

The extent to which the applicant describes the plans for using surveillance data to develop and implement programs to prevent birth defects and/or activities to improve the access of children with birth defects to health services and early interventions. Specific criteria include:

- a. Plan for working with appropriate partners in the State; and
- b. Plan for using the surveillance data to develop prevention or intervention programs.

5. Organizational and program personnel capability (15 percent)

The extent to which the applicant has the experience, skills, and ability to develop and improve birth defects surveillance and use surveillance data to develop prevention or intervention programs. The adequacy of the present staff and capability to assemble competent staff to implement a birth defects surveillance system and develop programs for prevention or intervention. The applicant shall identify, to the extent possible, all current and potential personnel who will work on this cooperative agreement, including qualifications and specific experience as it relates to the requirements set forth in this request.

6. Matching funds (5 percent)

The extent to which the applicant proposes matching funds. Matching funds may be contributions by the recipient of at least five percent of Federal funds awarded under this program. The applicant should identify and describe:

- a. The amount expended during the preceding year for birth defects surveillance activities and birth defects prevention and intervention activities. These amounts will be used to establish a baseline for current and future match amounts; and
- b. Sources of matching funds for the project and the estimated amounts from each.

7. Budget justification and adequacy of facilities (not scored)

The budget will be evaluated for the extent to which it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of the cooperative agreement funds. The applicant shall describe and indicate the availability of facilities and equipment necessary to carry out this project. Proposed matching funds must be detailed in the budget.

8. Human subject review (not scored)

The applicant must clearly state whether or not human subjects will be used in research and ensure that adequate human subjects protections will be implemented.

H. Other Requirements

An original and two copies of semi-annual progress reports are required of all grantees. Due dates for the semi-annual reports will be established at the time of award. Final financial status and performance reports are required no later 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, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

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

- AR98-1 Human Subjects Requirements
- AR98-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR98-7 Executive Order 12372 Review
- AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR98-11 Healthy People 2000
- AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 301(a), 311 and 317C of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 241(a), 243, and 247b-4], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.238.

J. 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 David C. 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, Georgia 30305, telephone (404) 842-6630.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Larry D. Edmonds or Paula W. Yoon, State Services, Birth Defects and Genetic Diseases Branch, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway NE., Mailstop F-45, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone (404) 488-7170.

Please refer to Announcement Number 98051 when requesting information and submitting an application.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement Number 98065]

Grant to Study a Healthy Home/Healthy Community Intervention Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for a grant to evaluate the effectiveness of a Healthy Homes/Healthy Community intervention to improve children's health by addressing environmental hazards in deteriorating communities and inadequate housing. This program addresses the Healthy People 2000 priority areas of Environmental Health, Educational and Community-Based Programs, and Maternal and Infant Health.

The purpose of this program is the implementation and evaluation of an intervention strategy in a target neighborhood to prevent childhood disease caused by health hazards in the residential environment. This intervention will be to bring to bear private- and public-sector financing to reduce multiple environmental hazards and associated childhood morbidities at the level of both individual home and surrounding neighborhood.

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 agent.

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 \$100,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund 1 award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1998, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Funding estimates may change.

Use of Funds

- Applicants may enter into contracts and consortia agreements and understandings as necessary to meet the requirements of the program and strengthen the overall application.
- Grants funds may not be expended for medical care and treatment or for environmental remediation.

D. Cooperative Activities

The following are applicant requirements:

1. A director with specific authority and responsibility to carry out the requirements of the project and has demonstrated experience in conducting relevant epidemiologic studies, including publication of original research in peer-reviewed journals.
2. Design, implement and evaluate a single strategy intervention which may be based on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), a Federal law requiring federally insured deposit facilities (e.g. banks and thrift-deposit agencies) to respond to identified credit needs in low-income communities that they serve. (To obtain information on CRA see WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)
3. Evaluate and interpret the outcome of the intervention, including, collecting and analyzing data necessary to enable measurement of these outcomes.
4. Disseminate research findings.

E. Application Content

Use the information in the COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, 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 30 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unreduced font.

Please prepare your application following the instructions in the PHS Form 398. The following are requirements:

1. Research and intervention plan including: The proposed activities

should be clearly described in terms of need, scientific basis, target neighborhood, financial institution participation, expected interactions, and anticipated outcomes.

2. A research plan (design and methods) including hypothesis and expected outcome, value to field, and specific, measurable, and time-framed objectives consistent with the proposed intervention strategy. The applicant must demonstrate that they have met the CDC/ATSDR policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed projects. 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; and
- 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.

Human Subjects: If the proposed research involves obtaining data through intervention or interaction with an individual(s) or identifiable private information, then the applicant must provide background information on the precautions that will be put in place to protect human subjects.

3. Plans to collect baseline and post-intervention measures of environmental hazards, for example, the number of residential units in a defined neighborhood with specified hazards.

4. Plans to collect baseline and post-intervention measures of specified health effects among children (e.g., hospital admissions for asthma or specified injuries, reports of rat bites, elevated blood lead levels, pesticide or other household poisonings).

5. Evidence of effective and well-defined working relationships within the performing organization and with outside entities which will ensure implementation of the proposed study.

6. Evidence of access to a laboratory with necessary proficiency in performing environmental and biologic laboratory measurements as required by the proposed study protocol.

7. Plans to ensure that children identified with health conditions associated with environmental hazards are referred for appropriate medical and environmental management. If the applicant does not have direct responsibility for such activities, a letter

of support from the organization with that responsibility is required.

8. Evidence of ability to identify and gain access to a neighborhood with demonstrated environmental hazards and associated childhood morbidities among residents, and to collect appropriate environmental and biologic data.

9. Evidence that a deposit facility (bank or thrift) that is subject to the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act has agreed to participate in the intervention strategy.

F. Application Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS Form 398 (Revised 5/95, OMB Control Number 0925-0001) (adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS Form 398). Forms are in the application kit. On or before August 10, 1998, submit the application to: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement Number 98065, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

If your application does not arrive in time for submission to the independent 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., a legibly dated 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.

1. Research and Intervention Plan (50 Points)

- a. Description of the intervention strategy and how it will be implemented that is sufficient to enable replication of the intervention.

- b. Evaluation plans; scientific soundness (including description of both hazard and health-effect outcomes to be measured, adequate sample size with power calculations), quality, feasibility, consistency with the project goals.

- c. Access to suitable target neighborhood and cooperation of a financial institution.

2. Environmental, Educational, and Medical Intervention (15 Points)

Ability to provide appropriate referral for children identified as having the

environmental exposures specified in the intervention.

3. Project Personnel (15 Points)

The qualifications, experience, (including experience in conducting relevant studies) and time commitment of the staff needed to ensure implementation of the project.

4. Laboratory Capacity (10 Points)

Documented availability of a laboratory with demonstrated proficiency in performing laboratory measurements as indicated in applicant's proposed study.

5. Performance Measurement (10 Points)

Schedule for implementing and monitoring the project. The extent to which the application documents specific, attainable, and realistic goals and clearly indicates the performance measures that will be monitored, how they will be monitored, and with what frequency.

6. Budget and Justification (Not Scored)

The budget will be evaluated for the extent to which it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds.

7. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

If human subjects will be involved, how will they be protected, i.e., describe the review process which will govern their participation. The applicant must demonstrate that they have met the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

- The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation;
- The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent;
- A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; and
- 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.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements
Provide CDC with the original plus two copies of

- Annual progress reports including the following for each goal or activity involved in the study:

- a comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period;
 - the reasons for slippage if established goals were not met; and
 - other pertinent information and data essential to evaluating progress.
- Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period, and
 - Final financial report and performance report no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.
- Send all reports to: Lisa T. Garbarino, 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, Georgia 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).

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- AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

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. section 241(a)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.197.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name, organization, address, and phone number and will need Announcement Number 98065. All application procedures and guidelines are contained within that package or can be found on the CDC Home Page. The address for the CDC Home Page is [<http://www.cdc.gov>].

Business management technical assistance, contact: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement Number 98065, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209,

Telephone: (404) 842-6796, E-mail address: lgt1@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Nancy Tips, National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Room 1320, Mailstop F-42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-7277, E-mail address: nmt1@cdc.gov.

To receive the document Innovative Financing Sources for Lead Hazard Control published by the Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, or the booklet on Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), contact Nancy Tips. (Address and number above.)

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[Announcement 98050]

A Young Worker Community-Based Health Education Project Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the nation's prevention agency, announces the availability of funds for fiscal year (FY) 1998 for a cooperative agreement program which would consider and utilize existing health education materials and methods that address young worker health issues. Community-based education intervention and its evaluation are the core activities to be accomplished. This project is related to the priority areas of Special Populations and Intervention Effectiveness Research in the National Occupational Research Agenda.

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 Occupational Safety and Health. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000,