

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Among the many funding opportunities available for medical researchers and other healthcare professionals, several may be of particular interest to those who work in ethnic minority health and the readership of our journal. For additional information, 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.

BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL SERVICE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS (93.105)

Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and
Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Title XVII, Section
1707(e)(1), 42 USC 300u et seq.

Objectives

- To improve and expand the capacity for linguistic and cultural competence of healthcare professionals and paraprofessionals working with limited-English-proficient (LEP) minority communities and improve the accessibility and use of healthcare services among LEP minority populations

Eligibility

Public and private nonprofit minority community-based organizations or healthcare facilities serving a targeted LEP minority community.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY05 \$2,950,000, FY06 funding will be determined by the Office of Minority Health based on priorities and the availability of funds.

Range and Average

\$80,000 to \$150,000;
\$142,331.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Reducing linguistic and cultural barriers that exist between Hispanic patients and healthcare providers through language and cultural training sessions
- Developing and implementing a case management and education program that targets specific groups of LEP Asians and Pacific Islanders

- Assessing the health status of Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian seniors; providing lectures on Asian healthcare needs and specific health resources and providing bilingual and bicultural translators and interpreters; and increasing knowledge and awareness about managed care and its implications

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Consistency of project's goals and objectives with the Office of Minority Health's mission
- Coherence and feasibility of methodology and activities selected to address the problem as evidence in the proposed implementation plan

- Strength of proposed grant organization's management capability
- Adequacy of qualifications, experience and cultural competence of proposed personnel
- Strength of analysis of potential impact or innovation the project proposes to generate

Headquarters office: Cynthia H. Amis, Director, Division of Program Operations, Office of Minority Health, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, Rockwall II Building, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville Maryland 20852; 301-594-0769.

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

93.006 STATE AND TERRITORIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT MINORITY HIV/ AIDS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (93.006)

Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and
Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, Title
XVII, Section 1707 (e)(1), 42 USC 300u et seq;
Public Law 93-641.

Objectives

- To demonstrate that the involvement of state and territorial offices of minority health in coordinating a statewide response to the HIV/AIDS crisis

in minority communities can have a greater impact on the communities' understanding of the disease, and the coordination of prevention and treatment services for minority populations, than agencies and/or

organizations working independently

- To stimulate and foster the development of effective and durable service delivery capacity for HIV prevention and treatment among organizations close-

ly linked with the minority populations

Eligibility

State/territorial offices of minority health or, for those states

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and territories that do not have an established office of minority health, a state or territorial minority health entity located within a state or territorial department of health that functions in the capacity of an office of minority health and community-based, minority-serving organizations.

Credentials/Documentation

Proof of nonprofit status is required as part of the application submission, where applicable. Documentation to verify official status as a state or territorial office of minority health signed by a state/territorial-level authorizing official (eg, governor or designated official, commissioner of health or designee) or documentation to verify official status as a state or territorial minority health entity signed by the commissioner of health or designee, as applicable.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY05 \$2,000,000, FY06 est \$2,000,000

Range and Average

\$144,127 to \$1,200,000; \$430,649

Examples of Funded Projects

- Identification of the needs of minority populations, facilitation of linkages between minority community-based organizations to develop greater resource capacity, and coordinating federal resources through a needs assessment, mobilization of ethnic-specific community coalitions, and minority linkage conferences
- Using geographic information system mapping to explore

the correlation between HIV/AIDS distribution and identified socioeconomic indicators and employing epidemiologic data to determine areas of highest need, profiling local and state minority community-based organizations and making the information available on the internet, and disseminating data and other HIV/AIDS-related information via the internet

- Conducting needs assessment, training workshops, and seminar for minority community-based organization staff and board members in diverse planning and management skills and developing a pool of consultants with technical assistance and cultural/linguistic competence

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MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH (93.307)

Objectives

- To support basic, clinical, social, and behavioral research; promote research infrastructure and training; foster emerging programs; disseminate information; and reach out to minority and other health disparity communities

Eligibility

Individuals and public and private institutions, both nonprofit and for-profit, who propose to establish, expand, and improve

research activities in minority health and health disparities.

Credentials/Documentation

Applicants must present a research plan and furnish evidence required for research grant applications, PHS 398, (Rev. 05/01) as specified in the application form. Costs will be determined in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR, Part 74, Subpart Q and OMB Circular No. A-21 for Educational Institutions and

National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Title III and IV, Part A and Part E, Sections 485E, 485F, 485G; Public Law 99-158 and Public Law 106-525; 42 USC 287c-31, 42 USC 287c-32, 42 USC 287c-33, 42 USC 241 and 285; Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 1992, Public Law 102-564.

OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments. For-profit organizations' costs are determined in accordance with Subpart 31.2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Deadlines

Contact the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Obligations

FY05 \$64,138,000; FY06 est \$66,603,000

Range and Average

\$100,160 to \$1,628,635; \$782,169

Examples of Funded Projects

- Center for research and outreach in Hispanic mental health
- Health disparities research with Montana/West Virginia Indian tribes
- Research project involving grassroots partnerships with Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, healthcare

organizations serving these communities, and a broad range of health and education disciplines in addressing health disparities

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Scientific merit and general significance of the proposed study and its objectives

- Technical adequacy of the experimental design and approach
- Competency of the proposed investigator or group to successfully pursue the project
- Adequacy of the available and proposed facilities and resources
- Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project

- Relevance and importance to the announced program objectives

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and Human Services, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 800, MSC 5465, Bethesda, MD 20892; 301-402-1366.

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