

emphasis on diabetes, obesity, tobacco, physical activity, and nutrition.

b. The impact of state and local laws on utilization of cancer screening services, on cancer incidence and mortality reporting, and on the variability of state coverage for Medicaid cancer services (including screening, diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment services).

c. The impact of State and local laws on the occurrence of environmental health hazards (e.g., mold and poor indoor air quality) in schools and on subsequent health and learning effects on students.

d. The impact of laws on self-administration of prescribed medications for students and on subsequent health and learning effects on students.

e. The impact of laws on the location of schools (e.g., in proximity to hazardous waste sites) and on subsequent health and learning effects on students.

9. Occupational Health: The impact of Federal and State regulations, municipal ordinances, contract specifications, and health-related litigation on the safety and health of workers.

10. Public Health System: The impact of laws on the public health system and infrastructure and on the capacity of the public health workforce, health departments and laboratories, and private entities to perform essential public health services.

11. Public Health Practice:

a. The impact on public health practice of the "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" (the Privacy Rule) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

b. The impact of privacy laws on establishment and use of electronic medical records, in general, and on immunization and other public health registries, in particular.

For all these programmatic areas, it is the intent of this program to fund applications comprising innovative, multi-disciplinary research strategies. Model approaches also are sought for evaluating the impact of public health laws, within or across different areas of public health (e.g., infectious diseases, chronic diseases, environmental health, injury prevention, and public health systems and infrastructure).

As appropriate and feasible, applicants are encouraged to address the fullest complement of possible measures for assessing outcomes. These measures could include health and safety outcomes (e.g., frequency and severity of injury, illness, disability, or hazard exposure; frequency of risk or of

preventive behaviors; economic outcomes (e.g., costs at the level of the individual, household, community, industry, or society; or distribution of costs among payers); social outcomes (e.g., impact on educational attainment, employment); as well as measures of change in behavior, knowledge, attitudes, use of technological interventions, the capacity of public health systems infrastructure, the quality and quantity of prevention services and public health practice, and other measures.

Applications are encouraged which include plans to obtain and analyze information on the implementation of the referenced laws, as appropriate and necessary for evaluating their impact, including quantitative and qualitative information on application, enforcement, or compliance activities associated with a law under evaluation, and on compliance-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of the target audience(s). Information on implementation also may address factors that may either impede or promote the contribution laws make to public health.

F. Content

Letter of Intent (LOI)

An LOI is required for this program. LOIs will be evaluated to determine which applicants will be invited to submit a full application based on the reviewer's evaluation of the LOI, as described in Evaluation Criteria. LOIs must be no more than four pages, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unrounded 12-point font.

Mandatory Identifying Information

The following identifying information must appear only on the first page of the LOI:

1. The Program Announcement and number.
 2. The name, address, telephone number, and fax number of the applicant and the e-mail address of a contact person.
 3. The names, degrees, and titles of the principal investigator and all key project personnel.
- This identifying information must not appear on the second, third or the fourth page.

Mandatory Project Information

The following information on the proposed research project must appear on the second, third and fourth pages:

1. A narrative description of the proposed research plan.
2. The number of months or years the project will take to completion.

3. The total funding required for each year of the project.

LOIs that do not include the mandatory information will be deemed non-responsive; the applicants will not be invited to submit full applications.

Applications

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. Use the information in the Programmatic Interest Areas, Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 25 pages, single-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unrounded 12-point font.

The narrative should consist of, at a minimum, a plan, objectives, methods, evaluation and budget. Applications for research on the impact of public health laws should include the following information:

1. The project's focus that justifies the research needs and describes the scientific basis for the research, the expected outcome, and the relevance of the findings to improving law's contribution to public health.
2. Specific, measurable, and time-framed objectives.
3. A detailed plan describing the methods by which the objectives will be achieved, including their sequence. A comprehensive evaluation plan is an essential component of the application.
4. A description of the role and responsibilities of the principal investigator.
5. A description of all the project staff and their role in the proposed research, regardless of their funding source, including their title, qualifications, experience, percentage of time each will devote to the project, as well as the portion of their salary to be paid by the grant.
6. A description of those activities related to, but not supported by the grant.
7. A description of the involvement of other entities that will relate to the proposed research, if applicable, including a letter of commitment from each and a clear statement of their role.
8. A detailed first year's budget for the grant with future annual projections, if relevant, including direct and indirect costs.