

# GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MINORITY POPULATIONS (93.004)

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 300 u et seq.

### *Objectives*

- To provide support for activities that have the potential to improve the health status and quality of life of ethnic minorities, with the objective of reducing the excessive burden and death borne by minority and disadvantaged populations in the United States.

### *Eligibility*

Public and private nonprofit entities may apply. Faith based organizations are eligible to apply.

### *Credentials/Documentation*

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

### *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*

FY06 \$7,292,505, FY07 est \$7,842,317.

### *Range and Average*

\$25,000 to \$614,000; \$186,000.

### *Examples of Funded Projects*

- Establish an American Indian Alaska Native Research Network through which American Indian and Alaskan Native researchers can network, collaborate and seek support.
- Educate and increase provider sensitivity about cul-

tural practices and their influence on patient compliance with medication and therapeutic treatment interventions.

- Reduce prenatal HIV transmission among African American women of childbearing age and their care providers through health promotion and education.

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

Headquarters office: Ms. 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 600, Rockville, MD 20852; 240-453-8444.

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

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### NURSING WORKFORCE DIVERSITY (93.178)

#### Objectives

- To increase nursing education opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (including ethnic minorities under-represented among registered nurses) by providing student stipends, pre-entry preparation, and retention activities.

#### Eligibility

Eligible applicants include schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state and local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations. Grantees that report rates of annual admission, retention, and graduate rates of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic minorities below the av-

erage of the two previous years must provide a plan for immediately improving such rates. If the plan of the grantee fails to improve the rates within the year beginning on the date of such plan, the grantee shall be ineligible for continued funding.

#### Credentials/Documentation:

Applicant/grantee must provide data on annual admission, retention, and graduation rates for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic minorities in the schools involved in the project. Nursing programs must be accredited by a recognized body or bodies or by a state agency approved for such purposes. Program participants must be US citizens, noncitizen nationals, or foreign nationals who possess a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States. Participants

Health and Human Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services  
**Authorization:** Public Health Service Act, Title VIII, Section 821, 42 USC 296 m, as amended; Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998, Public Law 105-392.

must be educationally or economically disadvantaged and express an interest in pursuing a professional nursing career.

#### Deadlines

Contact headquarters office.

#### Obligations

FY06 16,107,000, FY07 est \$16,107,000.

#### Range and Average

\$42,954 to \$419,606; \$266,590.

#### Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- The purpose of the project must be consistent with and promote the activities identified in the law.
- Need must be documented, and the capability for achieving project goals must be described.

- In making awards of grants under this section, preference will be given to any qualified applicant with a project that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations or help meet public health nursing needs in state in local health departments. This preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval.

Headquarters office: Oscar Tanner, Director, Division of Grants Management, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11A-16, Rockville, MD 20852; 301-443-2385.

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

### PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION GRANTS (93.978)

#### Objectives

- To develop, improve, apply, and evaluate methods for the prevention and control of gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and other

sexually transmitted diseases through demonstrations and applied research.

- To develop, improve, apply, and evaluate methods and strategies for public information and education

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services  
**Authorization:** Public Health Service Act, Section 318b, 42 USC 247c, as amended; Disease Control Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-449; Disease Control Amendments of 1976, Public Law 94-317; Health Services and Centers Amendments of 1978, Public Law 95-626; Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, as amended, Public Law 97-35; Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1988, Public Law 100-202.

about syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases.

- To support professional (including appropriate allied health personnel) sexually transmitted disease

education, training, and clinical skills improvement activities.

#### Eligibility

Any state, political subdivisions of states, and any other

public or private nonprofit institutions.

*Credentials/Documentation*

Applicants should document the need for assistance, describe the evaluation procedures, and provide a budget with justification of funds requested. Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments. For other grantees, costs will be determined in accordance with 45 CFR, Part 74, Subpart Q.

*Deadlines*

Contact headquarters office.

*Obligations*

FY06 \$107,000,000, FY07 \$107,000,000.

*Range and Average*

\$125,000 to \$450,000; \$313,809.

*Examples of Funded Projects*

- Barriers to condom usage among high-risk populations.
- Innovative methods in syphilis control.
- A study of the natural history of genital human papillomavirus.

- The development of diagnostic tests for genital warts.

*Criteria for Selecting Proposals*

Applications will be evaluated on the need for the proposal and its potential benefit(s) to sexually transmitted disease control, possible effects on local control programs, consistency with national program goals, specific and measurable objectives, a workable and meaningful plan for evaluation, and a sound operational plan that ensures the proposal can be

carried out to reach stated objectives.

Headquarters office: Sevgi Aral, Director, Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop E-02, Atlanta, GA 30333; 404-639-8259.

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