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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Research on the Impact of Law on Public Health; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 1704 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300u-3, as amended. 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 (FY) 2003 funds for a grant program for research to evaluate the impact of law on public health. This program addresses all the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate research evaluating the implementation and impact of law on the prevention and control of death, disease, injury, and disability, on health promotion, on the conduct of public health services, and on the public health system and infrastructure. In this context, "law" means statutes, regulations and rules, contract specifications, licensing requirements, case law and other judicial rulings, and other legally enforceable policies of the federal government, state governments and their political subdivisions, tribes, and territories.

Special emphasis will be given to research that will produce, on an accelerated basis, scientifically valid findings that can be used to improve law's contribution to public health preparedness for, and response to, terrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease, and other major public health threats and emergencies.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal for the CDC Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPO): Prepare state and local health systems, departments and laboratories to respond to current and emerging public health threats.

##### C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, technical schools, research institutions, public health and healthcare organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

**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.

Applications that are incomplete or non-responsive to the below requirements will be returned to the applicant without further consideration. The following are applicant requirements:

1. A principal investigator who has conducted scientific research, published the findings in peer-reviewed journals, and has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the proposed project.
2. Demonstrated experience on the applicant's project team in conducting, evaluating, and publishing research evaluating public health law or other public policies, programs or interventions.
3. Effective and well-defined working relationships within the performing organization and with outside entities that will ensure implementation of the proposed activities.
4. The overall match between the applicant's proposed research objectives and those described under the heading "Program Requirements."

##### D. Funding

###### Availability of Funds

Approximately \$500,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately three awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$165,000, ranging from \$150,000 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

Research applications are solicited that address the specific program areas of interest below (not listed in priority order), and other areas the applicant demonstrates are significant for improved public health.

1. Terrorism: The impact of laws on public health preparedness for, and response to terrorism.
2. Infectious Diseases: The impact of laws on the prevention and transmission of diseases not related to terrorism, on the prevention of drug-resistant disease, and on patient safety.
3. Public Health Reporting: The effectiveness of state and local laws regarding the reporting of disease, injury, disability, and risk factors associated with those conditions.
4. Child, Adolescent, and Adult Health:
  - a. The impact of the absence of school-entry immunization laws on immunization levels.
  - b. The impact of legislatively mandated immunization insurance benefits (e.g., first-dollar coverage laws) and of their enforcement on immunization levels.
  - c. The impact of standing orders laws on adult immunization levels.
  - d. The impact of state laws and case law on adolescent access to health care services and participation in research.
  - e. The impact of alcohol taxes on adolescent alcohol use and alcohol-related conditions.
5. HIV, STDs, and Tuberculosis: The impact of laws on the occurrence and transmission of HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis, and the impact of laws on implementation of rapid HIV testing.
6. Injury: The impact of legislative and regulatory interventions on injury, and the impact of differing levels of their enforcement on injury.
7. The Built Environment and Public Health: The impact of State and local laws on the impact the Built Environment has on the health of the public.
8. Chronic Diseases:
  - a. The impact of State and local laws on chronic diseases and on risk factors for chronic diseases, with special