

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 \$500,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately two or more awards. It is expected that the average award will be approximately \$165,000 ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three 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.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

E. Program Requirements

Specific goals of the centers will be to:

1. Provide law-related information to public health practitioners, policy makers, and the legal community in at least two ways: (a) by conducting analyses of public health legal issues; and, separately, (b) by improving the quality, accessibility, and utility of information relevant to public health practitioners and maintained in standardized, electronic databases.

2. Improve the competencies of public health practitioners, public policy makers, the legal community, and others to apply law as an effective tool for public health.

3. Foster partnerships between the public health practice community and the legal community (including health attorneys, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, legal education and training institutions; legal professional associations; and related organizations) to improve their contribution to applying law as an effective tool for public health.

CDC anticipates making awards to two or more centers. The centers will not necessarily conduct the same type of activities. An eligible applicant may apply to conduct activities that address goal 1, goal 2, goal 3, or any combination thereof. However, an applicant that proposes to conduct activities in more than one goal area must submit a separate application for each goal area. For example, if an applicant chooses to apply to conduct activities in both goal area 1 and goal area 2, the applicant must submit one

application for each goal area. Each such application will be evaluated separately. CDC reserves the right to make an award to an applicant for activity in one goal area, but not in another.

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

1. Recipient Activities

With respect to goal 1, recipient activities will be to:

- a. Conduct analyses of public health legal issues (see guidance in the Content section of this announcement).

- b. Implement the information improvement plan submitted in your application to improve the quality, accessibility, and utility for public health practitioners of information relevant to public health and maintained in standardized, electronic, databases (see guidance in the Content section of this announcement); and revise that plan as needed thereafter.

- c. Assist other organizations to conduct activities like those identified in (a) and (b) above.

- d. Evaluate the impact of the activities annually.

With respect to goal 2, recipient activities will be to:

- a. Review existing statements of core competencies in public health law for public health practitioners, public policy makers, the legal community, and others whose actions affect the health of the public, and assess the need for revision of those statements.

- b. Assess the extent to which the groups listed above possess those core competencies.

- c. Develop a plan (no later than December 31, 2003) for a self-sustaining program of training, education, and continuing education suitable for implementation at multiple jurisdictional levels to improve the achievement of public health law-related competencies by the current and future public health workforce, the legal community, and others whose actions affect the health of the public; revise that plan as needed thereafter.

- d. Develop curricula, courses, and materials, (beginning no later than March 31, 2004) and disseminate training, education, and continuing education consistent with that plan.

- e. Assist other organizations in developing and disseminating such training, education and continuing education consistent with that plan.

- f. Evaluate the impact of the recipient's activities annually.

With respect to goal 3, recipient activities will be to:

- a. Identify organizations in the legal community currently or potentially active in improving the contribution law makes to the health of the public; for this purpose the "legal community" includes health attorneys, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, legal education and training institutions, legal professional associations, and related organizations.

- b. Assess the capacity of those organizations to make such contributions and identify gaps between their existing and needed capacities.

- c. Develop (by December 31, 2003) a plan to assist those organizations in improving their capacity; and revise that plan as needed thereafter.

- d. Assist those organizations to improve their capacity through consultation, technical assistance, training, and other activities.

- e. Evaluate the impact of the activities annually.

2. CDC Activities

- a. Provide scientific, technical, and legal assistance.

- b. In goal area 1, Provide technical assistance in identifying public health legal issues for analysis, in implementing the plan for improving information, and in developing approaches to assisting other organizations.

In goal area 2, Provide technical assistance in identifying existing statements of competencies, in setting priorities for a plan for a program to improve achievement of competencies, in setting priorities for training materials, and in developing approaches to assisting other organizations.

In goal area 3, Provide technical assistance in identifying organizations in the legal community suitable for partnerships, in developing methods for assessing their capacity, in setting priorities for assisting them, and in developing approaches to improving their capacity.

- c. Collaborate in identifying constituencies to be served and in establishing goals, priorities, strategies, timelines, and training materials.

- d. Identify and establish partnerships between the grantees and other organizations.

- e. Collaborate in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the collaborative activities supported under this cooperative agreement.

F. Content

Letter of Intent (LOI)

A LOI is required for this program. The Program Announcement title and