

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.

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

Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Minority Health
Authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended,
Title XVII, Section 1707 (e) (1), 42 USC 300u et seq.

Objectives

- Provide support for activities that have the potential to 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

FY07 \$7,842,317; FY08 est not available; FY09 est not reported.

Range and Average

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

Examples of Funded Projects

1. Provide through the establishment of an American Indian/Alaska Native research network a means by which American Indian and Alaskan Native researchers can network, collaborate, and seek support.
2. Educate and increase provider sensitivity about cultural practices and their

influence on patient adherence with medication and therapeutic treatment interventions.

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

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Complete review criteria are published in the Federal Register notice or can be obtained from the program contact. Listed below are some criteria used to review applications:

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 evidenced 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, Office of Minority Health, 1101 Wootton Pkwy, Ste 600, Rockville, MD 20852; 240-453-8444.

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

STEPS TO HEALTHIER GIRLS PROGRAM (93.014)

Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of the Secretary
Authorization: 42 USC 300u-2(a)(1), 300u-6(e).

Objectives

- Increase the number of girls who engage regularly in moderate physical activ-

ity, preferably daily, for at least 60 minutes per day.

- Increase girls' knowledge of healthy nutrition and healthy

weight and promote strategies for accomplishing these.

- Increase girls' knowledge about the ill health effects of

tobacco and promote strategies for accomplishing these.

- Increase girls' knowledge of the importance of a

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healthy environment and promote strategies to accomplish this.

Eligibility

Girl Scouts of the USA is the eligible applicant for the Steps to Healthier Girls program.

Credentials/Documentation

None.

Deadlines

Please contact program office for application deadline.

Obligations

Not reported.

Range and Average

\$60,000 (direct and indirect costs). This is a new program.

Headquarters office: Office on Women's Health, 200 Independence Ave SW, Room 712E, Washington, DC 20201.

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

GRANTS FOR PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (93.117)

Objectives

Promote the postgraduate education of physicians in preventive medicine and public health.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and public health. An applicant must demonstrate to the secretary that it has or will have available full-time faculty members with training and experience in the fields of preventive medicine and support from other faculty members trained in public health and other relevant specialties and disciplines.

Credentials/Documentation

Applicants should review the individual HRSA guidance documents issued under this program for any required proof or certifications which must be submitted prior to or simultaneous with submission of an application package. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB circular no. A-87.

Deadlines

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Obligations

FY08 \$1,198,894; FY09 est \$1,198,894; FY10 est \$1,365,212.

Range and Average

Range data unavailable; \$239,879 average.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Competing applications are reviewed by consultants for technical merit recommendations on the basis of the potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the training purposes of section 768 of the Public Health Service Act. Approval of any application will be based on an analysis of the following factors: purpose, need and rationale, project plan, project management, fiscal plan, trainee diversity, and project effectiveness. For applicants

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Health Resources and Services Administration
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Section 768, 42 USC 295(c), as amended; Health Professions
Education Partnerships Act of 1998, Public Law 105-392.

who are currently funded grantees or applicants who are not currently funded but have received funding within the previous 4 years, reviewers will examine the progress report summary to determine the current or prior project's impact on preventive medicine education both locally and nationally, ability to carry out grant-specific objectives and performance objectives, and dissemination activities.

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