

competitive Transitional Living Program grants for fiscal year 2004. The funding is to provide shelter, skill training and support services to assist homeless youth, including pregnant and parenting youth, in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

Federal Share of Project Costs:

Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 per year, which equals a maximum of \$1,000,000 for a 5-year project period.

Applicant Share of Project Cost:

Transitional Living grantees must provide a non-Federal share or match of at least ten percent (10%) of the Federal funds awarded. (There may be certain exceptions for Tribes with "638" funding pursuant to Public Law 93-638, under which certain Federal grants funds may qualify as matching funds for other Federal grant programs, e.g., those which contribute to the same purposes for which grants under section 638 are made.) The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. Therefore, a five-year project costing \$1,000,000 in Federal funds (based on an award of \$200,000 per 12-month budget period) must include a match of at least \$100,000 (\$20,000 per budget period). Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of required non-Federal funds. Failure to provide the required match will result in a disallowance of Federal funds.

Duration of Project:

This announcement solicits applications for Transitional Living projects of up to five years (60-month project periods). Initial grant awards, made on a competitive basis, will be for one-year (12-month) budget periods. Applications for noncompeting continuation grants beyond the one-year budget periods, but within the 60-month project periods, will be entertained in subsequent years, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

C. Street Outreach Program
(Competitive Grant Area C, CFDA #93.557)

Program Purpose, Goals and Objectives: The overall purpose of SOP is to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. The goal of the program is to establish and build relationships between street youth and program

outreach staff in order to help youth leave the streets. The objective of the program is to provide support services that will assist the youth in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement. These services include, at a minimum, treatment, counseling, and provision of information and referral services. Street outreach programs must have access to local emergency shelter space that is an appropriate placement for young people and that can be made available for youth willing to come in off the streets. In addition, street outreach staff must have access to the shelter in order to maintain interaction with the youth during the time they are in the shelter.

Background: In response to the needs of street youth who are subjected to or at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse, Congress amended the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act by authorizing the Education and Prevention Services to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth Program under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. This program is referred to as the Street Outreach Program (SOP) for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth.

The array of social, emotional and health problems faced by youth on the street is dramatically compounded by the incidence of sexual exploitation and/or abuse. Street youth are victimized by strangers as well as by individuals known to the youth, and a significant number of homeless youth are exploited as they participate in survival sex to meet their basic needs for food and shelter. Because of these issues, sexually exploited youth often need more intensive services. Youth must be afforded the opportunity to slowly build trust relationships with caring and responsible adults as the first step to successfully encouraging them to leave the streets.

Eligible Applicants

- Private nonprofit agencies; and
- Community-based and faith-based organizations.

Note: Public agencies are NOT eligible to apply for these funds.

Current Street Outreach Program grantees with project periods ending on or before September 29, 2003, and all other eligible applicants not currently receiving SOP funds may apply for a new competitive SOP grant under this announcement.

Current Street Outreach Program grantees (including subgrantees) with one or two years remaining on their current grant and the expectation of continuation funding in FY 2003 may

not apply for a new Street Outreach grant for the community they currently serve. These grantees will receive instructions from their respective ACF Regional Offices on the procedures for applying for continuation grants. Current grantees, which have questions regarding their eligibility to apply for new funds, should consult with the appropriate Regional Office Youth Contact, listed in part V, appendix B, located in the full official program announcement to determine if they are eligible to apply for a new grant award.

Funding: Depending on the availability of funds the Family and Youth Services Bureau expects to award up to \$4,600,000 for up to 46 new competitive Street Outreach Program grants for street-based outreach and education.

Federal Share of Project Costs:

Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 in Federal support each year, a maximum of \$600,000 for a 3-year project period. The maximum Federal share of project costs is \$200,000 for 12 months.

Applicant Share of Project Cost: Street Outreach grantees must provide a non-Federal share or match of at least ten percent (10%) of the Federal funds awarded. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. Therefore, a three-year project costing \$600,000 in Federal funds (based on an award of \$200,000 per 12-month budget period) must provide a match of at least \$60,000 (\$20,000 per budget period). Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of required non-Federal funds. Failure to provide the required match will result in a disallowance of Federal funds.

Duration of Project:

This announcement solicits applications for Street Outreach Program projects of up to three years (36-month project periods). Initial grant awards, made on a competitive basis, will be for one-year (12-month) budget periods. Applications for noncompeting continuation grants beyond the one-year budget periods, but within the 36-month project periods, will be considered subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.