

that could be piloted in a selected jurisdiction to demonstrate feasibility and reasonableness.

7. The quality and comprehensiveness of the overall research plan that includes innovative approaches to best address the epidemiologic/surveillance, demographic characterization, health promotion interventions, and collaborative opportunities.

8. The degree to which the applicant has met CDC policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in proposed research. 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.

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.

#### *D. Management Plan and Project Goals and Objectives—30 Points*

This includes: 1. how the applicant will use the six month planning period to gather diverse input and engage all collaborating partners and constituencies in meeting the full range of activities required under this announcement.

2. The management work plan for conducting the project including the advantage defined by its placement within the applicant organization (include an organization chart and denote the relationship of this project within the applicant organization).

3. The presentation of the approach, methods, and goals, objectives and timelines for the first year by calendar month or quarter; and a work plan outline for the second, third, and fourth years of the project.

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7. The process for how the applicant will evaluate the management work plan and all research and outreach activities of the project.

#### *E. Budget Justification—Not Scored*

This criteria includes the adequacy of the budget justification and its relationship to program operations, collaborations, and services. Each line item of the budget must be well justified in a brief narrative with special attention given to contractual requests including the responsibilities of consultants, percentage time equivalents, hourly or daily rates, etc. This section will also be evaluated on the adequacy of facilities to conduct the project. The relevance of this section to the other evaluation criteria will be measured on the extent to which the budget narrative is reasonable, clearly documented, accurate, and consistent with the purpose of this announcement.

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For program technical assistance, contact Jack Stubbs, Office on Disability and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop F-29, Atlanta, GA, telephone (770) 488-7096. E-mail address: [jbs2@cdc.gov](mailto:jbs2@cdc.gov)

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 99010]

#### **Notice of Availability of Funds; Cooperative Agreement for a National Information Center on Physical Activity for Persons With Disabilities**

#### **A. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999

funds to establish a National Information Center on Physical Activity for Persons with Disabilities. The purpose of this Center is to provide information, technical assistance, and consultation on physical activity, exercise, and health promotion practices targeting persons with disabilities across all segments of the population. It includes addressing the prevention of secondary conditions in persons who have a disability by promoting and assessing the benefits of physical activity and exercise toward reducing the risk for associated adverse health and participation outcomes among persons who have a disabling condition. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority areas of Preventive Services and Physical Activity and Fitness.

#### **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. Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

#### **C. Availability of Funds**

It is anticipated that a maximum of \$750,000 will be available in FY 1999 to fund one award, including direct and indirect costs. It is expected that the project will begin on April 1, 1999, and the award will be made for a 12 month budget period within a project period of up to four years. Funding estimates may change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports, CDC site visits, and the availability of funds.

#### **Use of Funds**

Project funds may be used to support personnel services, supplies, equipment, travel, subcontracts, and other services consistent with the approved scope of work. Project funds may not be used to supplant other available applicant or collaborating agency funds, for construction, for purchase of facilities or space, or for patient care. Project funds may not be

used for individualized or group program support such as wheelchairs, sport/recreational and fitness equipment, assistive technology, and medical appliances unless specifically approved by the funding agency. Travel funds should be requested for three project staff to participate in a CDC Office on Disability and Health workshop in Atlanta, GA during the first budget year, and two project staff members to attend the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA in June 1999.

#### **D. Program Requirements**

Applicants should: (1) propose a full-time manager/coordinator with the authority and responsibility to conduct and manage all components of the project; (2) demonstrate the capacity to motivate persons with disabilities to engage in physical activity and exercise; (3) demonstrate the capacity to provide consultation to organizations that provide direct services, guidance, and instruction to persons with disabilities toward increasing participation and beneficial outcomes in physical activity and exercise programs; (4) demonstrate the capacity to serve in a national leadership role to establish and operate the National Information Center, given the applicant's reputation, experience, and expertise in the field; and (5) provide direction and leadership in developing recommendations and programs promoting fully accessible physical facilities and equipment designed to increase opportunities for physical activities and exercise for persons with disabilities.

#### **Cooperative Activities**

In conducting activities to achieve the purposes of this program, the recipient shall be responsible for activities listed under Recipient Activities, item A; and CDC shall be responsible for activities listed under CDC activities, item B.

##### **A. Recipient Activities**

1. Collect, compile, and provide information regarding physical activity and exercise for persons with disabilities on a national, regional, and state/local basis to a broad range of requestors including individuals, researchers, disability service organizations, community groups, service providers, legislative and governing bodies, and the public.

2. Identify, enumerate, and characterize the nature of such requests, inquiries and needs from persons with disabilities, providers, and organizations seeking information on physical activity and exercise.

3. Provide guidance for initiating and maintaining physical activity among persons with disabilities, including imparting information regarding the benefits of physical activity to individuals and to those populations served by requesting organizations.

4. Provide technical assistance and consultation in the design, conduct, and evaluation of health promotion and community-directed physical activity and exercise programs in targeted populations of persons with disabilities.

5. Develop and provide information regarding innovative and acceptable physical activity facilities (e.g. buildings, parks, trails, equipment, new technology) that are fully accessible and available to persons with disabilities with attention to geographical proximity and cost issues.

##### **B. CDC Activities**

1. Provide technical consultation on current available and emerging research, literature, epidemiological, and physical activity information in the United States.

2. Serve as a conduit for accessing other data sets and for referrals to information resources that would be of value to the information gathering/dissemination and technical assistance activities of the recipient.

3. Assist the project in the planning and organizing of conferences and workshops related to project activities regarding physical activity and exercise for persons with disabilities.

4. Assist the project in the transfer of information and methods developed in the project to other disability-related entities and programs.

#### **E. Application Content**

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Cooperative Activities, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. The application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out the program plan. The narrative addressing the scored criteria should be no more than 40 single-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unredacted font.

#### **F. Submission and Deadline**

##### **Letter of Intent (LOI)**

A non-binding letter of intent to apply is requested from potential applicants. The LOI should identify the announcement number, name the proposed project director, and describe the scope of the proposed project in not more than three pages. This letter will not influence review or funding

decisions, but it will enable CDC to plan the review more efficiently, and ensure that each applicant receives timely and relevant information prior to the application review.

The LOI should be submitted on or before December 22, 1998 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, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

#### Application

Applicants must submit a separate typed abstract/summary of their proposal as a cover to their applications, consisting of no more than two single-spaced pages. Applicants should also include a table of contents for the project narrative and related attachments. It is suggested that applications be organized to be compatible with the evaluation scoring criteria, as that is the process by which the review committee will assess the quality of the applications.

Submit the original and five copies of PHS-398 (OMB Number 0925-0001). Adhere to instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS 398. Budget and other required forms are in the application kit. Applications are due on or before Wednesday January 20, 1999.

Submit the application 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, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209. Please list Announcement Number 99010 on the covering address label. If your application does not arrive in time for submission to the 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).

#### G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

*A. Problem Statement and Evidence of Need—15 Points. This includes:* 1. The extent to which the applicant understands the purpose and requirements of the program.

2. The accounts of the value of promoting physical activity among persons with disabilities as an

important public health issue with cited references in the literature.

3. The presentation of the full range of information and communications activities that will be required with an inventory of resources and databases to be accessed as referral sources.

4. The description of unmet needs and gaps (barriers and constraints) as they relate to advancing a coordinated and comprehensive information system on physical activity and exercise among persons with disabilities; and how this project would move toward elimination of those barriers.

*B. Research Resources and Organizational Capacity—20 Points. This includes:* 1. The capability of the applicant to conduct the project, taking into account its institutional experience, evidence of leadership, and current activities in the field for those activities required.

2. The ability of the applicant to ensure timely access to necessary data and educational materials related to physical activity, denoting the sources for such data and materials.

3. The capacity of the applicant to provide evidence of effective collaborations and linkages with both the disability and physical activity fields, professional groups, service providers, fitness facilities, governmental agencies, and community organizations to meet the requirements of the project; including documented letters of support and commitments from those collaborating entities.

4. The capacity of the applicant to gather necessary demographic and functional outcome information regarding sub-group patterns for engaging in physical activity and the benefits to be derived; including the kinds and sources of information to be accessed, analyzed, and publicized, the staff/organizations charged with its control, and how that data would be used.

*C. Operational Approach—40 Points. This includes:* 1. The methods to be employed to establish an effective information resources system and communications network.

2. The approach to: (a) Gather information on the determinants (facilitators and barriers) to physical activity and exercise; (b) assess the perceptions and experiences of persons with disabilities and their families regarding physical activity; (c) formulate a strategy to enable and motivate persons with disabilities to engage in physical activity, exercise, and recreational programs; and (d) promote guidelines and recommendations for sustaining such activities over the long-term.

3. The methods by which the applicant will develop and disseminate educational materials on facts, benefits, programs, and motivational tools based on their value for promoting physical activity in persons with disabilities across all age ranges and literacy levels during medical treatment, rehabilitation, and in the home and community settings.

4. The approach proposed to construct a centralized listing of programs, events, and service providers to be disseminated to requestors for personal, organizational, and constituency use.

5. The accounts of the proposed resource development and communications capacity for employing information technology to reach key targeted groups including impairment-specific populations; children; older citizens; women; minorities; lower socio-economic strata; professionals/clinicians/fitness/allied health providers and educators/trainers; persons with varying fitness levels; and changing (persons with improving/regressing physical conditioning) in order to best translate information into physical activity and exercise programs and protocols for persons with disabilities.

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Mailstop F-29, Atlanta, GA, telephone (770) 488-7082. E-mail address: [jos4@cdc.gov](mailto:jos4@cdc.gov)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

### Federal Allotments to States for Social Services Expenditures, Pursuant to Title XX, Block Grants to States for Social Services; Promulgation for Fiscal Year 2000

**AGENCY:** Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notification of allocation of title XX—social services block grant allotments for Fiscal Year 2000.

**SUMMARY:** This issuance sets forth the individual allotments to States for Fiscal Year 2000, pursuant to title XX of the Social Security Act, as amended (Act). The allotments to the States published herein are based upon the authorization set forth in section 2003(c) of the Social Security Act and are contingent upon Congressional appropriations for the fiscal year. If Congress enacts and the President approves an amount different from the authorization, the allotments will be adjusted proportionately.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John K. Jolley, (202) 401-5284.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2003(c) of the Act authorizes \$2.380 billion for Fiscal Year 2000 and provides that it be allocated as follows:

(1) Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands each receives an amount which bears the same ratio to \$2.380 billion as its allocation for Fiscal Year 1981 bore to \$2.9 billion.

(2) American Samoa receives an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount allotted to the Northern Mariana Islands as the population of American Samoa bears to the population of the Northern Mariana Islands determined on the basis of the most recent data available at the time such allotment is determined.

(3) The remainder of the \$2.380 billion is allotted to each State in the same proportion as that State's population is to the population of all