associated with fecal contamination of fruits and vegetables. Growing, handling and processing methods used in the produce industry may increase the risk that these foods will become contaminated with fecal matter. The study will describe the chain of farm to shipping practices for three vulnerable produce groups (leafy lettuces, leafy herbs, green onions). Critical agricultural practices where contamination with foodborne pathogens is likely will be identified by measuring the microbial quality of produce at each step during harvesting and processing (farm to shipping). Sources of fecal contamination will be determined by measuring the microbial quality of irrigation and process water, measuring fecal indicator organisms on hand rinses from farm laborers and handlers, and conducting sanitary surveys of sources of human and animal feces in and around the farms and processing areas. CDC/NCEH is requesting a 3-year clearance. The total annual burden hours are 54.2.

Respondents	No. of respondents	Responses/respondent	Avg. burden/respondent (in hrs.)
Farm Recruiting visit	14	1	30/60
Packing Facility Recruiting visit	9	1	30/60
Farm Manager interview (in person)	12	2	30/60
Packing Facility Manager interview (in person)	8	1	30/60
Hand rinse sample collection	160	1	30/60

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639–7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

STOP IT NOW! Public Awareness Campaign—New—It is estimated that one in five girls and one in ten boys have been sexually abused before the age of eighteen. The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recognized child sexual abuse as a public health problem for several years. As a result, CDC plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the STOP IT NOW! public awareness campaign in Philadelphia as an innovative approach to child sexual abuse prevention and modify the campaign for national use. Ultimately, CDC will examine some of the more promising interventions implemented in communities across the nation to determine if these can be replicated. STOP IT NOW! is a non-profit organization founded to challenge and change sexual abuse behaviors toward children.

The goals of the proposed data collection are:

—To inform the implementation of the campaign

—To inform the modification and expansion of the program to a national level

—To collect baseline data that will later be compared to post-campaign data to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign.

The total annual burden hours are 280.

Form	Type of respondents	No. of respondents per year	No. of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)
1	Philadelphia Residents	600	1	15/60
2	Legal Community	130 (65 intervention 65 comparison)	1	15/60
3	Treatment Community	130 (65 intervention 65 comparison)	1	15/60
4	Police	130 (65 intervention 65 comparison)	1	15/60
5	Child Protective Services	130 (65 intervention 65 comparison)	1	15/60

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Innovative HIV Testing: Operational Research Among People of Color Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2000 funds for a cooperative agreement program to conduct Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) related operational research for the control and prevention of HIV. The purpose of this program is to: (1) Encourage studies of using the new rapid HIV tests in different settings (Operational Research), specifically focused on African American, Latino, and other racial and ethnic minorities that are underserved and/or disproportionally affected by the HIV epidemic, and conducted by researchers who have experience working with these populations; (2) learn more about the effects of rapid HIV testing on motivators and barriers to HIV testing at the individual, provider and system levels; and (3) foster collaborations between organizations serving minority communities and their respective state and local health departments in the design and implementation of innovative practical strategies using rapid HIV tests to increase knowledge of HIV serostatus and facilitate entry into prevention and care systems.

For the purpose of this announcement, operational research is defined as the design, implementation, and systematic observation of model health service delivery systems to evaluate their performance and improve their effectiveness.

For the purpose of this program announcement, research studies should specifically focus on racial and ethnic minorities that are underserved and/or disproportionally affected by the HIV epidemic (African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Asian and Pacific Islanders). Applicants should demonstrate access to and experience working with the selected minority population(s). Applications are encouraged from research organizations involving minority researchers as principal investigators (PIs) or major co-investigators.

This program addresses the ''Healthy People 2010'' focus area of HIV. For the conference copy of ''Healthy People 2010'' visit the internet site: <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations, community-based, national, and regional organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents or instrumentalities, federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, Indian tribes or 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

Approximately $800,000 is available in FY 2000 to fund approximately four awards. It is expected that the average award will be $200,000, ranging from $100,000—$300,000. It is expected that awards will begin September 30, 2000, and will be made for a 12 month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period are based on the availability of funds and success in demonstrating progress toward achievement of objectives.

Funding Preferences

Preference for awards will be given to: (1) Ensuring geographic and risk group diversity; and (2) applicants with at least two years of demonstrated experience conducting operational research with minority populations that are underserved and/or disproportionally affected by the HIV epidemic.

D. 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
   a. Develop and draft a research protocol.
   b. Implement activities according to the approved research protocol.
   c. Share study-related data with CDC as appropriate, with the frequency and in the format agreed upon after protocol development.
   d. Compile and disseminate findings of the operational research.
2. CDC Activities
   a. Assist as needed in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project. The CDC IRB will review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is completed.
   b. Monitor and evaluate scientific and operational accomplishments of the project through periodic site visits, telephone calls, and review of technical reports and interim data analysis.
   c. Assist as needed in facilitating the planning and implementation of the necessary linkages with local or State health departments, and with the logistics of using investigational rapid HIV tests in operational research projects.
   d. Facilitate the technological and methodological dissemination of successful prevention and intervention models to appropriate target audiences such as State and local health departments, community based organizations, and other health professionals.
   e. Provide technical assistance in planning and evaluating strategies and protocols, as requested, and ongoing consultation and technical assistance for effective program planning and management.
   f. Convene meetings annually or as necessary for protocol development, information sharing, problem solving, and training.

E. Application Content

Application

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop your 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 consist of:

1. Abstract (Not to exceed 1 page): An executive summary of the program proposed under this announcement.

2. Program Plan (Not to exceed 10 pages): In developing the application under this announcement, please review the recipient activities and, in particular, evaluation criteria and respond concisely and completely.