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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02195]

Linkages of Acute Care and Emergency Medical Services to State and Local Injury Prevention Programs; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC) announces the
availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002
funds for a cooperative agreement
program for Linkages of Acute Care and
Emergency Medical Services to State
and Local Injury Prevention Programs.
This program addresses the "Healthy
People 2010" focus area of Injury and
Violence Prevention.

The purpose of this program is to
support collaboration between national
organizations of professionals in acute
medical care, trauma, emergency
medical services (EMS) with State and
local injury prevention programs and
CDC (Part 1). The recipient of Part 2 of
this cooperative agreement assumes a
coordination role among award
recipients, to assure successful
collaborative activities. This cooperative
agreement will facilitate the
development of relationships that will
be critical during routine operations of
acute care, trauma, and EMS services,
and in response to terrorism or
disasters.

Measurable outcomes of this program
will be in alignment with the National
Center for Injury Prevention and Control
(NCIPC) performance goal of building
State capacity to enhance injury
prevention efforts.

B. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program announcement is
authorized under 391 (a) [42 U.S.C.
280b] of the Public Health Service Act.
The catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance number is 93.136.

C. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to
national nonprofit and for profit
professional organizations, with at least
25 members, that address either acute
care, trauma, or EMS.

Since the ultimate purpose of this
program is to develop the capacity of
local injury prevention programs to
respond effectively to situations of
national disaster or emergency,
assistance is being provided to those
organizations (acute care, trauma or
EMS) best equipped to develop that
capacity.

Note: Public law 104-65 states that an
organization described in section 501(c)(4) of
the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which
engages in lobbying activities shall not be
eligible for the receipt of Federal funds
constituting an award, grant, contract, loan,
or any other form.

D. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$450,000 is available
in FY 2002 to fund approximately three
to six awards. It is expected that the
average award will be \$75,000, ranging
from \$60,000 to \$125,000 under Part 1.
Applicants under Part 2 of this
announcement are eligible for an
additional award, approximately
\$50,000 to 75,000, to conduct
coordination activities as described in
"Recipient Activities—Part 2" below.

Note: Applicants for Part 2 funding must
apply for and be approved for funding under
Part 1 of this announcement.

It is expected that the awards will
begin on or about September 30, 2002,
and will be made for a 12-month budget
period, for a one-year project period.
Funding estimates may change.

Use of Funds

Grant funds will not be made
available to support the provision of
direct care. Eligible applicants may
enter into contracts, including consortia
agreements (as set forth in the PHS
Grants Policy Statement, dated April 1,
1994), as necessary to meet the
requirements of the program and
strengthen the overall application.

E. Program Requirements

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 the
activities listed under "2. CDC
Activities."

1. Recipient Activities—Part 1

a. Develop a project that will build
relationships with State and local injury
prevention programs. Possible projects
include:

1. Collecting data or information
about relationships between the
national organization's membership or
State and local chapters and State and
local injury programs, for use in
planning purposes, or

2. Developing and implementing a
planning process to build relationships
with State and local injury programs, or

3. Developing web-based or other
information or communications linkages
that result in increased information
sharing among these organizations, or

4. Holding meetings or other events,
or conducting joint projects at the
national level or in selected States or
cities to build relationships with State
and local injury programs.

b. Communicate to members of the
national organization about the
importance of linkages with State and
local injury prevention programs.

c. Work with State and/or local
chapters and affiliates of the national
organization to build awareness of
potential benefits of linkages with State
and local injury prevention programs.

d. Identify a person or persons to
serve as liaisons to CDC and to
organizations affiliated with as well as
organizations representing local health
officials and other governmental and
non-governmental prevention partners
for timely distribution and
dissemination of Injury program and
policy information.

e. Collaborate with CDC to: (a)
Provide perspectives on policy
formulation and (b) communicate
rapidly with, and obtain and share
feedback from, members of the national
professional organization.

f. At project initiation, participate in
a CDC-organized conference call with
other funded award recipients to
identify potential collaboration
opportunities, and in conference calls
among other CDC grantees as necessary.

g. Work with the coordinating center
funded under Part 2 below, including
participating in conference calls,
meetings, and other joint activities.

Recipient Activities—Part 2

a. Develop a plan of outreach and
coordination to facilitate linkages

between acute care, trauma, and EMS organizations and State and local injury programs. This may include meetings at the national, State, or local level.

b. Conduct a periodic formal or informal information gathering activity with these organizations and State and local injury programs, regarding the status of their linkages with State and local injury control programs, obstacles to building of relationships, and opportunities for collaboration.

c. Conduct an assessment to determine what needs exist following implementation of efforts, and how to best fill those needs.

2. CDC Activities (applicable to both Part 1 and Part 2)

a. Provide technical advice in the development of systems to identify potential issues of interest.

b. Provide consultation and scientific and technical assistance in the planning of the project.

c. Work with the organization funded under Part 2 to identify opportunities for collaboration.

d. Provide program and policy information for dissemination to award recipients.

F. Content

Applications

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. 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. The narrative should be no more than six double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced font. Applicants interested in conducting optional (Part 2) coordination activities may submit a narrative not to exceed nine pages.

The narrative should consist of, at a minimum, a plan, objectives, methods, evaluation and budget addressing the "Recipient Activities" above.

G. Submission and Deadline

Application

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0920-0428). Applications must be submitted in hard copy and may not be submitted electronically. Forms are available in the application kit and at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm>

Application forms must be submitted in the following order:

Cover Letter

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Application

Budget Information Form

Budget Justification

Checklist

Assurances

Certifications

Disclosure Form

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Narrative

The application must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time August 2, 2002. Submit the application to: Technical Information Management, PA 02195, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. Applicants sending applications by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If an application is received after closing due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, CDC will upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

Applications which do not meet the above criteria will not be eligible for competition and will be discarded. Applicants will be notified of their failure to meet the submission requirements.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Application—Part 1

Applicants are required to provide Measures of Effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of Effectiveness must relate to the performance goal as stated in section "A. Purpose" of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative and must measure the intended outcome. These Measures of Effectiveness shall be submitted with the application and shall be an element of evaluation.

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

1. Staffing, Facilities, and Management (35 points)

The degree to which the applicant provides evidence of an ability to carry out the proposed project, the extent to which the applicant institution documents the capability to achieve objectives of this project, and the extent to which professional personnel involved in this project are qualified, including evidence of past achievements appropriate to this project.

2. Program Plan (25 points)

The adequacy of the applicant's plan for administering the proposed project.

3. Objectives (20 points)

The degree to which proposed objectives are clearly stated, realistic, measurable, time-phased, related to the purpose of this project, and regularly monitored and evaluated.

4. Background (15 points)

The extent to which the applicant understands the requirements, problems, objectives, complexities, and interactions required of this cooperative agreement.

5. Measures of Effectiveness (5 points)

The extent to which the applicant's Measures of Effectiveness are clearly designed to measure the intended outcome.

6. Budget (not scored)

Extent to which the estimated cost to the Government of the project is reasonable and clearly justified.

Application—Part 2

In addition to addressing the criteria for Part 1 above, applicants for Part 2 funding must separately address the following criteria:

1. Outreach Plan (40 points)

The adequacy of the plan of outreach and coordination to facilitate linkages between acute care, trauma, and EMS organizations and State and local injury programs.

2. Information gathering (30 points)

The adequacy of the applicant's plan to conduct a periodic survey of these organizations regarding the status of linkages with and local injury control programs.

3. Needs Assessment (30 points)

The adequacy of the applicant's plan to conduct an assessment to determine what needs exist following implementation of efforts, and make recommendations as to how best to fill those needs.

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Quarterly progress reports. (The progress report will include a data requirement that demonstrates measures of effectiveness.)

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

3. Final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment 1 of the application kit.

AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2010

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

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

AR-14 Accounting System Requirements

AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and associated forms can be found on the CDC home page Internet address—<http://www.cdc.gov> Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

For business management assistance, contact: Van A. King, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number (770) 488-2751, email address: vbk5@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Doug Browne, Project Officer, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop F-41, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone number (770) 488-1569, email address: drb7@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-2155-PN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for Continued Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed notice.

SUMMARY: This proposed notice acknowledges the receipt of a renewal application by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for continued recognition as a national accreditation program for ambulatory surgical centers that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. Section 1865(b)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act requires that within 60 days of receipt of an organization's complete application we publish a proposed notice that identifies the national accrediting body making the request, describes the nature of the request, and provides at least a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: We will consider comments if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on July 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-2155-PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. Mail written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-2155-PN, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be timely received in the event of delivery delays.

If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to one of the following addresses: Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-14-

03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

(Because access to the interior of the HHH Building is not readily available to persons without Federal Government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave their comments in the CMS drop slots located in the main lobby of the building. A stamp-in clock is available for commenters wishing to retain a proof of filing by stamping in and retaining an extra copy of the comments being filed.)

Comments mailed to the addresses identified for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late.

For information on viewing public comments see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Milonda Mitchell, (410) 786-3511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inspection of Public Comments: Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, at the headquarters of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to view public comments, call (410) 786-7197.

Copies: Additional copies of the **Federal Register** containing this proposed notice can be made at most libraries designated as Federal Depository libraries and at many other public and academic libraries throughout the country that receive the **Federal Register**.

This **Federal Register** document is also available from the **Federal Register** online database through **GPO Access**, a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office. The web site address is: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) provided the ASC meets certain requirements. Section 1832(a)(2)(F)(i) of the Social Security Act (the Act) authorizes the Secretary to establish distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as an ASC. Under this authority, the Secretary has set forth in regulations minimum requirements that an ASC must meet to participate in Medicare. The regulations at title 42, part 416 (Ambulatory Surgical Services) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)