

and to improve the quality of life. This support often takes the form of education, and the transfer of high quality research findings and public health strategies and practices through symposia, seminars, and workshops. Through the support of conferences and meetings (not a series) in the areas of public health research, education, prevention research in program and policy development in managed care and prevention application, CDC is meeting its overall goal of dissemination and implementation of new cost-effective intervention strategies.

ATSDR focus areas are: (1) Health effects of hazardous substances in the environment; (2) disease and toxic substance exposure registries; (3) hazardous substance removal and remediation; (4) emergency response to toxic and environmental disasters; (5) risk communication; (6) environmental disease surveillance; and (7) investigation and research on hazardous substances in the environment. The mission of ATSDR is to prevent both exposure and adverse human health effects that diminish the quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

ATSDR's systematic approaches are needed for linking applicable resources in public health with individuals and organizations involved in the practice of applying such research. Mechanisms are also needed to shorten the time frame between the development of disease prevention and health promotion techniques and their practical application. ATSDR believes that conferences and similar meetings (not a series) that permit individuals to engage in hazardous substances and environmental health research, education, and application (related to actual and/or potential human exposure to toxic substances) to interact, are critical for the development and implementation of effective programs to prevent adverse health effects from hazardous substances.

### C. Eligible Applicants

Applications for CDC support may be submitted by public, private non-profit, and faith-based organizations. Public and private non-profit entities include State and local governments or their bona fide agents, faith-based organizations, voluntary associations, foundations, civic groups, scientific or professional associations, universities, and Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations. Only conferences planned for July 1, 2003 through

September 30, 2004 are eligible to apply under this announcement.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code, Chapter 26, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal Funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

Applications for ATSDR support may be submitted by the official public health agencies of the States, or their bona fide agents. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, The Republic of the Marshall Island, the Republic of Palau, and Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments. State organizations, including State universities, State colleges, and State research institutions must establish that they meet their respective State's legislature definition of a State entity or political subdivision to be considered an eligible applicant. Also eligible are nationally recognized associations of health professionals and other chartered organizations generally recognized as demonstrating a need for information to protect the public from the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances. Faith-based organizations are also encouraged to apply.

### D. Funding

#### *Availability of Funds*

Approximately \$1,100,000 may be available from CDC in FY 2003 to fund approximately 60 to 80 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$20,000. For FY 2003, awards will be made for one cycle with a 12-month budget period within a 12-month project period. Funding estimates may change.

Approximately \$50,000 is available from ATSDR in FY 2003 to fund approximately six awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$8,000, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about sixty days before the date of the conference and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a 12-month project period. Funding estimates may change.

#### *Use of Funds*

1. Funds may be used for direct cost expenditures: Salaries; speaker fees (for services rendered); rental of necessary conference—related equipment; registration fees; and transportation costs (not to exceed economy class fare) for non-Federal individuals.

2. Funds may be used for only those parts of the conference specifically supported by CDC or ATSDR as documented in the grant award.

3. Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment; payments of honoraria (for conferring distinction); alterations or renovations; organizational dues; support entertainment or personal expenses; food or snack breaks; cost of travel and payment of a Federal employee; per diem or expenses for local participants (other than local mileage). Travel for Federal employees will be supported by CDC/ATSDR. Travel for other Federal employees will be supported by the employees' Federal agency.

4. Funds may not be used for reimbursement of indirect costs.

5. CDC and ATSDR will not fund 100 percent of any conference proposed under this announcement. Part of the cost of the proposed conference must be supported with other than Federal funds.

6. CDC and ATSDR will not fund a conference after it has taken place.

7. Federal funds may not be used to fund novelty items or souvenirs.

### E. Program Requirements

#### *CDC and Recipient Activities*

Grantees must meet the following requirements:

1. The conference organizer(s) may use CDC's/ATSDR's name only in factual publicity for the conference. CDC/ATSDR involvement in the conference does not necessarily indicate support for the organizer's general policies, activities, products, or the content of speakers' presentations.

2. Any conference co-sponsored under this announcement shall be held in facilities that are fully accessible to the public as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). Accessibility under ADAAG addresses accommodations for persons with sensory impairments as well as persons with physical disabilities or mobility limitations.

3. Manage all activities related to program content (e.g., objectives, topics, attendees, session design, workshops, special exhibits, speaker's fees, agenda composition, and printing). Many of these items may be developed in concert with assigned CDC or ATSDR project personnel.

4. Provide draft copies of the agenda and proposed ancillary activities to CDC or ATSDR for approval. All but 10 percent of the total funds awarded for the proposed conference will be initially restricted pending approval of a full,