

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.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (93.945)

Objectives

- To work with state health agencies and other public and private nonprofit organizations in planning, developing, integrating, coordinating, or evaluating programs to prevent and control chronic diseases such as epilepsy and lupus.
- To assist in monitoring the major behavioral risks associated with the 10 leading causes of premature death and disability in the United States, including cardiovascular diseases and arthritis.
- To establish new chronic disease prevention programs like Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH).

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the official state and territorial health agencies of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micro-

nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and American Samoa. Other public and private nonprofit community based organizations are also eligible (see REACH).

Credentials/Documentation

Applicants should document the need for assistance, state the objectives of the project, outline the method of operation, describe evaluation procedures, and provide a budget with justification for funds requested. Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB circular no. A-87 for state and local governments, OMB circular no. A-21 for educational institutions, and OMB circular no. A-122 for nonprofit organizations.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office for application deadlines.

Obligations

Cardiovascular: FY06 \$30,500,000, FY07 \$30,500,000; arthritis: FY07 \$5,925,000; epilepsy: FY06 \$6,000,000; lupus: FY06 \$868,000; REACH: FY06

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Sections 301(a) and 317(a), and (k)(2), as amended.

\$24,727,972, FY07 \$23,837,394, FY08 est \$23,837,394.

Range and Average

Cardiovascular: \$250,000 to \$350,000; \$300,000. Arthritis: \approx \$136,000. REACH: \$800,000.

Examples of Funded Projects

- The New York Healthy Heart Program has partnered with its dairy council to educate the public about the benefits of drinking low-fat milk. The campaign increased the sale of milk by 5% and the sale of low-fat milk by 15%.
- The North Carolina CVH Program provided the Strike Out Stroke program that targets hypertension in African Americans in partnership with the North Carolina Association of Pharmacies and through local health departments.
- The Alabama Arthritis Program has effectively partnered with the Alabama Division of Senior Services to expand the use

of an effective arthritis physical activity program. Senior Services has incorporated this program as a core activity at nutrition sites.

- The Charlotte REACH 2010 coalition initiated a lay health advisor program in the city's northwest area, where the average mortality rate for heart disease among residents is nearly 40% higher than the rest of Mecklenburg County. Community residents are recruited and trained to help their neighbors make healthy behavior changes.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Based on the evaluation criteria as published in the program and/or Federal Register Announcement.

Headquarters office: Nealean Austin, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Bradywine Rd, Ste 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341; 770-488-2754.

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

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

Objectives

- To provide support for activities that can improve the health status and/or quality of life of racial/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 \$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 Alaska Native re-

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searchers can network, collaborate and seek support.

- Educate and increase provider sensitivity about cultural practices and their influence on patient compliance with medication and therapeutic treatment interventions.
- Reduce prenatal HIV transmission among African American women of child-bearing age and their care providers through health promotion and education.

selected to address the problem as evidence in the proposed implementation plan.

- Strength of proposed grant organization's management capability.
- Adequacy of qualifications, experience, and cultural competence of proposed personnel.
- Strength of analysis of potential impact or innovation the project proposes to generate.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Consistency of project's goals and objectives with the Office of Minority Health's mission.
- Coherence and feasibility of methods and activities

Headquarters office: Cynthia H. Amis, Office of Minority Health, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Ste 600, Rockville, MD 20852; 240-453-8444.

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

HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN (93.015)

Objectives

- To increase knowledge of accurate HIV prevention information among women.
- To improve and increase access to quality HIV prevention services to women living with or who are at high risk for HIV infection.
- To improve receptivity to and awareness of HIV prevention education necessary to reduce the stigma of HIV infection.

- To increase the number of women who voluntarily receive HIV testing.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a public college or university, a historically Black college or university, a Hispanic-serving institution, a tribal college or university, a private nonprofit community-based organization, a Native American tribal organization, or a faith-based community organization that serves under-served women. Small businesses or orga-

nizations not in an official partnership with a qualified institution are not eligible for funding under this announcement.

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.

Range and Average of Financial Assistance

This is a new program; therefore the number of awards and the amounts are specified in the announcement published in the Federal Register, pending availability of funds.

Headquarters office: Office on Women's Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave SW, Rm 712E, Washington, DC 20201.

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

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office on Women's Health
Authorization: 42 USC 300u-2(a).