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National Organization Strategies for Prevention, Early Detection or Survivorship of Cancer in Underserved Populations; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: April 28, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 301(a) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241 (a)). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 2003 funds for cooperative agreements for National Organization Strategies for the Prevention, Early Detection or Survivorship of Cancer in Underserved Populations. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Cancer.

This program will assist national organizations in the development of health programs and cancer prevention and control infrastructure enhancement to deliver cancer education and awareness activities for individuals who may be underserved, uninsured or underinsured, at risk, or of racial/ethnic minorities. In addition, CDC will assist established national programs in developing and disseminating current national, state, and community-based comprehensive information on cancer prevention, early detection, or survivorship. This project includes facilitating the exchange of expertise and coordination of program efforts related to cancer prevention and control among a variety of public and private not-for-profit agencies at the national level.

Programs must address the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Cancer. Proposals will be accepted that address the following priorities: strategies for the prevention, early detection, or

survivorship of cancers among underserved populations. Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following goal of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP): To increase early detection, prevention, or survivorship of cancers of the breast, cervix, colon, prostate, skin, and ovary for underserved and priority populations. This includes, but is not limited to African Americans, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics, older Americans, rural and urban Americans, etc.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by national, public and private nonprofit and faith-based organizations, that have the capacity and ability to conduct nationwide programs and activities related to promoting health education, awareness, and information dissemination.

National organizations that serve as an umbrella organization for their constituents (regional or local chapters or memberships) provide a unique opportunity to address barriers to prevention and screening, improve quality of care, and improve the priority population's access to cancer prevention, early detection, or survivorship programs.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$2,000,000 is available in FY 2003, to fund approximately six to eight awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$250,000, ranging from \$100,000 to \$350,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about August 15, 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

Funds may be used to support personnel, and to purchase supplies and services directly related to program activities and consistent with the scope of this announcement. While the purchase of equipment is discouraged, it

will be considered for approval if justified on the basis of being essential to the program and not available from another source. Funds provided under this announcement are not to be used to conduct research. Funds may not be used for the purchase or lease of land or buildings, construction of facilities, renovation of existing space, or the delivery of clinical and therapeutic services, personal health services, medications, rehabilitation or other costs associated with screening or treatment for cancer.

Applicants are encouraged to maximize the public health benefit from use of CDC funding within the approved budget line items to enhance the grantee's ability to achieve stated goals and objectives. As part of increased flexibility efforts, recipients have the ability to redirect up to 25 percent of the total approved budget or \$250,000, whichever is less, to achieve stated goals and objectives within the scope of the award except from categories that require prior approval such as contracts, change in scope, and change in key personnel. A list of required prior approval actions will be included in the Notice of Grant Award.

Recipient Financial Participation

Recipient financial participation is not required for this program.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2, CDC activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Develop and disseminate programs or strategies designed to improve cancer prevention, early detection, or survivorship among the priority population. Performance will be measured by the extent to which the applicant identifies strategies to reach the priority population, either directly or through their constituency.

b. Develop and carry out strategies to improve knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding cancer prevention, early detection, or survivorship practices among the priority populations. Performance will be measured by the methods identified to ultimately reach the priority population either directly or through their constituency.

c. Establish specific, measurable, and realistic short-term (one year) and long-term (five year) program objectives at national, state, and/or local levels consistent with the purpose of this