes and all major tribal organizations. An "800" number, (1-800-433-1434), has been established so that tribes can phone in comments pertaining to information on child support. The OCSE has also established a location on its internet site to receive comments. The internet address is <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/fdback.htm> OCSE thinks that another way to get information to help shape the Native American CSE program is to issue a small number of grants to Tribes and Tribal organizations to assist them in planning and preparing to run their own child support program. While our consultation meetings are good forums for discussion about child support enforcement and a good way for us to hear tribal ideas and concerns, we think that additional useful information can be gained by working with a few tribes in actually taking the first steps towards running their own child support enforcement programs.

E. Legislative Authority

Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.652(j), provides Federal funds for technical assistance, information dissemination and training of Federal and State staff, research and demonstration programs and special

projects of regional or national significance relating to the operation of State child support enforcement programs.

F. Availability of Funds

\$100,000 is available for FY 1998. We envision issuing 2 to 4 grants. A non-Federal match is not required. OCSE is also providing grants under a separate program announcement, **Federal Register**: May 8, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 89) pages 25490-25493, to a wide variety of public and private agencies. The purpose of these grants is to further the national child support mission, vision and goals as outlined in the CSE Strategic Plan with Outcome Measures for Fiscal Years 1995-1999. A copy of the CSE Strategic Plan may be obtained upon request (See **ADDRESSES** of this announcement).

G. CFDA NUMBER: 93.601—Child Support Enforcement Demonstrations and Special Projects

Part II. Applicant and Project Eligibility

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for these Tribal child support program grants are Tribes and Tribal Organizations. We will be selecting Tribes from two categories:

- (1) Tribes or tribal organizations with some experience with the child support program, e.g., through cooperative agreements with States and
- (2) tribes and tribal organizations with no direct experience with child support enforcement.

B. Federal Participation

OCSE anticipates substantial Federal involvement in these projects. OCSE will offer successful grantees considerable technical assistance and support. OCSE will be available to help grantees review their laws, look at how other Tribes have approached child support issues. This assistance will be provided by a combination of teleconferences and on-site visits.

C. Project Priorities and Preferences

OCSE plans to issue these grants mainly to Tribal governments or consortia of Tribal governments. While other tribal organizations may apply for grants under this announcement, they should be aware that OCSE will give preference to tribal governments or consortia, as noted in

Part III: Review Process, Competitive Review and Evaluation Criteria in this Announcement

Our expectation is that these grants will result in Tribes with previous CSE experience being capable at the end of

the grant to receive either direct funding under section 455(f) or a follow-up demonstration grant. For Tribes with no previous CSE experience, we expect that by the end of the grant period, the Tribe will have in place a detailed plan to guide the Tribe in its efforts to qualify for direct Federal funding under section 455(f).

D. Project and Budgets Periods

Generally, project and budget periods for these projects will be up to 17 months. However, OCSE will consider projects up to 36 months, if unique circumstances warrant. If OCSE approves a project for a time period longer than 17 months, OCSE will provide funding in discrete 12-month increments, or "budget periods." Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period but within the three year project period will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government.

Part III: The Review Process

A. Intergovernmental Review

This program is not covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities."

B. Initial ACF Screening

Each application submitted under this program announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that (1) the application was received by the closing date and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this announcement and (2) the applicant is eligible for funding.

C. Competitive Review and Evaluation Criteria

Applications which pass the initial ACF screening will be evaluated and rated by an independent review panel on the basis of specific evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria were designed to assess the quality of a proposed project, and to determine the likelihood of its success. The evaluation criteria are closely related and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. Points are awarded only to applications which are responsive to the evaluation criteria within the context of this program announcement. Applications will be

evaluated according to the following four criteria. Applications can receive a maximum of 90 points on these four criteria. Up to an additional 10 points will be awarded based on whether the applicant is a tribal government or consortia of Tribal governments and on the extent of the applicant's contribution to project costs.

(1) Criterion I: Understanding and Project Structure (Maximum: 20 points)

The application should describe the extent to which the project will contribute to OCSE's knowledge regarding how to structure the Native American CSE program and prototype. In evaluating this criteria, OCSE will look at the extent to which lessons learned from the applicant's project could be applied to a range of other Tribes and Tribal organizations.

(2) Criterion II: Design and Project Goals (Maximum: 20 Points)

The application should include a sound project design to achieve the project's stated goals. The main concern in this criterion is that the applicant should demonstrate a clear idea of the project's goals, objectives, and tasks to be accomplished. The plan to accomplish the goals and tasks should be set forth in a logical framework.

(3) Criterion III: Project Contribution and Effectiveness (Maximum: 30 Points)

The applicant should identify the extent to which the grant project will contribute to the Tribe's or organization's ability to run a successful CSE program.

(4) Criterion IV: Reasonable Costs (Maximum: 20 Points)

The project costs are reasonable in relation to the identified tasks.

(5) Additional Points: Tribal Contributions and Tribal Governments/Consortia (Maximum: 10 Points)

OCSE will award 1 point for contributions amounting to less than 10% of the total project budget; 3 points for contributions between 10% and 25%; and 5 points for contributions over 25%.

OCSE will give preference to Tribal governments or consortia of Tribal governments by adding 5 points to the scores of applications from such organizations.

D. Funding Reconsideration

After Federal funds are exhausted for this grant competition, applications which have been independently reviewed and ranked but have no final disposition (neither approved nor

disapproved for funding) may again be considered for funding. Reconsideration may occur at any time funds become available within twelve (12) months following ranking. ACF does not select from multiple ranking lists for a program. Therefore, should a new competition be scheduled and applications remain ranked without final disposition, applicants are informed of their opportunity to reapply for the new competition, to the extent practical.

Part IV. The Application

A. Application Development

In order to be considered for a grant under this program announcement, an application must be submitted on the forms supplied and in the manner prescribed by ACF. Application materials including forms and instructions are available from the contact named under the **ADDRESSES** section in the preamble of this announcement. The length of the application, not including the application forms and all attachments, i.e., Certifications, Disclosures, and Assurances, should not exceed 20 pages. The narrative should be typed double-spaced on a single-side of an 8½" x 11" plain white paper, with 1" margins on all sides. Applicants are requested not to send pamphlets, maps, brochures or other printed material along with their application as these are difficult to photocopy. These materials, if submitted, will not be included in the review process. Each page of the application will be counted to determine the total length. If applications exceed 20 double-spaced pages, the other pages will be removed from the application and not considered by the reviewers. Each applicant should submit one signed original and two additional copies of the application.

Applications must contain the following elements:

(1) Project Description: The application must spell out how the project will be carried out, i.e., what specific activities will be funded through the grant and who will carry them out.

(2) Project Goals and Objectives: The application must state what the project is intended to accomplish.

(3) Budget: The application must provide a proposed budget. If the applicant plans to contribute funds or other resources to the project, these should be described in the application.

B. Application Submission

1. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified

as late and will not be considered in the competition.

2. **Deadline.** Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are either received on or before the deadline date or sent on or before the deadline date and received by ACF in time for the independent review to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, Attention: Lois Hodge/Tribal Child Support, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Mail Stop 6C-462, Washington, D.C. 20447.

Applicants must ensure that a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or a legibly dated, machine-produced postmark of a commercial mail service is affixed to the envelope/package containing the application(s). To be acceptable as proof of timely mailing, a postmark from a commercial mail service must include the logo/emblem of the commercial mail service company and must reflect the date the package was received by the commercial mail service company from the applicant. Private Metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

Applications handcarried by applicants, applicant couriers, or by other representatives of the applicant will be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, ACF Mailroom, 2nd Floor (near loading dock), Aerospace Building, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). The address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application with the note "Attention: Lois Hodge/Tribal Child Support." ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

3. **Late applications.** Applications which do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

4. **Extension of deadlines.** ACF may extend an application deadline for applicants affected by acts of God such as floods and hurricanes, or when there

is widespread disruption of the mails. A determination to waive or extend deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

David Gray Ross,

Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on reporting and recordkeeping requirements relating to the manufacture and distribution of hearing aid devices.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information requirements by August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret R. Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.

"Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collections of information set forth below.

With respect to the following collections of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burdens of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Hearing Aid Devices: Professional and Patient Package Labeling and Conditions for Sale—21 CFR 801.420 and 801.421 (OMB Control Number 0910-0171—Extension)

Under section 520(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 360j(e)), the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may, under certain conditions, require by regulation that a device be restricted to sale, distribution, or use only upon authorization of a licensed practitioner or upon other prescribed conditions. Sections 801.420 and 801.421 (21 CFR 801.420 and 801.421) implement this authority for hearing aids, which are restricted devices. The regulations require that the manufacturer or distributor provide to the user data useful in selecting, fitting, and checking the performance of a hearing aid through distribution of a User Instructional Brochure. The User Instructional Brochure must also contain technical data about the device, instructions for its use, maintenance, and care, a warning statement, a notice about the medical evaluation