

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.

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES RESEARCH (93.837)

Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health

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.

Objectives

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

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, a grant application must be approved for scientific merit and program relevance by a scientific review group and a national advisory council. Any nonprofit organization engaged in biomedical research and institutions or companies organized for profit may apply for almost any kind of grant.

Credentials/Documentation

Individual NRSA and institutional NRSA trainees must be citizens of the United States or have been admitted for permanent residency; must hold a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, DDS, DO, DVM, ScD, DEng, or equivalent domestic or for-

eign 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 5, June 5, and October 5.

Obligations

FY08 est \$1,556,459,000; FY09 est \$1,556,459,000.

Range and Average

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

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.
- 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.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

1. The 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 announced program objectives.
7. Headquarters office: Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Bethesda, MD 20892; 301-435-0466.

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

Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of the Secretary

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

Objectives

- To provide funding to improve and enhance existing women's heart healthcare programs in hospitals, clinics, 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. Programs that will be implemented in medically underserved 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

Contact headquarters office.

Obligations

FY09 est not reported.

Range and Average

Up to \$150,000.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

1. Applicant's approach to accomplishing each of the requirements identified in the funding opportunity description of the federal register notice.
2. Applicant's demonstrated need for improving, enhancing, and evaluating outcomes of the women's heart healthcare program.
3. Qualifications of key personnel proposed to perform the work and the amount of effort estimated for each person.
4. 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. Number, size, complexity, and success of similar projects that the applicant has previously successfully implemented.

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

HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES (93.443)

Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: 25 USC 13, Synder Act, Public Law 83-568, Transfer Act, 42 USC 2001.

Objectives

- To create healthier American Indian/Alaska Native communities by developing, implementing, and coordinating innovative and effective community and clinic-based intervention programs designed to promote health and prevent chronic disease and disability.

Eligibility

Federally-recognized tribes, tribal organizations, nonprofit

organizations of primarily American Indians and Alaska Natives, and urban Indian organizations may apply.

Credentials/Documentation

Certification of American Indian or Alaska descent is required for direct services. Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB circular number A-87 for state, local, and Indian tribal governments, and circular number A-122 for tribal nonprofit organizations codified through applicable grant administration regulations 45 CFR

part 92 and as applicable 45 CFR part 74.

Deadlines

Contact headquarters office.

Obligations

FY08 \$1,300,000, FY09 est not available.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Diabetes prevention.
- Obesity prevention in youth and children.
- Alcohol intervention for youth.

- Physical activity.
- Women's health.
- Tobacco prevention.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stated below for technical merit by appropriate peer review groups convened by the Indian Health Service Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program. Applications will be reviewed and rated on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed for developing the project narrative:

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1) background and needs, 2) intervention plan, 3) plans for monitoring and program evaluation, 4) organizational capabil-

ities and qualifications, and 5) communication and information sharing.

Headquarters office: Ms Alberta Becenti, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Coordinator, Indian Health Service,

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