

particular corporate structure, mission, size and employee composition. The statutes, regulations and guidelines of the Federal and State health insurance programs, as well as the policies and procedures of the private health plans, should be integrated into every clinical laboratory's compliance program.

The OIG recognizes that the health care industry in this country, which reaches millions of beneficiaries and expends about a trillion dollars annually, is constantly evolving. As stated throughout this guidance, compliance is a dynamic process that helps to ensure that clinical laboratories and other health care providers are better able to fulfill their commitment to ethical behavior, as well as meet the changes and challenges being imposed upon them by Congress and private insurers. Ultimately, it is OIG's hope that a voluntarily created compliance program will enable clinical laboratories to meet their goals, improve the quality of services and control of claims submission, and substantially reduce fraud, waste and abuse, as well as the cost of health care to Federal, State and private health insurers.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

June Gibbs Brown,

Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Mental Health Services; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a teleconference meeting of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council on August 24, 1998.

The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications and contract proposals. Therefore, the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (3), (4) and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 10(d).

An agenda and a roster of Council members may be obtained from Ms. Patricia Gratton, Committee Management Officer, CMHS, Room 11C-26, Parklawn Building, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-7987.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose

name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: CMHS National Advisory Council.

Meeting date: August 24, 1998.

Place: CMHS Conference Room 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15-94, Rockville, MD 20857.

Closed: August 24, 1998, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Contact: Anne Mathews-Younes, Ed.D., Executive Secretary, Room 18C-05, Parklawn Building, Telephone: (301) 443-0554 and FAX (301) 443-7912.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

Dee Herman,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4211-FA-03]

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately Owned Housing: Fiscal Year 1997: Announcement of Funding Awards

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary—Office of Lead Hazard Control.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the NOFA for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately Owned Housing. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the award recipients and the amounts of awards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellis G. Goldman, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 755-1785, ext 112. Hearing and speech-impaired persons may access the number above via TTY by calling the toll free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the competition was to award grant funding for \$50,000,000 for the grant program for lead-based paint

hazard control in low income private housing.

The 1997 awards announced in this Notice were selected for funding in a competition announced in a **Federal Register** notice published on June 6, 1997 (62 FR 30380). Applications were scored and selected on the basis of selection criteria contained in that Notice.

A total of \$50,000,000 has been awarded to twenty-five grantees. In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), Department is publishing the names, addresses, and amounts of those awards as follows.

Category A Grants

City of Phoenix

Lead Hazard Control Program, 200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85003, \$2,000,000

City of Long Beach

Department of Health & Human Services, 2525 Grand Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815-1765, \$2,000,000

City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Housing Department, 400 Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, \$2,900,000

City of Richmond

Richmond Redevelopment Agency, 330 25th St., Richmond, CA 94804, \$2,300,000

Town of Manchester

Manchester Lead Abatement Project, 63 East Center St., Suite 2A, Manchester, CT 06040, \$2,000,000

District of Columbia

Department of Health, 800 9th St., SW., Washington, DC 20024, \$2,200,000

City of Lawrence

Community Development Department, 225 Essex St., Lawrence, MA 01840, \$2,900,000

City of Springfield

Office of Housing, 81 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103, \$1,800,000

City of Baltimore

Baltimore City Health Department, 210 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, MD 21044, \$2,000,000

City of Portland

Portland Lead-Safe Housing Program, 389 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101, \$1,400,000

City of St. Louis
Community Development Agency, 1015
Locust, Suite 1200, St. Louis, MO
63101, \$2,900,000

State of New Hampshire
NH Housing Finance Authority, 32
Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH
03110, \$2,900,000

Monroe County
Monroe County Department of Health,
111 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY
14692, \$1,700,000

City of Akron
Department of Public Health, 177 South
Broadway, Akron, OH 44308,
\$2,500,000

Cuyahoga County
Cuyahoga County Board of Health, 1375
Euclid Ave., Suite 524, Cleveland, OH
44115-1882, \$1,500,000

City of Portland
Bureau of Housing and Community
Development, 808 SW. 3rd, Suite 600,
Portland, OR 97204, \$2,900,000

City of East Providence
Department of Planning, 145 Taunton
Ave., East Providence, RI 02914-4505,
\$1,600,000

City of Houston
Houston Department of Health and
Human Services, 8000 N. Stadium
Drive, Houston, TX 77054, \$2,000,000

Harris County
Community Development Agency, 3100
Timmons Lane, Suite 220, Houston,
TX 77027, \$2,200,000

City of Lynchburg
Community Development Division, 900
Church St., Lynchburg, VA 24505,
\$2,300,000

City of Richmond
Department of Public Health, 701 N.
25th St., Richmond, VA 23223,
\$2,000,000

Category B Grants

Alameda County
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program,
2000 Embarcadero, Suite 300,
Oakland, CA 94606-, \$1,400,000

City of Boston
Department of Neighborhood
Development, 249 River St., Bldg. E,
Boston, MA 02126, \$642,000

Butte-Silver Bow County
Butte-Silver Bow County Health
Department, 25 West Front St., Butte,
MT 59701, \$558,000

Grand Gateway Economic Development
Council of Governments, 333 S. Oak, PO
Drawer B, Big Cabin, OK 74332-0502,
\$1,400,000

Dated: August 13, 1998.

David E. Jacobs,

Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of a Proposal for a Minor Adjustment to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency's Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan in Western Riverside County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service has under consideration a proposal for a minor adjustment to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency's Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan). The proposed minor adjustment is in accordance with the Plan and Implementation Agreement for the existing section 10(a)(1)(B) permit (PRT-739678) issued by the Service in May 1996. The applicant is the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (Agency), a joint powers agency comprised of the following nine member agencies: County of Riverside, City of Corona, City of Hemet, City of Lake Elsinore, City of Moreno Valley, City of Murrieta, City of Perris, City of Riverside, and the City of Temecula. In response to the proposal, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and is available. This notice describes the currently proposed action and alternatives, and solicits comments on the issues and alternatives raised in the Environmental Assessment.

DATES: Written comments related to the Service's Environmental Assessment and the Applicant's proposed minor adjustment to the Plan should be received by the Service on or before September 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Information, comments, or questions regarding the Environmental Assessment and the Applicant's proposed minor adjustment to the Plan should be submitted to Mr. Ken S. Berg, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written

comments also may be sent by facsimile to (760) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Bartel, Assistant Field Supervisor, at the above Carlsbad address, telephone (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

Individuals wishing copies of the Environmental Assessment should immediately contact the above individual. Persons wishing to review background material may obtain it by contacting Kristi Lovelady of the Agency, at 4080 Lemon Street, 12th floor, Riverside, California, telephone (909) 955-1131. Documents also will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the Service's Carlsbad Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section above) and at various public libraries throughout Riverside County. To find out the exact addresses of the public libraries, contact the Service or the Agency at the referenced locations.

Background

The Service listed the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) as an endangered species on September 30, 1988 (53 FR 38465). As an endangered species, the Stephens' kangaroo rat is protected pursuant to Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) against "take;" that is, no one may harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect the species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 USC 1538). However, under certain circumstances, the Service may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Based upon the March 1996 Plan and Implementation Agreement, and after compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Service issued a permit to the Agency on May 3, 1996, to incidentally take the Stephens' kangaroo rat. The 30-year Plan is designed to acquire and permanently conserve, maintain, and fund the conservation, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of Stephens' kangaroo rat occupied habitat. The Plan covers approximately 534,000 acres within the Agency member jurisdictions, including an estimated 30,000 acres of occupied Stephens' kangaroo rat habitat. The Plan requires Agency members to preserve and manage 15,000 acres of occupied Stephens' kangaroo rat habitat in 7 Core