

is contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the project, and adequate stewardship of federal funds.

### III. Eligibility Information

Any public or private nonprofit entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for these family planning male reproductive health research grants.

Organizations that are experienced in providing a variety of services to males, such as social, educational, faith-based, vocational, and legal services (*e.g.*, tutoring, mentoring, job skills training), and have the capability of expanding program activities to include development, provision and evaluation of family planning/reproductive health related information, education and clinical services, are encouraged to apply for a grant under this announcement.

### IV. Application and Submission Information

Applications must be submitted on the Form OPHS-1 (Revised 6/01) and in the manner prescribed in the application kit. Application kits are available from the OPHS Grants Management Office at the address previously listed, on the OPA Web site at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>, or may be requested by fax at 301-594-0019 or 301-594-5980. Applicants are required to submit an original application signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant agency or organization and to assume for the organization the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of the grant award. Applicants are required to submit an original application and two copies. Applications should be limited to 50 double-spaced pages, not including appendices. Appendices may include curriculum vitae and other evidence of organizational capabilities.

Applications must include a one-page abstract of the proposed project. The abstract will be used to provide reviewers with an overview of the application, and will form the basis for the application summary in grants management documents. It is the practice of the Office of Population Affairs to maintain a summary of funded grants, and to post this

information on the OPA Web site. The abstract will be used as the basis for this posting and for other requests for summary information regarding funded grants.

To receive consideration, applications must be received by the OPHS Grants Management Office by the deadline listed in the "Dates" section of this announcement. Applications will be considered as meeting the deadline if they are postmarked on or before the deadline date and are received in time for orderly processing. A legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service will be accepted in lieu of a postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Hand-delivered applications must be received in the OPHS Grants Management Office not later than 4:30 p.m. on the application due date. Applications that do not meet the deadline will not be accepted for review, and will be returned. Applications sent via facsimile or by electronic mail will not be accepted for review.

A copy of the legislation governing this program and additional information which may be helpful will be included as part of the application kit. Applicants should use the legislation and other information included in this announcement to guide them in developing their applications.

#### *Review Under Executive Order 12372*

Applicants under this announcement are not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### *Program Requirements/Application Content*

This notice seeks applications for the implementation and evaluation of community-based projects to investigate best-practice approaches to providing family planning and related health information, education and clinical services targeting males. Successful applications will focus on program utility, replicability and cost-effectiveness, and will include the following:

- (1) An epidemiologic description of the target community.
- (2) Evidence that the applicant organization has experience and success in providing a variety of services to males in the target community.
- (3) A clear description of the target audience. Description should include whether the target audience includes individuals, groups, or the community as a whole.

(4) Evidence that the applicant organization has the capacity to deliver male reproductive health information, education (including abstinence education), and/or clinical services, that are appropriate to culture, age, and language of the target audience.

(5) Evidence that the proposed plan was developed using an integrated system, such as a logic model, for planning, monitoring and evaluation of program activities.

(6) Evidence that the proposed program activities are consistent with the requirements of Title X. Use of Title X funds is prohibited in programs where abortion is a method of family planning.

(7) A description of the type, length, and location of all program activities and specific program services.

(8) A theoretical rationale for the chosen program approach, as well as evidence of its effectiveness.

(9) Submission of goal statement(s) and related outcome objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-framed (S.M.A.R.T.).

(10) A plan to evaluate individual program activities, the program as a whole, and its impact on the target audience.

(11) An assurance of willingness and ability to participate in a cross-site evaluation, to be conducted by an independent entity.

(12) A detailed budget and budget justification for year one of the project which is reasonable, adequate, and cost efficient, and which includes staffing requirements that are derived from proposed activities. Budget projections for each of the continuing years should be included.

(13) Evidence of formal agreements for referral services (*e.g.*, age appropriate clinical services, if not provided by the applicant), and collaborative agreements with other service providers in the community, where appropriate.

#### *Program Evaluation*

All projects are required to have an evaluation plan, consistent with the scope of the proposed project and funding level, that conforms to the program's stated goals and objectives. The plan should include both a process evaluation to track the implementation of program activities and an outcome evaluation to measure changes in knowledge, skills, and behavior that can be attributed to the program. (Applicants are encouraged to utilize an integrated planning, monitoring and evaluation system, such as a logic model, for program development and implementation. Additional information on logic models is included in the application kit.) There should be