

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Among the many funding opportunities available for medical researchers and other health-care professionals, several may be

of particular interest to those who work in ethnic minority health and the readership of our journal. For additional informa-

tion, readers are encouraged to contact the lead agency to confirm application process and deadlines. At press time, each

of these was funded for 2005–2006, and many will be renewed in coming years.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES (SED) (93.104)

Objectives

To provide community-based systems of care for children and adolescents with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. The program will ensure that services are provided collaboratively across child-serving systems; that each child or adolescent served through the program receives an individualized service plan developed with the participation of the family (and, where appropriate, the child); that each individualized plan designates a case manager to assist the child and family; and that funding is provided for mental health services required to meet the needs of youngsters in these systems.

Eligibility

States, political subdivisions of a state, such as county or local governments, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible.

Credentials/Documentation

In order for an entity to be eligible it must provide the following credentials or documentation along with an application for assistance: (1) Documentation that the state mental health agency of the applicant receives funds from the Center for Mental Health Services Community Mental Health Services Block Grant; (2) documentation that the applicant entity is qualified to deliver services under the state Medicaid plan and has an agreement to do so, either directly or through a service provider organization; (3) documentation that the state has an approved plan for the development of a system of care for community-based services for children with a serious emotional disturbance approved by the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services. For the purpose of this program, an approved state mental health plan for children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance submitted in accordance with

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Title V, Part E, Section 561, as amended, Public Law 102-321, 42 USC 290ff

the requirements of Section 1912 of the Public Health Service Act, will be accepted as such a plan; and (4) matching requirements.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY 05 \$4,382,996, and FY 06 est \$3,699,681

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Potential significance of the proposed project.
- Appropriateness of goals and objectives.
- Adequacy and appropriateness of the proposed approach and activities.
- Evidence of the state's readiness and commitment to the proposed project.
- Commitment to family participation in system development and care of their children and adolescents.

- Degree of cultural competence demonstrated.
- Capability and experience of project director, consultants, and other key staff.
- Adequacy of available resources.
- Reasonableness of the proposed budget.
- Cooperation in the evaluation activities.
- Evidence of activities directed at developing funding support.

Headquarters office: Gary DeCarolis, Chief, Child Adolescent and Family Branch, Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857; 240-276-1421; Kimberly.Pendleton@samhsa.hhs.gov.

For more information: <http://www.hhs.gov>.

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MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH GRANTS (93.242)

Objectives

- To increase knowledge of basic brain and behavioral processes that underlie mental and behavioral disorders.
- To support epidemiological studies of biological and environmental risk factors.
- To translate basic and epidemiological research into the development of new diagnostics and interventions for preventing and treating mental disorders.
- To conduct clinical trials for testing the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions in controlled and real-world settings.
- To conduct research to improve mental health service delivery and use.

Eligibility

Public, private, profit, or nonprofit agencies (including state and local government agen-

cies), eligible federal agencies, universities, colleges, hospitals, and academic or research institutions may apply for research grants.

Credentials/Documentation

Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments. For-profit organizations' costs will be determined in accordance with 48 CFR, Subpart 31.2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations. For all other grantees, costs will be determined in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR, Part 74, Subpart Q.

Deadlines

February 1, June 1, October 1.

Obligations

FY 05 \$979,495,000, FY 06 est \$982,563,000

National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Title III, Section 301, Public Law 78-410, 42 USC 241, as amended; Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 2000, Public Law 106-554

Range and Average

\$29,237 to \$6,331,244;
\$336,473

Examples of Funded Projects

- Basic and clinical neuroscience approaches to normal and disordered behavior.
- Genetic studies of psychiatric disorders.
- Neural bases of major psychiatric disorders.
- Genomic control of central nervous system development.
- Basic behavioral studies of cognition, emotion, and social behaviors.
- Epidemiologic studies of risk and protective factors.
- Prevention of high-risk AIDS behaviors.
- Treatment studies of mental disorders.
- Mental health services research for the seriously mentally ill.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Technical merit of the proposed project as determined by peer review.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance to program priorities.

Headquarters office: Rebecca Claycamp, Grants Management Officer, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services, 6001 Executive Blvd, Room 6115, MSC 9605, Bethesda, MD 20892-9605; 301-443-2811.

For more information: <http://www.nih.gov>.

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

Objectives

To promote research into the causal mechanisms of neurodegenerative disease with the aim of treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease and similar diseases and to disseminate the results of this research.

The Alzheimer's Research Trust is the leading research charity for dementia in the United Kingdom. The trust funds research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including vascular

dementia, Lewy body disease, and fronto-temporal dementia.

Obligations

£10,000–100,000

Headquarters office: Rebecca Wood, Livanos House, Gran-

ham's Road, Cambridge CB2 5LQ; 01223-843899; 01223-843325 (fax); rwood@alzheimers-research.org.uk

**YOUNG MINDS IN PSYCHIATRY
INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

The American Psychiatric Association (APA)/AstraZeneca Young Minds in Psychiatry International Awards Program is a commitment by the APA and AstraZeneca. Four unrestricted career development awards are available: two awards in the category of schizophrenia and two

awards in the category of bipolar disorder. Each category has two winners, one physician from the United States and one physician from outside the United States.

Eligibility

Applicants must be within 5 years of completing a psychiatric residency.

Obligations

\$45,000 each and a one-year international membership in the APA.

Headquarters office: Darrel A. Regier, MD, MPH, American Psychiatric Association, 1000 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1825,

Arlington, VA 22209-3901;
703-907-7300; apa@psych.org