

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the charter for the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period, through March 15, 2001.

For further information, contact Ronald O. Valdiserri, M.D., Deputy Director, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-8002.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 12, 1999.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRSHES)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce the following meeting.

Name: Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRSHES).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., May 13, 1999., 8:30 a.m.—12 noon, May 14, 1999.

Place: The Conference Center at the University of South Carolina Aiken, 471 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801, telephone 803/641-3587, fax 803/641-3580.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

Purpose: This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC, and the Administrator, ATSDR, regarding community, American Indian Tribes, and labor concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health activities and research at this DOE site. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for community, American Indian Tribal, and labor interaction and serve as a vehicle for communities, American Indian Tribes, and labor to express concerns and provide advice to CDC and ATSDR.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), the National Institute for

Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and ATSDR on updates regarding the progress of current studies, and a discussion from the three (3) SRSHES Phase II Draft report review groups.

All agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Paul G. Renard, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S (F-35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770-488-7040, fax 770-488-7044.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Availability of Additional HRSA Competitive Grants

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of funds for several HRSA programs. This Notice lists several programs that are announcing competitions for fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds but were not published in the fall 1998 HRSA Preview.

This Notice includes funding for HRSA discretionary authorities and programs as follows: (1) Special Projects of National Significance, HIV/AIDS Bureau; (2) Extramural Support Program for Projects to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation, HIV/AIDS Bureau; (3) Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical Services for Children and Quality Improvement Center, Maternal and Child Health Bureau; and (4) Basic Nurse Education and Practice: Baccalaureate Nursing Education Using Distance Learning Methodologies for Rural RNs, Bureau of Health Professions. These programs were not

published in the fall 1998 HRSA Preview and will only appear in the **Federal Register** and on the HRSA Home Page at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>. The next edition of the HRSA Preview is scheduled to be published by early summer 1999. The purpose of the HRSA Preview is to provide the general public with a single source of program and application information related to the Agency's competitive grant reviews. The HRSA Preview is designed to replace multiple **Federal Register** notices which traditionally advertised the availability of HRSA's discretionary funds for its various programs.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

How To Obtain Further Information

You can download this Notice in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) from HRSA's web site at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>.

To Obtain an Application Kit

It is recommended that you read the introductory materials, terminology section, and individual program category descriptions to fully assess your eligibility for grants before requesting kits. As a general rule, no more than one kit per category will be mailed to applicants. Upon review of the program descriptions, please determine which category or categories of application kit(s) you wish to receive and contact the 1-888-333-HRSA (4772) number to register on the specific mailing list. Application kits are generally available 60 days prior to application deadline. If kits are already available, they will be mailed immediately.

Also, you can register on-line to be sent specific grant application materials by following the instructions on the web page or accessing http://www.hrsa.gov/g_order3.htm directly. Your mailing information will be added to our database and material will be sent to you as it becomes available.

Grant Terminology

Application Deadlines

Applications will be considered "on time" if they are either received on or before the established deadline date or postmarked on or before the deadline date given in the program announcement or in the application kit materials.

Authorizations

The citations of provisions of the laws authorizing the various programs are

provided immediately preceding groupings of program categories.

CFDA Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a Government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance. Programs listed therein are given a CFDA Number.

Cooperative Agreement

A financial assistance mechanism used when substantial Federal programmatic involvement, with the recipient during performance, is anticipated by the Agency.

Eligibility

Authorizing legislation and programmatic regulations specify eligibility for individual grant programs. In general, assistance is provided to nonprofit organizations and institutions, State and local governments and their agencies, and occasionally to individuals. For-profit organizations are eligible to receive awards under financial assistance programs unless specifically excluded by legislation.

Estimated Amount of Competition

The funding level listed is provided for planning purposes and is subject to the availability of funds.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Special priorities or preferences are those which the individual programs have identified for the funding cycle. Some programs give preference to organizations which have specific capabilities such as telemedicine networking or established relationships with managed care organizations. Preference also may be given to achieve an equitable geographic distribution and other reasons to increase the effectiveness of the programs.

Key Offices

The Grants Management Office serves as the focal point for business matters. The appropriate program office contact is provided for questions specific to the programs or of a technical nature.

Matching Requirements

Several HRSA programs require a matching amount, or percentage of the total project support, to come from sources other than Federal funds. Matching requirements are generally mandated in the authorizing legislation for specific categories. Also, matching requirements may be administratively required by the awarding office. Such requirements are set forth in the application kit.

Project Period

The total time for which support of a discretionary project has been programmatically approved. Continuation of any project beyond the budget period is subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds and program priorities.

Review Criteria

The following are generic review criteria applicable to HRSA programs:

- That the estimated cost to the Government of the project is reasonable considering the anticipated results.
- That project personnel or prospective fellows are well qualified by training and/or experience for the support sought, and the applicant organization or the organization to provide training to a fellow has adequate facilities and manpower.
- That, insofar as practical, the proposed activities (scientific or other), if well executed, are capable of attaining project objectives.
- That the project objectives are capable of achieving the specific program objectives defined in the program announcement and the proposed results are measurable.
- That the method for evaluating proposed results includes criteria for determining the extent to which the program has achieved its stated objectives and the extent to which the accomplishment of objectives can be attributed to the program.

- That, in so far as practical, the proposed activities, when accomplished, are replicable, national in scope and include plans for broad dissemination.

The specific review criteria used to review and rank applications are included in the individual guidance material provided with the application kits. Applicants should pay strict attention to addressing these criteria as they are the basis upon which their applications will be judged.

Technical Assistance

A contact person is listed for each program and his/her e-mail address and telephone number provided. Some programs have scheduled workshops and conference calls. If you have questions concerning individual programs or the availability of technical assistance, please contact the person listed. Also check your application materials and the HRSA web site <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/> for the latest technical assistance information.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. HRSA lists many telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Who do I phone or e-mail and when?

Phone 1-888-333-HRSA (4772) to register for application kits. It will be helpful to the information specialist if you have the CFDA Number and title of the program handy for reference.

If, before you register, you want to know more about the program, an e-mail/phone contact is listed. This contact can provide information concerning the specific program's purpose, scope and goals, and eligibility criteria. Usually, you will be encouraged to request the application kit so that you will have clear, comprehensive and accurate information available to you. The application kit lists telephone numbers for a program expert and a grants management specialist who will provide technical assistance concerning your specific program, if you are unable to find the information within the materials provided.

2. The dates listed in the **Federal Register** Notice and the dates in the application kit do not agree. How do I know which is correct?

First, register at 1-888-333-HRSA (4772) for *each* program that you are interested in as shown in the Notice.

Notice dates for application kit availability and application receipt deadline are based upon the best known information at the time of publication. Occasionally, the grant cycle does not begin as projected and dates must be adjusted. The deadline date stated in your application kit is correct. If the application kit has been made available and subsequently the date changes, notification of the change will be mailed to known recipients of the application kit. Therefore, if you are registered at 1-888-333-HRSA (4772), you will receive the most current information.

3. Are programs announced in the **Federal Register** Notice ever canceled?

Infrequently, programs announced may be withdrawn from competition. If this occurs, a cancellation notice will be provided at the HRSA Homepage <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>.

If you still have unanswered questions, please contact Paulette Fagan of the Grants Policy Branch at 301-443-5082 (pfagan@hrsa.gov).

HIV/AIDS Bureau

Grants Management Office: 1-301-443-2280.

Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS).

Authorization

Section 2691 of the Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. 300ff-10

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and skills in the delivery of health and support services to underserved populations diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Specifically, there are three SPNS Program objectives: (1) to assess the effectiveness of particular models of care; (2) to support innovative program design; and (3) to promote replication of effective models. SPNS grants are limited to the demonstration and assessment of innovative and potentially replicable HIV service delivery models. For purposes of this announcement, models seeking SPNS support must address one of the following four categories: (1) assuring appropriate end-of-life care for individuals dying from HIV/AIDS who experience difficulty accessing health care; (2) assessment of the effectiveness of existing programs to promote adherence to anti-retroviral therapies; (3) evaluation and/or program support centers for: (a) services to people with HIV in correctional settings; (b) establishing or assessing HIV care networks; (c) assessing innovation in serving substance abusers; or (d) evaluating and supporting end-of-life care and adherence initiatives; or (4) demonstration projects to increase enrollment in, continuity and quality of HIV primary care for migrant and various border populations.

Eligibility

Public and nonprofit private entities are eligible to apply for these grants. Applicants are encouraged to submit a brief letter of intent, by May 1, 1999, to: Special Projects of National Significance, ATTN: 1999 New Competitive Initiative, Room 7A-08 Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Funds should be used to create and/or evaluate models of care that would likely not exist nor be evaluated without SPNS support, or that would extend the care model to previously underserved or unserved populations defined either geographically or demographically.

Review Criteria

Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This Competition \$9,000,000

Estimated Number of Awards

Category 1: 3-5

Category 2: Up to 10

Category 3: 6

- 3.1 Services to people with HIV in correctional settings—1
- 3.2 Establishing or assessing HIV care networks—2
 - assist community-based providers—(1)
 - conduct managed care research—(1)
- 3.3 Assessing innovation in serving substance abusers—1
- 3.4 Evaluating and supporting end-of-life care and adherence initiatives—2
 - end of life care project—(1)
 - adherence assessment—(1)

Category 4: 4

Estimated Project Period

Category 1: 3 years

Category 2: 3 years

Category 3: 2-3 years

Category 4: 3-5 years

Application Availability: 04/05/1999

To Obtain This Application Kit

CFDA Number 93.928

Contact: 1-888-333-HRSA (4772)

Application Deadline: 06/01/1999

Projected Award Date: 10/01/1999

Contact person: Steve Young,
syoung@hrsa.gov, 1-301-443-6560

Extramural Support Program for Projects to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation Authorization

Section 371(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 273.

Please note that a separate **Federal Register** Notice, dated April 5, 1999 provided a 30 day comment period regarding the project phases eligible for program support (pilot tests and replications), performance measures, funding priorities, and review criteria. Comments will be considered for the purpose of writing the detailed guidance to applicants. Therefore, the guidance may indicate changes in some of the following information.

Purpose

This is a proposed solicitation for cooperative agreements to increase organ and tissue donation. The goals of this peer reviewed, competitive extramural support program are to implement, evaluate, and disseminate model interventions with the greatest potential for yielding a verifiable and demonstrable impact on organ donation and which are replicable, transferable, and feasible in practice. Projects funded under this program are expected to have performance measures addressing one or more of the following outcomes: organ procurement rates; consent rates and organ donation; and number and prevalence of family organ donation

discussions. Applications may propose either a Phase 1 study which pilot tests the efficacy of promising interventions to increase organ donation, or Phase 2 study which focuses on implementing and testing in multiple sites interventions which already have proved effective in pilot studies. Phase 2 projects also can include dissemination. All projects must have rigorous evaluation components.

Eligibility

Organ procurement organizations and other private not-for-profit organizations. An applicant must be part of a consortium of at least two organizations relevant to the project. Applications from single entities will not be considered.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Two funding priorities are proposed, one for applications that are most likely to have a demonstrable impact on consent rates, and another for projects that address variations in consent by race and ethnicity, which may include an examination of differences in donation/transplantation knowledge, attitudes, and experiences among one or more minority groups.

Review Criteria

Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$5,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 15–20.
Estimated Project Period: Up to 3 years.

Application Availability: 05/10/1999.
To Obtain This Application Kit: CFDA Number 93.134.

Contact: 1–888–333–HRSA (4772).
Application Deadline: 07/12/1999.
Projected Award Date: 09/30/1999.
Contact Person: Dr. D.W. Chen, dchen@hrsa.gov, 1–301–443–7577.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Grants Management Office: 301–443–1440.

Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Data and Quality Improvement Center Authorization

Section 1910 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, Public Law 102–410, 42 U.S.C. 300w–9.

Purpose

The purpose of the EMSC Data and Quality Improvement Center is to enhance management information and quality improvement (QI) capabilities of State EMS offices, with a special focus on pediatric issues. Proposals are sought

which will assist in the application of data to QI and in collaborative efforts to collect and analyze State level data. Federal involvement will include planning, guidance, coordination and participation in workshops.

Eligibility

States and Accredited Schools of Medicine are eligible to apply for this program.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

None.

Review Criteria

Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$400,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.
Estimated Project Period: 3 years.
Application Availability: 04/01/1999.
To Obtain This Application Kit: CFDA Number: 93.127E.
Contact: 1–888–333–HRSA (4772).
Application Deadline: 06/01/1999.
Projected Award Date: 08/01/1999.
Contact Person: Maria T. Baldi, mbaldi@hrsa.gov, 1–301–443–6192.

Bureau of Health Professions

Grants Management Officer: 1–301–443–6880.

Basic Nurse Education and Practice: Baccalaureate Nursing Education Using Distance Learning Methodologies for Rural RNs.

Authorization

Section 831 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 297–1.

Purpose

The purpose of this special request for applications is to expedite and facilitate the baccalaureate education of registered nurses from rural areas using distance learning methodologies. The legislative priority for which funds may be awarded under a cooperative agreement is for “expanding the enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs.” The intent is to demonstrate that quality curricula developed for delivery by distance learning methodologies, which are primarily computer-based, will facilitate RN to BSN education for nurses living in rural areas with underserved populations.

Eligibility

Nursing schools with an accredited baccalaureate program.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

The purpose of this request for applications is to strengthen capacity for basic nurse education and practice in

rural areas by expanding the enrollment of rural registered nurses in baccalaureate nursing programs using distance learning technologies. As such, it addresses the statutory funding preference for substantially benefiting rural populations.

Review Criteria

Final criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of this Competition: \$800,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 4.
Estimated Project Period: 5 years.
Application Availability: 04/09/1999.
To Obtain This Application Kit: CFDA Number: 93.359.
Contact: 1–888–333–HRSA (4772).
Application Deadline: 05/28/99.
Projected Award Date: 08/31/1999.
Contact Person: Carole A. Gassert, cgassert@hrsa.gov, 1–301–443–5786.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Data Collection; Comment Request; Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial.

Type of Information Collection Request: EXTENSION, OMB control number 0925–0407, expiration date September 30, 1999.

Need and Use of Information Collection: This trial is designed to determine if screening for prostate, lung, colorectal and ovarian cancer can reduce mortality from these cancers which currently cause an estimated 251,000 deaths annually in the U.S. The design is a two-armed randomized trial of men and women 55 to 74 at entry. The anticipated total sample size, after 6½ years of recruitment, is projected to be 148,000. The primary endpoint of the trial is cancer-specific mortality for each of the four cancer sites (prostate, lung,