

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,

colorectal, and ovary). In addition, cancer incidence, stage shift, and case survival are to be monitored to help understand and explain results. Biologic prognostic characteristics of the cancers will be measured and correlated with mortality to determine the mortality predictive value of these intermediate endpoints. Basic demographic data, risk factor data for the four cancer sites and screening history data, as collected from all subjects at baseline, will be used to assure comparability between the screening and control groups and make appropriate adjustments in analysis. Further, demographic and risk factor information will be used to analyze the differential effectiveness of screening in high versus low risk individuals.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Type of Respondents: Adult men and women.

The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 141,250;

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.5;

Average Burden Hours Per Response: .42; and

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 91,288.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$912,884. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. John Gohagan, Chief, Early Detection Branch, EDCOP,

National Cancer Institute, NIH, EPN Building, Room 330, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7346, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-3982 or E-mail your request, including your address to: gohaganj@dcpcepn.nic.nih.gov

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before June 15, 1999.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

Reesa Nichols,

OMB Clearance Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Nursing Research; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

Date: May 18-19, 1999.

Open: May 18, 1999, 1:30 PM to Recess.

Agenda: For discussion of program policies and issues.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: May 19, 1999, 9:00 AM to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Mary Leveck, PHD, Associate Director for Scientific Programs, NINR, NIH, Building 31, Room 5B05, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-5963.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.361, Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 12, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: April 14, 1999.

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Sheila O'Malley, M.A., Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6138, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, 301-443-6470.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientists Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)