

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.

HEART AND VASCULAR DISEASES RESEARCH (93.837)

Objectives

- Foster research and prevention, education, and control activities related to heart and vascular diseases and to develop young scientist investigators in these areas.

Eligibility

Any nonprofit organization engaged in biomedical research and institutions or companies organized for profit may apply for almost any kind of grant.

Credentials/Documentation

Individuals and institutional trainees must be citizens of the United States or have been admitted for permanent residency; must hold a doctoral degree; and must possess a desire for training in one of the health or health-related areas specified by the National Institutes of Health. Each applicant must be sponsored by an accredited public or private nonprofit institution engaged in such training. Costs will be determined in accordance

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

Deadlines

February 1, June 1, October 1.

Obligations

FY06 \$1,327,584,000, FY07 \$1,327,584,000.

Range and Average

\$16,600 to \$4,444,879; \$441,745.

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.

National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Section 301, 422 and 487, as amended, Public Laws 78-410 and 99-158, 42 USC 241, 42 USC 285, and 42 USC 288, as amended; Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, Public Law 106-554.

5. Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project.
6. Relevance and importance to announced program objectives.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Investigator-initiated research project grants on the surgical treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, on growth-factor mediation of healing in vascular grafts, and on mechanisms for cardiovascular control early in diabetes.
- Institute-initiated research project grants on stem cell research in cardiomyopathy, on using adult stem cells to repair cardiac damage, and on altered glucose and lipid metabolism in obesity and cardiovascular disease.

- AIDS-related research project grants on cardiomyopathy, on mitochondrial nucleotide carriers, and on endothelial oxidative stress and atherosclerosis.
- An institute-initiated program project, a center of excellence in gene therapy.
- Investigator-initiated program project grants on genetic approaches to early cardiac development, on oxidative stress and diabetic cardiovascular disease, and on the biomechanics of the heart, vessels, and blood cells.

Headquarters office: Director, Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Bethesda, MD 2089; 301-435-0466.

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

IMPROVING, ENHANCING, AND EVALUATING OUTCOMES OF COMPREHENSIVE HEART HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-RISK WOMEN (93.102)

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 and to 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.

Credentials/Documentation

None.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office.

Obligations

FY06 \$900,000, FY07 not available.

Range and Average

Up to \$150,000 (direct and indirect costs).

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. Accepted applications will be reviewed for technical merit in accordance with DHHS policies.

Headquarters office: Dr. Suzanne Haynes, Senior Science Advisor, Office on Women’s Health, US Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Rm 719E, Washington, DC 20201; shaynes@osophs.dhhs.gov.

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

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE MINORITY HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM (93.137)

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.

Objectives

- Support minority community health coalitions to develop, implement, and conduct demonstration projects that coordinate integrated community-based screening and outreach services and include linkages for access and treatment to minorities in high-risk, low-income communities.
- Support minority community health coalitions involving nontraditional

partners in carrying out projects to increase the educational understanding of HIV/AIDS, increase testing, and improve access to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private nonprofit, community-based, minority-serving organizations that will serve as the grantee organization for the coalition. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Credentials/Documentation

Proof of nonprofit status is required as part of the application submission.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office.

Obligations

FY06 \$6,500,000, FY07 \$6,500,000.

Range and Average

\$181,266 to \$270,000; \$200,000.

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 methods 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.

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

Examples of Funded Projects

- Developing a program to prevent the incidence, increase the diagnosis, and

improve the management of childhood asthma through educational sessions, screenings, events, case management, and ongoing support.

- Conducting vision assessment, eye health education, and referral to eye doctors; disseminating

health education materials in seven languages; and providing diabetes screening, counseling, and referral.

- Developing outreach and education activities, complemented by efforts of faith-based organizations, to address HIV in the

African American community.

Headquarters office: Ms. Cynthia H. Amis, Office of Minority Health, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852; 240-453-8444.

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