

# 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.

## STATE SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS (93.777)

### Objectives

- Provide financial assistance to any state that is able and willing to determine through its state health agency or other appropriate state agency that providers and suppliers of healthcare services are in compliance with federal regulatory health and safety standards and conditions of participation

### Eligibility

Under Title XVIII, states enter into Section 1864 agreements with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, whereby the designated agency of the state will be supported or

reimbursed for onsite inspection of healthcare providers and suppliers. The designated state agency is usually that unit that performs licensure activities within the state health department. Under Title XIX, the federal government reimburses states for the federal financial participation share for costs of inspection. Such participation is dependent on an approved state activity plan.

### Credentials/Documentation

States must have an approved state plan for Title XIX and a signed 1864 agreement for Title XVIII in order to carry out the survey function. Costs will be determined in accordance

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services  
**Authorization:** Social Security Act, Sections 1863, 1864, 1865, 1902, 1903, and 1919, Title XVIII, as amended.

with OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments.

### Deadlines

Annual budget proposals for Title XVIII are requested from the appropriate state agency as negotiated with the regional office but no later than August 15. In addition, estimates of the amounts to be claimed for reimbursement under Title XIX are required 45 days prior to the applicable quarter. Reports of actual expenditures for both programs are required 30 days after the close of each quarter.

### Obligations

FY05 (Title XVIII) \$239,431,217, (Title XIX)

\$176,981,625; FY06 (Title XVIII) \$241,170,911, (Title XIX) \$180,000,000; FY07 est (Title XVIII) \$264,066,657, (Title XIX) \$185,000,000.

### Range and Average

\$15,169 to \$28,304,121; \$4,637,902.

Headquarters office: Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244; phone: 410-786-9493.

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

## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR STATE-BASED COMPREHENSIVE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAMS (93.919)

### Objectives

- Work with official state and territorial health agencies or their designees and tribal health agencies in developing comprehensive breast and cervical cancer early detection programs.

- To the extent possible, increase screening and followup among all groups of women in the state,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services  
**Authorization:** Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 1990, Section 301(a), Section 317(k)(3), and Section 1501, Public Law 101-354; 42 USC 241a, 42 USC 247b(k)(3), and 42 USC 300K; Public Law 103-183.

tribe, or territory, with special emphasis on reaching those women who are low income, uninsured, underinsured, minority, and/or Native American.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants are official state health agencies of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern

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Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

### *Credentials/Documentation*

Applicants should document the need for assistance, state the objectives of the project, outline the method of operation, describe evaluation procedures, identify and describe nonfederal contributions, and provide a budget with justification for funds requested. Costs will be

determined in accordance with the OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments.

### *Deadlines*

Contact headquarters office listed below for application deadlines.

### *Obligations*

FY05 \$161,284,624, FY06 \$155,585,600, FY07 est \$155,585,600.

### *Range and Average*

\$145,000 to \$8,400,000; \$2,100,000.

### *Criteria for Selecting Proposals*

1. Extent of disease burden and need.

2. Feasibility and appropriateness of operational plan to meet the purpose of the cooperative agreement.
3. Extent of collaboration and community involvement.
4. Extent to which the applicant appears likely to succeed in implementing proposed objectives.
5. Appropriateness of nonfederal contributions.
6. Extent to which the budget is reasonable, consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds, and includes evidence of the state's commitment to the program application of financial and/or in-kind contribu-

tions from nonfederal sources to activities of the proposed program.

Headquarters office: Ms. Susan True, MEd, Chief, Program Services Branch, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Service, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Mailstop K57, Atlanta, GA 30341; phone: 770-488-4880.

For more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer>.

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## IMPROVING, ENHANCING, AND EVALUATING OUTCOMES OF COMPREHENSIVE HEART HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-RISK WOMEN (93.012)

Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services

**Authorization:** Public Health Service Act, Section 1703(a).

### *Objectives*

- Provide funding to improve and enhance existing women's heart healthcare programs in hospitals, clinics, and/or health centers.
- Enable the programs to track and evaluate outcome data.

### *Eligibility*

Applicants must be a public or private hospital, clinic, or health center providing heart healthcare services to women. Academic health centers and state, county, and local health departments are eligible for funding under this announcement. Programs that will be implemented in medically under-served areas, enterprise communities, and empowerment zones as well as community health centers funded under

Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act are encouraged to apply. Native American tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and organizations serving rural or frontier communities are also encouraged to apply. In order to apply for the award, applicants must already have a basic women's heart healthcare program in place.

### *Credentials/Documentation*

None.

### *Deadlines*

To be considered for review, applications must be submitted by the established due date. Applications not meeting the deadline will be considered late and will be returned to the applicant unread.

### *Obligations*

FY05 \$750,000, FY06 \$900,000, FY07 est not available.

### *Range and Average*

up to \$150,000.

### *Criteria for Selecting Proposals*

1. Program plan (30 points), evaluated by rating the applicant's approach to accomplishing each of the requirements identified in the funding opportunity description of the federal register notice.
2. Statement of need (20 points), evaluated by rating the applicant's demonstrated need for improving, enhancing, and evaluating outcomes of the women's heart healthcare program.
3. Experience and commitment of key personnel (20 points), evaluated by rating the qualifications of key personnel proposed to perform the work and the amount of effort estimated for each person.
4. Management plan (20 points), evaluated by rating the effectiveness of the applicant's staffing, scheduling, and logistics plans and the applicant's ability to achieve the program goals within the time frames set forth.
5. Past performance (10 points), evaluated by considering the number, size, complexity, and success of similar projects that the applicant has previously successfully implemented.

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SW, Rm 719E, Washington, DC 20201; e-mail: shaynes@osophs.dhhs.gov.

For more information: <http://www.4woman.gov/owh>.