

Responses: 536; Total Annual Burden Hours: 1608.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Docket No. HCFA-10005]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to

minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Request: New collection: *Title of Information Collection:* Ticket to work and Work Incentives: Medicaid Infrastructure Grants; *HCFA Form Number:* HCFA-1005 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW); *Use:* Section 203 of the ticket to work and Work Incentives Act of 1999 provides for the establishment of a grants program for states that build infrastructures designed to support people with disabilities. State agencies will be applying for these grants; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal govt.; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 56; *Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,600.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Targeted Capacity Building Assistance for HIV/AIDS Primary Health Care Program Announcement

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds; request for letters of intent to apply.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 funds for a cooperative agreement to provide targeted capacity building assistance (TCBA) to non-profit or public, community-based organizations (CBO) serving communities of color significantly impacted by existing and emerging HIV/AIDS epidemics.

Funds for the TCBA program are made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Initiative to reduce disparities in the rate of HIV/AIDS infections within communities of color. Programs funded through the DHHS/CBC Initiative are to be used to develop, improve and/or expand HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services and research opportunities targeting communities of color, including African American, Latino, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians, significantly impacted by HIV/AIDS. The DHHS/CBC Initiative funds for the TCBA program were appropriated to the Ryan White CARE Act Title III for targeted technical assistance to minority community based health care and service providers with a history of service provision to communities of color.

The TCBA program will expand and improve the delivery of HIV/AIDS primary health care services by CBOs to communities of color living with HIV/AIDS. HRSA will provide \$700,000 to support one national, regional or local organization representing communities of color, with a demonstrable record of providing TCBA and other technical assistance designed to strengthen HIV/AIDS systems of health care.

The purpose of this announcement is to request Letters of Intent to Apply and applications to this program. HRSA is requesting Letters of Intent to Apply to estimate the number of applications it will receive and thereby plan appropriately for the timely award of these funds. Letters of Intent to Apply are not required to submit an application to the program, nor are they binding.

Program Purpose: The purpose of the TCBA program is to increase the availability, accessibility and quality of HIV/AIDS primary health care services for underserved communities of color living with HIV/AIDS by developing or enhancing the HIV/AIDS primary care infrastructure within those communities. Targeted capacity building assistance is defined as a process that results in increasing the core competencies that are essential to

developing, implementing and sustaining effective programs within an organization. Provided TCBA will be designed to develop and/or enhance the core competencies needed by key staff within CBOs serving communities of color to enable the organization to expand, implement and sustain HIV/AIDS primary medical and health care programs. Core competencies to be developed include care and treatment protocols for HIV/AIDS primary health care, cultural and linguistic competency, program management, fiscal management, resource development, information systems management, governance, network development, *etc.* The TCBA also will enable CBOs to establish or participate in community-based provider networks delivering comprehensive HIV/AIDS primary health care services.

The TCBA program will tailor provided assistance to the specific needs of CBOs serving communities of color significantly impacted by current and emerging HIV/AIDS epidemics. The TCBA program will work in collaboration with CBO key staff to address their organization's and communities' needs and concerns within the context of the communities' social, economic and political realities.

Examples of TCBA include, but are not limited to, activities designed to improve or establish:

(1) Staff expertise with respect to the care and treatment needs of clients with HIV/AIDS;

(2) The ability to identify gaps in HIV/AIDS primary health care service delivery through formal needs assessment;

(3) Staff expertise in identifying and applying for funding;

(4) Processes, systems or procedures for core management functions (*e.g.*, administration, programming, fiscal planning, resource development, evaluation, *etc.*);

(5) The ability to identify and work effectively with other local HIV/AIDS service providers through referral networks; and

(6) Capacity to document, manage, use and report information that tracks client demographics, service utilization and outcomes.

Required Program Activities:

Applicants must propose a plan for a systematic and cost effective process by which to implement the *required activities* listed below. Applicants are free to propose additional activities.

(1) Market the program and outreach to CBOs who could most benefit from the program.

(2) Develop a standardized tool for assessing the capacity building needs

and goals of identified CBOs and work with each CBO to assess its needs.

(3) Develop and initiate a TCBA plan in response to identified needs.

(4) Evaluate the outcome and effectiveness of the TCBA provided.

(5) Facilitate linkages, networks and collaborations among different providers within a specific community.

(6) Document the components of an effective TCBA program for HIV/AIDS primary care delivery by CBOs serving communities of color.

(7) Coordinate activities with other capacity building programs and initiatives, including but not limited to, those funded by the DHHS/Congressional Black Caucus Initiative to Address Racial/Ethnic Disparities in HIV/AIDS.

(8) Work cooperatively with HRSA in the design and implementation of the program and the establishment of program priorities.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are public and non-profit, national, regional and local organizations which have served or are serving communities of color. The applicant must have a demonstrable record of providing capacity building assistance and other technical assistance to organizations in the development or improvement of HIV/AIDS primary health care programs within the past five years. The applicant must propose a consortium of organizations to include, the applicant and two or more contractor organizations that satisfy the above criteria. Anticipated documentation of a demonstrable record of providing capacity building assistance and other technical assistance includes letters of reference, letters of collaboration, letters of support from former or current clients, agency annual reports, service agreements, *etc.*

Successful applicants to this cooperative agreement will propose a consortium of organizations that collectively: (1) Possess complementary capabilities and expertise, (2) possess staff and board members who represent the diverse racial/ethnic demographics of those most severely impacted by HIV/AIDS, and (3) possess staff (or consultants) with direct experience implementing HIV/AIDS primary care programs. In addition, successful applicants will propose a consortium of organizations that collectively possess the capacity and capabilities to: (1) Provide TCBA and other technical assistance in various technical areas, (2) design multifaceted strategies to identify, deliver services to, and work effectively with CBOs serving communities of color, and (3) develop

and deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate materials and instruction.

Availability of Funds: Up to \$700,000 dollars are available in FY 2000 to award one cooperative agreement. It is expected that awards will be made on or before September 30, 2000. Funding will be made available for twelve months, with a project period of one year.

Authorization: Sections 2651–2654 of the Public Health Service Act

Letters of Intent To Apply: Letters of Intent to Apply to this program should include the following information for the applicant: (1) The organization name and contact information, (2) a brief organizational capabilities statement, and (3) a brief description of the program model to be proposed. Letters of Intent to Apply should be submitted to the HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA on or before July 10, 2000.

Application Dates: In order to be considered for competition, applications to this cooperative agreement program must be received at the HRSA Grants Application Center by close of business on Friday, August 25, 2000.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are: (1) Received on or before the deadline, or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing and submission to the review committee. Applicants should request a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service postmark. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of mailing. Applications received after the deadline will be returned to the applicant and not reviewed.

ADDRESSES: All Applications should be mailed or delivered to: HRSA Grants Application Center, 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, Attention: CFDA #93.145B. All Letters of Intent to Apply should be mailed or delivered to: Rene Sterling, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7–36, Rockville, MD 20857.

Program Guidance & Application Kits: The Targeted Capacity Building Assistance for HIV/AIDS Primary Health Care Program Guidance is available on the HIV/AIDS Bureau web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.hrsa.gov/hab>. The required federal grant application kit (PHS Form 5161–1) is available at the following Internet address: <http://forms.psc.gov/phsforms.htm>. For those applicants who are unable to access application materials electronically, hard copies must be obtained from the HRSA Grants Application Center. The telephone

number to the HRSA Grants Application Center is (877) 477-2123, the fax number is (877) 477-2345, and the e-mail address is hrsagac@hrsa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional technical information may be obtained from Rene Sterling, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-36, Rockville, MD 20857. The telephone number is (301) 443-7778, the fax number is (301) 594-2835, and the e-mail address is Rsterling@hrsa.gov.

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Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Opportunity To Apply To Serve on the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission on Housing and Community Development

AGENCY: Office of International Affairs under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opportunity for individuals to apply to serve on a U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission on Housing and Community Development and announces the selection and eligibility requirements.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received by HUD no later than July 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of International Affairs, Room 8118, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. You may fax your request to (202) 708-5536 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Geraghty, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of International Affairs, Room 8118, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-0770 (telephone), (202) 708-5536 (fax) (these are not toll-free numbers). Hearing or speech-impaired persons may access the above telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 19, 2000, President Clinton signed a Memorandum recognizing affordable housing and related community development as one of our most pressing domestic problems and seeking to enlarge the framework for policy research studies in this area and to strengthen relations with the State of Israel for the mutual benefit of the citizens of the United States and Israel. To that end, the President directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to initiate discussions with the Government of Israel on issues of affordable housing and community development, with the aim of establishing a binational commission to structure a cooperative exchange program in this field.

Accordingly, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking individuals who would like to serve on the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission. Applicants may represent U.S. companies, associations or non-governmental organizations actively engaged in housing and community development. The Commission will be made up of U.S. and Israeli representatives from the housing, real estate, community development, finance, and construction sectors.

Members will serve on the Commission for a two-year term at the discretion of the appointing officials. Members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Commission and in implementing its work programs. It is expected that individuals chosen for the Commission will attend at least 75 percent of Commission meetings, which will be held in the United States and Israel. Members are fully responsible for travel, accommodation, and personal expenses associated with their participation in the Bi-National Commission. The members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular housing sector in which they operate.

Selection and Eligibility Requirements

There are up to ten (10) available positions on the U.S. side of the Bi-National Commission. This notice is seeking individuals to fill these positions.

1. Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a permanent United States resident;
- Be a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or other senior management employee or representative of a U.S. company, association, or nonprofit organization

involved in residential housing construction, housing finance, real estate, community/economic development, or urban planning sectors; and

- Not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

2. In reviewing eligible applicants, HUD will consider:

- The applicant's expertise in construction building materials (especially concrete applications), innovative residential housing programs (including voucher programs), housing finance (including primary and secondary mortgage market programs and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)), urban planning, community development, and urban revitalization strategies (such as HUD's Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) and HOPE VI programs);
- Particular experience or interest in Israel;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for the activities the Commission proposes to take on;
- An ability to contribute in light of overall Commission composition; and
- Diversity of company or organization size, type, location, and demographics.

3. To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

- Name and title of the individual requesting consideration;
- Name and address of the company or association that the individual will represent;
- The company or organization's specific expertise or service area;
- Size of the company or organization; and
- The company or organization's international expertise and major countries of operation.

4. Please also provide:

- A brief statement on why the individual should be considered for membership on the Commission;
- The individual's international expertise and major countries of operation;
- The particular segment of the housing industry the individual would represent;
- A personal resume;
- A statement that the applicant is not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; and
- A brief statement of experience or interest in Israel.

5. Additional members and replacements:

- The number of Commission positions may be expanded, should the need