

union-paid portion of health insurance or other employee fringe benefits, food or housing received in lieu of wages, the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms, the imputed value of rent from owner-occupied nonfarm or farm housing, and such Federal noncash benefit programs as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98021]

Fellowship Program in Violence Prevention for Minority Medical Students; 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 cooperative agreement program for a Fellowship Program in Violence Prevention for Minority Medical Students. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Violent and Abusive Behavior. The purpose of this program is to provide minority medical students with training in violence prevention and epidemiological research over an eight-week period at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Specifically, this award is intended to:

1. Develop and strengthen minority physicians' leadership in violence prevention;
2. Provide education and research opportunities in violence prevention for minority medical students;
3. Provide a model for future violence prevention training programs at the undergraduate medical school level and;
4. Provide eight-week fellowships for four fellows to participate in epidemiological research on violence and in violence prevention projects.

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 agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

Note: Pub. L. 104-65, which became effective January 1, 1996, states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which engages in lobbying activities shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant (cooperative agreement), contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$35,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund one award. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about the third week of June, 1998, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$5,000 during each budget period.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Note: Indirect Cost: Indirect costs under this cooperative agreement will be reimbursed at 8 percent of total allowable direct cost exclusive of tuition and related fees and equipment, or at the actual indirect cost rate, whichever results in a lesser dollar amount.

D. Application Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Demonstrate a 5-year history of developing and managing fellowship assistance and/or specialized training for minority medical students;
2. Demonstrate that faculty/staff committed to this project have experience supervising medical fellows and medical fellowship programs and;
3. Demonstrate experience in providing and managing fellowship programs which places no fewer than 10 fellows in a one year period, and which has placed no fewer than 50 fellows over the life of the program.

An affirmative response to each requirement is necessary for the full objective review of applications under this announcement. The applicant must provide this documentation on a separate page to be included as the first page of the application, entitled: "Application Requirements Declaration."

E. Program Requirements

Cooperative Activities: 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: Select and provide four fellows for each budget period, (the performance period for the first budget period will begin the third week of June 1998), to participate in an 8-12 week program. Fellows should be: (a) Third or fourth year minority medical students; (b) able to organize and analyze data; (c) interested in pursuing a career in public health research, practice, or teaching. Fellows will:

a. Review existing literature and data on violence prevention efforts and organize the information into text and table report;

b. Evaluate violence prevention strategies;

c. Analyze data and prepare written manuscripts for publication;

d. Observe technical assistance to local violence prevention projects; and

e. Make clear, concise presentations of projects completed during the fellowship period.

2. CDC Activities:

a. Coordinate and facilitate fellows orientation on current CDC violence prevention research activities;

b. Provide fellows office space and access to computers;

c. Provide related background and reading materials;

d. Coordinate site visits to CDC funded projects; and

e. Coordinate and assign specific topic areas and project activities.

F. Application Content

Each application should be limited to 25 pages, excluding attachments (i.e., letters of support, resumes, etc.). All material must be typewritten, single-spaced, with type no smaller than 10 cpi on 8.5"x11" paper, with at least 1" margins, headings, and footers, unbound and printed on one side only. Do not include any spiral or bound materials. The first page of the application should contain the response to the requirements as indicated in the Application Requirements Section of this announcement.

The application must include:

1. Application Requirements Declaration. See Application Requirements Section.

2. Abstract: A one page abstract and summary of the proposed program outlining the goals and objectives, the evaluation design, and desired outcome.

3. Background and Need: Background and need for the program in terms of the magnitude of the violence related injury problem and minority medical students training in violence prevention efforts. Include a description of current

activities and previous experience in coordinating fellowship programs, and evaluation capability.

4. Goals: Specific goals which indicate where the applicant anticipates its Fellowship Program will be at the end of the 3 year project period.

5. Objectives: Specific, time-phased, measurable, and achievable objectives which are feasible to be accomplished during the budget period. Objectives should relate directly to the program goals, and should include, but not be limited to, identifying and describing the violence-related injury problem demonstrating the effectiveness of medical students experience/training in violence prevention efforts and epidemiological research.

6. Methods: A detailed description of specific activities that are proposed to achieve each of the program objectives during the budget period. A time-frame should be included which indicates when each activity will occur and when preparations for activities will occur. For each activity, describe who will do what to implement the activities. If other organizations will participate, describe the role of the unit or organization, who will coordinate and supervise the activities, and how this will occur. Document concurrences with this plan by other involved organizations.

7. Evaluation: A detailed description of the methods and design to evaluate program effectiveness, including what will be evaluated, data to be used, who will perform the evaluation and the time-frame. Document staff availability, expertise, and capacity to evaluate program activities and effectiveness. Evaluation should include progress in meeting the objectives during the budget and project periods, and the impact of program activities on Fellows. Provide detailed description of how evaluation results will be used for programmatic decisions and how results will be reported.

8. Project Management and Staffing: A description of the roles and responsibilities of the project director and each other staff member. Allocation of staff to the activities (described in the Methods section) should be provided. Descriptions should include education and experience required, and the percentage of time each will devote to the program. Curriculum vitae (CV) for existing staff should be included. If the identity of any individual who will fill a position as a Fellow is known, his/her name and CV should be attached.

9. Budget and Accompanying Justification: A detailed first year budget (with future year projections) with accompanying narrative justifying all

individual budget items which make up the total amount of funds requested. The budget should be consistent with stated objectives and planned activities.

G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are in the application kit.

On or before April 27, 1998, submit to: Joanne A. Wojcik, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE, 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., receipt from U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier; private metered postmarks are not acceptable).

H. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

1. Background and Need (20 percent): The extent to which the applicant presents data justifying need for the program in terms of magnitude of the related injury problem and the need for minority medical students' training in violence prevention. The extent to which a description of current and previous related experiences: (a) Is inclusive in terms of fellowship activities and success, evaluation capability and coordination activities, and (b) demonstrates capacity to conduct the program.

2. Goals and Objectives (15 percent): The extent to which the applicant has included goals which are relevant to the purpose of the proposal and feasible to be accomplished during the project period, and the extent to which these are specific, and measurable. The extent to which the applicant has included objectives which are feasible to be accomplished during the budget period, and which address all activities necessary to accomplish the purpose of the proposal. The extent to which the objectives are specific, time-phased, and measurable.

3. Methods (35 percent): The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed description of proposed activities which are likely to achieve each objective and overall program goals and which includes designation of responsibility for each action undertaken. The extent

to which the applicant provides a reasonable and complete schedule for implementing all activities. The extent to which roles of each Fellow and CDC are described, and coordination and supervision of Fellow in proposed activities is apparent. The extent to which documentation of program organizational location is clear. The extent to which position descriptions, CV's and lines of command are appropriate to accomplishment of program goals and objectives. The extent to which concurrence with the applicant's plans by all other involved parties is specific and documented.

4. Evaluation (30 percent): The extent to which the proposed evaluation system is detailed and will document program process, effectiveness, impact, and outcome. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates potential data sources for evaluation purposes, and documents staff availability, expertise, and capacity to perform the evaluation. The extent to which a feasible plan for reporting evaluation results and using evaluation information for programmatic decisions is included.

5. Budget and Justification (not scored): The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed budget and narrative justification consistent with stated objectives and planned program activities.

I. Other Requirements

The below listing of requirements are also included in this announcement. See Addendum 1 for a complete description of each requirement.

1. AR98-10: Smoke-Free Workplace Requirement.

2. AR98-11: Healthy People 2000 Requirement.

3. AR98-12: Lobbying Restrictions.

4. AR98-13: Prohibition on Use of CDC Funds for Certain Gun Control Activities.

5. AR98-16: Security Requirement.

J. Background

For further background information regarding this announcement see Addendum 2.

K. Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with an original plus two copies of:

1. progress reports annually;
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and

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

Send all reports to: Joanne A. Wojcik, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and

Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209.

L. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program announcement is authorized under sections 391(a) and 393(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b(a), and 280b-1a), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

M. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive a complete application kit, please call 1-888-GRANTS4. You will be asked to leave your name and address. A complete kit will be mailed to you.

Please refer to Program Announcement 98021 when you request information.

For a complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance, contact: Joanne A. Wojcik, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6535, E-mail address jcw6@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance, contact: Wendy Watkins, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Mailstop K-60, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (404) 488-4646, E-mail address dmw7@cdc.gov.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council

(Council) will meet on March 11th to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for funding. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 11, 1998, 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, located at 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Conference Center Room CC2, Arlington, VA. The North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-223, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Paul R. Schmidt,

Acting Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) for grantees participating in the Public Law 102-477 program is being forwarded to

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension: Public Law 102-477 Reporting, OMB 1076-0135 (expiring 3-31-98).

The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, is submitted to OMB for review and extension, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). The Department invites public comments on the subject proposal described below.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding this proposal on or before April 27, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to document satisfactory compliance with statutory requirements of the various integrated programs. Public Law 102-477 authorizes tribal governments to integrate federally funded employment, training and related services programs into a single, coordinated, comprehensive service delivery plan. Funding agencies include the Department of the Interior, Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is statutorily required to serve as the lead agency. Section 11 of this Act requires that the Secretary of the Interior make available a single universal report format which shall be used by a tribal government to report on integrated activities and expenditures undertaken. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shares the information collected from these reports with the Department of Labor and Department of Health and Human Services.

II. Method of Collection

Public Law 102-477 grantees are required to complete two single page, one-sided report forms and one narrative report, with four pages of instructions, annually. They replace 166 pages of instructions and applications representing three different agencies and twelve different funded but related programs. We estimate a 95 percent reduction in reporting which is consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act and goals of the National Performance Review. The statistical and narrative report will be used to demonstrate how well a plan was executed in comparison to proposed goals. The financial status report will be used to track cash flow, and will allow an analysis of activities versus expenditures and expenditures to approved budget. It is a slightly modified SF-269-A (short form).