

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement Number 98062]

Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998; Cooperative Agreement for Asthma Education

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for a cooperative agreement for the development, implementation, and evaluation of an asthma education and management program for families enrolled in Welfare-to-work programs.

The purpose of this project is to bring together public health expertise and welfare reform to provide the asthma education and management techniques necessary to enable families enrolled in the Welfare-to-work program to finish job training and enter the work force.

B. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are State health departments or other State agencies or departments deemed most appropriate to lead, coordinate, and conduct this project. This eligibility includes health departments or other official organizational authority (agency or instrumentality) of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.

If a State agency applying for funds is other than the official State health department, written concurrence by the State health department must be provided.

Only one application per State may enter the review process and be considered for award under this program.

Eligible applicants may enter into contracts and consortia agreements and understandings as necessary to meet the requirements of the program and strengthen the overall application.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$100,000 will be available in FY 1998 to support one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1998, and will be made for a 12-month budget and project period. Continued funding under this program will be based on grantee performance and the availability of funding.

D. Cooperative Activities

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient

will be responsible for the activities under A. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities under B. (CDC Activities).

A. Recipient Activities

1. Develop, implement, and evaluate in collaboration with other organizations, an asthma education and management program for families enrolled in the Welfare-to-work program.

2. Provide asthma education and management techniques to the target population.

3. Evaluate and analyze surveillance data in terms of the impact of asthma education and management on job training among the target population.

4. Disseminate findings.

B. CDC Activities

1. Provide programmatic technical assistance in planning, implementing, and evaluating program activities.

2. Provide up-to-date scientific information and activities of other projects in the area.

E. Application Content

All applications must be developed in accordance with the instructions for PHS Form 5161-1 (revised 5/96), information that is contained in this program announcement, and the instructions outlined in the following section headings. The narrative section of the application should not exceed 25 pages. The application pages must be clearly numbered, and a complete index to the application and its appendices must be included. Please begin each section of the proposal on a new page. The original and each copy of the application set must be submitted UNSTAPLED and UNBOUND. All material must be typewritten, double spaced, with un-reduced type on 8½" by 11" paper, with at least 1" margins, heading and footers, and printed on one side only. All graphics, maps overlays, etc., should be in black and white and meet the above criteria.

A. Description of Problem

Describe the issues related to requirements, problems, objectives, complexities, and interactions required in developing and implementing a project such as this. Include a discussion of past experiences with similar projects.

B. Goals and Objectives

For each of the elements cited in the program plan (item C. of Application Content), provide objectives that are realistic, time-phased, measurable, and consistent with the applicant's proposed theme, purpose, and objectives.

C. Program Plan

Submit a plan that describes how the project goals will be achieved. The plan must address the following topics:

1. "Study activities"—discuss the administrative and scientific capacity critical to the development and implementation of the study.

2. "Public Input and coordination of affected parties"—discuss the administrative capacity and plans necessary to ensure that the affected parties have ample input during all phases of this study.

3. "State agency linkages"—describe the linkages and support that will be used during the development, implementation and conclusion of this study and the potential long-term sustainability of the intervention.

D. Management and Staffing Plan

Submit a management and staffing plan that includes a list of key Department staff and, if appropriate, key contractor staff, their role in the study and their resume.

E. Evaluation

Describe how progress made toward meeting the demonstration objectives will be evaluated.

F. Budget

A detailed budget and justification should be submitted for the study. A brief budget projection should be submitted that clearly separates and distinguishes direct and indirect costs.

F. Application Submission and Deadline

The original and 2 copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (revised 5/96) must be submitted to David Elswick, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before *August 7, 1998*.

Deadlines: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline above if they are either: (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

G. Evaluation Criteria

The application will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Understanding the Problem (10 points)

Evidence of the applicant's understanding of the problem and the purpose of the cooperative agreement.

2. Measurable Objectives (20 points)

The consistency of the measurable objectives with the stated purpose of the cooperative agreement and the ability to meet the objectives and timetable within the specified period.

3. Proposed Plan (20 points)

The adequacy of the applicant's plan to carry out the activities proposed. Of particular interest is the potential long-term sustainability of the intervention and the involvement of community organizations.

4. Management and Staffing Plan (35 points)

The extent to which the proposal has described (a) the qualifications and commitment of the applicant in terms of related asthma projects, (b) allocations of time and effort of staff devoted to the project, (c) information on how the applicant will implement and administer the project, (d) the qualifications of the key project staff in terms of asthma related programs and experience.

5. Proposed Evaluation Plan (15 points)

The adequacy of the applicant's plan to monitor progress toward meeting the objectives of the project.

6. Budget (not scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, adequately justified, and consistent with the intended use of the cooperative agreement funds.

H. Other Requirements**Technical Reporting Requirements**

Provide CDC with the original plus two copies of:

1. Semi-annual progress reports including the following for each goal or activity involved in the study: (a) comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period; (b) the reasons for slippage if objectives were not met; (c) other pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of unexpectedly high costs for performance.

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

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

Send all reports to: David Elswick, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Room 300, Mailstop E13, Atlanta, GA 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

AR98-9—Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10—Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR98-11—Healthy People 2000

AR98-12—Lobbying Restrictions

AR98-7—Executive Order 12372

AR98-8—Public Health System Reporting Requirements

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, section 301(a) [42 U.S.C. 241(a)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this project is 98.062.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Please refer to Announcement Number 98062 and contact David Elswick, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6521, for business management technical assistance.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from James Rifenburg, Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mailstop F-39, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (770) 488-7322.

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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**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

[Announcement Number 98068]

Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998; Grants for Radiation Studies and Research**Introduction**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces that applications are being accepted for Grants for Radiation Studies and Research. The efforts funded by these grants will result in models and procedures that will improve systems to track environmental exposures and diseases.

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 areas of Environmental Health. For ordering a copy of HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000, see the section WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Authority

This program is authorized under Section 301(a) of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. Section 241(a)] as amended, and under the Occupational Safety and Health Act [29 U.S.C. Section 669(a)].

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include all non-profit organizations. Thus State and local health departments and other State and local governmental agencies, universities, colleges, research institutions, laboratories, and other public and private organizations, including small, minority and/or woman-owned businesses are eligible for these research grants.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$350,000 is expected to be available in Fiscal Year 1998 to fund approximately two to four awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$100,000-\$150,000, the range being \$60,000 to \$200,000 (including both direct and indirect costs). It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 30, 1998, and are usually made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.