

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 2006, and many will be renewed in coming years.

COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (93.265)

Objectives

- Train and educate nursing personnel in providing geriatric care for the elderly.

Eligibility

Schools of nursing, academic health centers, a health care facility, a program leading to certification as a certified nurse assistant, a partnership of such a school and facility, or a partnership of such a program and facility, other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities; and

for-profit entities capable of carrying out the legislative purpose.

Deadlines

Application deadlines can be obtained via the internet at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants>.

Obligations

FY05 \$3,250,000, FY 06 est \$3,200,000

Range and Average

\$58,000 to \$216,000; \$157,000

Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Title VIII, Section 855, Nurse Reinvestment Act, Public Law 107-205

Examples of Funded Projects

Projects provide leadership and geriatric education for registered nurses and include activities that enhance the skills of other nursing personnel to provide geriatric care.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of peer reviewers using the following criteria: clearly stated project purpose; documented need for the proposed project; potential effectiveness of the proposed project; clearly articulated project plan including evaluation of project

objectives; plan for addressing diversity and cultural competence; comprehensive plan for project management; reasonableness of the budget and fiscal plan; presence of established and/or planned linkages with relevant entities.

Headquarters office: Lawrence Poole, Director, Division of Grants Management, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11A-16, Rockville, MD 20857; 301-443-2385.

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

Objectives

- 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 re-

ceives 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.

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) docu-

mentation 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

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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; and 4) matching requirements.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY05 \$4,382,996; FY06 est \$3,699,681

Range and Average

\$15,396,382 to \$4,382,996; \$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 continued 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.

HEALTHY START INITIATIVE (93.926)

Objectives

To eliminate disparities in perinatal infant and maternal health by enhancing a community's healthcare infrastructure and service system and a state's infrastructure and directing resources and interventions to improve access to, utilization of, and full participation in comprehensive perinatal and women's health services, particularly for women and infants at higher risk for poor health outcomes.

Eligibility

Urban and rural communities with significant disparities in perinatal health and states with need to build their infrastruc-

ture/capacity to address and support those communities trying to achieve the goals of the Healthy Start program. Eligible applicants are any public or private entity, including an Indian tribe or tribal organization (as those terms are defined at 25 450b). Community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, are eligible to apply.

Credentials/Documentation

Applicants should review the individual guidance documents issued under this program for any required proof or certifications that must be submitted prior to or simultaneous with

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submission of an application package.

Deadlines

Application deadlines can be obtained via the internet at www.hrsa.gov.

Obligations

FY05 \$95,162,351; FY06 est \$90,362,351

Range and Average

\$100,000 to \$2,339,329; \$782,971

Examples of Funded Projects

From pregnancy either to the next pregnancy or 2 years post-delivery for the mother and infant, every Healthy Start proj-

ect assures the availability of a core set of services and system-building activities to the perinatal population in the project area. Projects include a consortium, case management, outreach, health education, screening and referral for depression, collaboration with State Title V, a local health system action plan, and plans for sustainability.

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