

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[Announcement 99096]

Cooperative Agreements for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Projects for African American Faith-Based Organizations; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1999 Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year 1999 funds for grants to support Cooperative Agreements for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for African American Faith-Based Organizations was published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 1999, [Vol. 64 FR No. 120]. The notice is amended as follows:

On page 33733, first column, under "Submission and Deadline—Categories I, II, and III", the first paragraph should read:

On or before August 13, 1999, submit the application to: Julia L. Valentine, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99096, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146.

All other information and requirements of the notice remain the same.

Dated: July 29, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 00014]

Cooperative Agreement To Support and Evaluate Distance-Based Graduate-Level Degree Programs in Public Health in Developing Countries; Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds for fiscal year (FY) 2000 for a cooperative agreement program to support and evaluate distance-based graduate-level degree

programs in public health in developing countries (see addendum 2). The purpose of this program is to support and evaluate a program specifically tailored to the needs of the international public health scene. This distance-based program will not require persons enrolled in the program to establish and maintain residence requirements at the university. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Educational and Community-Based Programs.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign public and private nonprofit universities and colleges. The applicant must be an accredited academic institution with university status. Provide this assurance with the application in a separate cover memo.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization as 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 \$20,000 is available in FY 2000 to fund one award, pending availability of FY 2000 funds. It is expected that the award will begin on February 1, 2000, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 3 years. Funding estimates may change during the period in which the project is conducted.

A continuation award within the approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Use of Funds

Project funds may be used to support personnel services, supplies, equipment, travel, subcontracts, and other services consistent with the approved scope of work of recipient's activities.

Project funds may not be used to supplant other available applicant or collaborating agency funds, for construction, for purchase of facilities or space, or for patient care.

Project funds may not be used to support student stipends, travel, or tuition and fees for recipient.

Project funds may not be used to support or supplant any basic or applied research.

Foreign institutions will not be reimbursed indirect costs.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purposes 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 graduate-level curriculum programs for distance-based training of public health staff in developing countries throughout the world.

b. Coordinate and distribute training modules and other instructional materials.

c. Evaluate effectiveness of all training programs.

d. Compile and disseminate the results of all aspects of the project.

2. CDC Activities

a. Provide technical assistance and support in the development and promotion of curriculum programs for the training of public health staff throughout the world.

b. Provide technical assistance with the management, administration, and evaluation of the academic program.

F. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, Evaluation Criteria, and Errata Sheet to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in the layout of your program plan.

Each application should be submitted as an original and two copies of the PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001). Each application narrative 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 characters per inch, on 8.5" x 11" paper, with at least 1" margins on all four sides, with headings and footers, with page numbers, unbound, and printed on one side only. No materials should be submitted in spiral or other types of bindings.

The first page of the application should contain the response to Applications Requirements as indicated in section B above.

G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001). Adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS 398. Forms are in the application kit.

On or before October 15, 1999, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in "Where To Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group.

(Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (a) or (b) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Each application should document the existence of an operational distance-based learning, graduate-level, degree program in the applicant institution. Each qualifying application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review panel appointed by CDC.

1. Background, Need, and Capability (30 Percent)

The extent to which the applicant describes current and previous related experience.

a. The extent to which the applicant is currently an internationally recognized, accredited graduate-level program in public health.

b. The extent to which the applicant operates an internationally recognized, accredited graduate-level program in public health.

c. The extent to which the applicant already has existing academic testing centers throughout the world, which are currently maintained, so that a student's academic progress can be objectively monitored at regular intervals without his/her having to go outside his/her country of residence.

2. Goals and Objectives (15 Percent)

The extent to which the goals and objectives are relevant and feasible to be accomplished during the project period, and which address all activities necessary to accomplish the purpose of the proposal.

3. Methods (20 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 concurrence with the applicant's plans by all other involved parties is specific and documented.

4. Evaluation (20 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. Personnel and Staffing (15 Percent)

The extent to which position descriptions, CVs and lines of command are appropriate to accomplish the program goals and objectives.

6. 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

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with an original plus two copies of:

1. Semi-annual reports;
2. Financial status report no more than 90 days after the end of each budget period; and
3. Final financial status and performance reports no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in "Where To Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable:

- AR-10: Smoke-Free Workplace Requirement
- AR-11: Healthy People 2000 Requirement
- AR-12: Lobbying Restrictions

J. Authority and Catalog of Federal International Assistance

This program is authorized under the Sections 307 of Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. section 2421], as amended. The Catalog of Federal International Assistance number is 93.283.

K. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional information, please go to the CDC home page on the Internet: www.cdc.gov and click on the word "funding."

If you do not have Internet access, you can request an application kit by calling 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all documents, business assistance can be obtained from: Joanne Wojcik, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 00014, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, telephone (770) 488-2717, E-mail address: jcw6@cdc.gov

For program technical assistance, contact Ms. Elliott Churchill, M.S., M.A., Senior Communications Specialist, Division of International Health, Epidemiology Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop C-08, Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone: (404) 639-2231, E-mail address: rec1@cdc.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98N-0046]

Update of Guidance Documents at the Food and Drug Administration

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is publishing an update of all guidance documents issued and withdrawn since the compilation of the previous quarterly list that published on January 6, 1999, and the annual comprehensive list that published on June 10, 1999. FDA committed to publishing quarterly updates in its February 1997 "Good Guidance Practices" (GGP's), which set forth the agency's policies and