

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.

93.307 MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH (93.307)

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.

Objectives

- 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 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

Centers of Excellence In Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Disparities and Training (aka Project EXPORT) grants: FY05 \$62,664,000, FY06 \$58,038,000, FY07 est \$48,289,000.

Range and Average

\$227,521 to \$1,621,536; \$870,333.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

1. Scientific merit and general significance of the proposed study and its objectives.
2. Technical adequacy of the experimental design and approach.
3. Competency of the proposed investigator or group to successfully pursue the project.
4. Adequacy of the available and proposed facilities and resources.
5. Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project.
6. Relevance and importance to the announced program objectives.

Examples of Funded Projects

- American Indian and Alaska Health Native Health Disparities Project.
- A Research Center to Reduce Ethnic Disparities in End Stage Renal Disease.
- Appalachian Center of Translational Disparities Research.

Headquarters office: Director, Division of Research and Training Activities, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 800, MSC 5465, Bethesda, MD 20892, USA; phone: 301-402-1366.

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

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HEALTH DISPARITIES IN MINORITY HEALTH (93.100)

Objectives

- Support the elimination of health disparities among racial and ethnic populations through local small-scaled projects that address a demonstrated health problem or health issue.

Eligibility

Private nonprofit community-based minority serving organizations may apply. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Credentials/Documentation

Proof of nonprofit status is required as part of the application submission. Costs will be determined in accordance with 45 CFR 74 and 92.

Deadlines

Contact Headquarter office for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY05 \$1,000,000, FY06 \$1,000,000.

Range and Average

\$30,028 to \$50,000; \$49,146.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

1. Consistency of project's goals and objectives with the Office of Minority Health's mission.
2. Coherence and feasibility of methodology and activities selected to address the problem as evidence in the proposed implementation plan.
3. Strength of proposed grant organization's management capability.
4. Adequacy of qualifications, experience, and cultural

competence of proposed personnel.

5. Strength of analysis of potential impact or innovation the project proposes to generate.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Increasing knowledge of diabetes among African American community residents and improving skills necessary for the maintenance of diabetes through workshops, dissemination of health information, and participation in health fairs.
- Improving the health status of American Indians at risk for or diagnosed with cardiovascular disease and/or diabetes through

fitness activities and an educational component.

- Reducing teen pregnancy and HIV/STDs among young Latinos by increasing parents' knowledge of the conditions and promoting inter-generational communication skills between Latino parents and children about sexuality and family-planning issues.

Headquarters office: Cynthia H. Amis, Director, Division of Program Operations, Office of Minority Health, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, USA; phone: 301-594-0769.

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

Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, Title XVII, Section 1707(d)(1), 42 USC 300u et seq; Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990, Public Law 101-527.

APPALACHIAN RESEARCH, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS (23.011)

Objectives

- Expand the knowledge of the region to the fullest extent possible by means of state-sponsored research (including investigations, studies, technical assistance, and demonstration projects) in order to assist the commission in accomplishing the objectives of the act.

Eligibility

Appalachian states, alone or in combination with other Appalachian states, local public bodies, and state instrumentalities.

Credentials/Documentation

Projects must conform to the Appalachian State Development Plan and implementing Strategy Statement, which is submitted annually. Commission regulations require that the Appalachian State Development Plan and Strategy Statement

must be submitted by the governors and approved by the commission at the fall commission meeting. Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments.

Deadlines

None, except those imposed by each state and the general requirement of the commission.

Obligations

FY05 \$1,200,024, FY06 \$1,000,000, FY07 est \$1,000,000.

Range and Average

\$7,500 to \$202,253; \$68,244.

Headquarters office: Inquiries and proposals for projects should be submitted first to the Appalachian state office designated by the governor. Other inquiries may be addressed to Executive Director, Appalachian Regional Commission, 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009, USA; phone: 202-884-7700.

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

Appalachian Regional Commission
Authorization: Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, Section 302, Public Law 89-4, as amended; 40 USC 14101-14704; Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2002, Public Law 107-149.