

will have a budget ceiling of \$450,000, including both direct and indirect costs. Applications for limb loss intervention research that exceed the funding cap of \$450,000 will be excluded from the competition and returned to the applicant without review.

It is anticipated that awards will begin on or before September 1, 2003, for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates are subject to change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be based on satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Applicants may submit more than one application under the selections available for intervention research targeting populations of people with disabilities. However, given the limited funds available under this announcement, no applicant nor an applicant's parent organization will receive more than one award.

Use of Funds: Grant funds may be used to support personnel services, supplies, equipment, travel, subcontracts, and other services directly related to project activities consistent with the approved scope of work. Project funds cannot be used to supplant other available applicant or collaborating agency funds, for construction, for lease or purchase of facilities or space, or for patient care. Project funds cannot be used for individualized preventive measures (direct patient support) such as for wheelchairs, medical appliances, or assistive technology unless specifically approved by the funding agency.

Each year, applicants should budget travel funds for two staff members to attend a three day workshop in Atlanta to review the collective performance of funded projects; and for two staff members to participate in a four day national conference/meeting of relevance to the project.

Given the availability of other Federal resources for that purpose, grant funds under this announcement cannot be used for intervention research directed at people with a "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM IV) primary diagnosis of mental illness, although such impairments (e.g., depression, adjustment reaction, anxiety) can be considered as secondary conditions as part of the intervention research.

Funding Preferences: As determined by the quality and ranking of the applications received, CDC plans to support research projects based on: (a) The programmatic interest areas listed in the announcement; (b) race, age,

gender and ethnic diversity of the populations to be included within the study groups; (c) geographical distribution; and (d) urban/rural distinctions.

Recipient Financial Participation: Although matching funds are not a requirement under this announcement, applicants are encouraged to seek additional funds to support project activities. Applicants should document the source and amount of financial support, including in-kind contributions. Such letters of financial commitment as well as additional correspondence citing specific areas of project collaborations should be included in the application Appendix.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the grantee will be responsible for the following activities:

1. Confirm the basis for study participant selection and the mechanisms in place to access this group(s); finalize the location/sites of the study; and engage and impact the target population selected for interventions over the full course of the project.
2. Implement the proposed research methods including study instruments, questionnaires, protocols, and expected outcome measures; and address the expected applicability of research findings to the intended population.
3. Institute the work plan based on the major actions (measurable goals and objectives) required to conduct and complete the project with specific timelines and action steps for attaining all work plan and performance outcomes.
4. Undertake major activities as identified to be performed by key staff, sustain management oversight for all components of the project, and sustain a viable organizational structure to assure optimal performance.
5. Measure the effects of the proposed collaborations and outline the project's relationship to other programs underway or recently completed.
6. Account for the expected outcomes of the intervention and how the overall effectiveness of the project will be measured; including methods for detecting meaningful changes in outcomes of interest such as improved health, reductions in health disparities, and fewer or less severe secondary conditions among the targeted populations.
7. Catalog effective communication channels and announce best formats for disseminating results to specific and general audiences including: persons

with disabilities, caregivers, disability service organizations, advocacy groups, public health organizations, governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, researchers, and the general public.

Programmatic Interests: The CDC is interested in funding interventions that address the health of people with disabilities across the lifespan. CDC encourages the development of interventions and/or the modification of existing programs shown to be effective in the general population. Research should include interventions that address objectives identified in "Healthy People 2010," for which people with disabilities demonstrate disparities in health. The leading health indicators reflect the major public health concerns in the United States and were chosen based on their ability to motivate action, the availability of data to measure their progress, and their relevance as broad public health issues. Within the descriptions of the leading health indicators contained in "Healthy People 2010," CDC is interested in projects that address physical activity, overweight and obesity, depression, violence, and access to quality health care services.

Specific populations of people with disabilities targeted for health promotion interventions should be appropriately justified. Interventions may be targeted at the individual, group or system level. Applicants may focus on multiple and/or common functional categories such as people with mobility limitations, sensory, communication, or developmental disabilities. Applicants must focus on at least two or more underlying etiologies within the population of people with disabilities selected for intervention.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with existing programs that have experience conducting effective interventions in the areas of interest. In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to include people with disabilities in all phases of research planning and implementation.

Applicants should pilot, implement, and evaluate innovative health promotion interventions that have the potential for application and/or replication in other settings (e.g., local and state health departments, disability and voluntary organizations) beyond what is developed within the controlled research environment.

F. Content

Letter of Intent: A letter of intent (LOI) is requested for this program. The LOI should identify the program announcement number and the