

Please refer to Announcement Number 662 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.

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Ecology of the Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) in Peridomestic Settings

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide assistance for studies on the behavior, movement, reproductive biology, population structure, and relative infection status of deer mice (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) and deer-mouse populations inhabiting peridomestic environments.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section —Where To Obtain Additional Information.—)

Authority

This program is authorized under sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) [42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)] of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. Applicable program regulations are found in 42 CFR Part 52, Grants for Research Projects.

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children's Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which

education, library, day-care, health care and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations, and small, minority- and/or women-owned businesses are eligible to apply.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$150,000 is available in FY 1996 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1996, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and availability of funds.

Purpose

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist the recipient in gaining knowledge about the behavior, movement, reproductive biology, population structure, and relative infection status of deer mice and deer-mouse populations inhabiting peridomestic environments. This knowledge will lead to improved assessment of the risk of hantaviral infection in peridomestic environments and more effective reservoir control and risk reduction. Because the major reservoir of Sin Nombre virus (SNV) in the western United States has been the deer mouse, the initial studies should concentrate on the ecology of this species. However, as more information about North American hantaviruses and their rodent hosts becomes available, additional studies of other virus/rodent pairings may be appropriate.

Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under A. below, and CDC will be responsible for conducting activities under B. below:

A. Recipient Activities

1. Locate an area containing a variety of structures (occupied, unoccupied, or seasonally occupied; houses, trailers, and outbuildings; heated and non-

heated) where SNV infected deer mice are known to occur.

2. Use standard ecological and virological methods to monitor the dynamics of deer mouse populations and the dynamics of viral infection within host populations. Ecological techniques should include mark-recapture and/or radio telemetry studies. Virological techniques should be CDC approved and should include serology (on periodic blood samples taken from marked animals); methods may also include antigen-capture enzyme immunoassay and polymerase chain reaction for virus detection.

3. Studies similar to those outlined in #2 above with other virus/rodent relationships may be appropriate and should be considered as more information about North American hantaviruses and their rodent hosts becomes available.

4. Analyze and publish study results.

B. CDC Activities

1. Provide consultation and scientific and technical assistance to the recipient.

2. In collaboration with recipient, analyze study results.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

A. Background and Need

Extent to which applicant demonstrates a clear understanding of the purpose and objectives of this proposed cooperative agreement. Extent to which applicant demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements, responsibilities, interactions, problems, constraints, complexities, etc., that may be encountered in conducting the project and performing the studies. (30 points)

B. Capacity

Extent to which applicant describes adequate resources and facilities (both technical and administrative) for conducting the project including appropriate laboratory facilities. Extent to which applicant documents that professional personnel involved in the project are qualified and have past experience and achievements in research related to that proposed in this cooperative agreement as evidenced by curriculum vitae, publications, etc. (35 points)

C. Objectives and Technical Approach

Extent to which applicant describes objectives of the proposed project which are consistent with the purpose and program requirements of this

cooperative agreement and which are measurable and time-phased. Extent to which applicant presents a detailed plan for initiating and conducting the project which clearly and appropriately addresses all "Recipient Activities." Extent to which the plan clearly describes applicant's technical approach/methods for conducting the proposed studies. Extent to which applicant describes specific study protocols or plans for the development of study protocols that are appropriate for achieving project objectives. Extent to which applicant describes adequate collaboration with CDC during various phases of the project. Extent to which applicant provides a detailed plan for evaluating study results and for evaluating progress towards achieving project objectives. (35 points)

D. Budget

Extent to which the proposed budget is reasonable, clearly justifiable, and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds. (Not Scored)

Executive Order 12372 Review

This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements. Under these requirements, all community-based nongovernmental applicants must prepare and submit the items identified below to the head of the appropriate State and/or local health agency(s) in the program area(s) that may be impacted by the proposed project no later than the receipt date of the Federal application. The appropriate State and/or local health agency is determined by the applicant. The following information must be provided:

- a. A copy of the face page of the application (SF 424);
- b. A summary of the project that should be titled "Public Health System Impact Statement" (PHSIS), not exceed one page, and include the following:
 - (1) A description of the population to be served;
 - (2) A summary of the services to be provided;
 - (3) A description of the coordination plans with the appropriate State and/or local health agencies.

If the State and/or local health official should desire a copy of the entire application, it may be obtained from the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) or directly from the applicant.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Other Requirements

Animal Subjects

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 for Protection from Research Risks at the National Institutes of Health.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (Revised 7/92, OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 314, Mail Stop E-18, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, on or before August 20, 1996.

1. *Deadline:* Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either: a. Received on or before the deadline date; or b. Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the objective review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. *Late Applications:* Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.a. or 1.b. above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered in the current competition and will be returned to the applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

A complete program description and information on application procedures are contained in the application package. Business management technical assistance may be obtained from Locke Thompson, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE, Room 314, Mail Stop E-18, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, telephone (404) 842-6593, or through

the Internet or CDC Wonder electronic mail at: lxt1@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Jim Mills, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop G-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-1075, or through the Internet or CDC Wonder electronic mail at: jum0@ciddavd1.em.cdc.gov.

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Important Notice

Atlanta, Georgia, will be the host of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games (July 19 through August 4, 1996). As a result of this event, it is likely that the Procurement and Grant Office (PGO) may experience delays in receipt of both regular and overnight mail deliveries. Contacting PGO employees during this time frame may also be hindered due to possible telephone disruptions.

To the extent authorized, please consider the use of voice mail, e-mail, and facsimile transmissions to the maximum extent practicable. Please do not fax lengthy documents, contract proposals or grant applications.

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Emerging Infections Program

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for a cooperative agreement program to establish an Emerging Infections Program (EIP) to join a national network of EIPs. This program will assist in local, State, and national efforts to conduct surveillance and applied epidemiologic and laboratory research in emerging infectious diseases and to pilot and evaluate prevention measures. Although only one award will