

D. Funding*Availability of Funds*

Approximately \$220,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about June 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.

Direct Assistance

No direct assistance will be provided.

Use of Funds

1. All requests for funds contained in the budget, shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through issuance of supplemental awards.

By making this statement all requests, not only the initial budget, but any subsequent request such as re-directions, requests for supplemental funds, carry-overs, etc. are included. This is Health and Human Services (HHS) policy.

2. Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services. Equipment may be purchased if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives, however, prior approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.

3. The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

4. The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however, the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required.

5. Limitations and/or prohibitions on the use of funds are as follows:

a. Alterations and renovations are not allowable.

b. Customs and import duties, including consular fees, customs surtax,

value-added taxes and other related charges are not allowable.

6. Awardee is required to obtain annual audit of these CDC funds (program-specific audit) by a U.S.-based audit firm with International branches and current licensure/authority in-country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standard(s) approved in writing by CDC.

7. A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, pre or post award, with the potential awardee in order to review their business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

Recipient Financial Participation

No matching funds are required for this program

Funding Preferences

Funding preferences will be given to academic institutions in Central America that have established relationships with other Central American academic institutions, governmental institutions such as MOH, national disease prevention and control programs, and international organizations.

E. Program Requirements

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

The Recipient will be responsible for coordination of the SIEVCADH Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) and accomplishment of the following three objectives: (1) To strengthen public health surveillance, epidemiological assessments, and epidemiologic investigations; (2) to produce and enhance sustainable professional staff capacity to carry out these activities; and (3) to continue development of the Masters in Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology program.

Specific activities include:

a. Development and review of the curriculum of its Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology.

b. Development of agreements with other academic institutions in SIEVCADH countries to participate in the development and teaching of the Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology curriculum.

c. Development and coordination of a SIEVCADH faculty for the Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology.

d. Development and application of an Internet-based distance-learning program.

e. Logistical and administrative support of all students enrolled in the SIEVCADH FETP.

f. Development and implementation of a plan to establish field-training sites for the field component of the SIEVCADH FETP.

g. Development and establishment of a mentoring program for SIEVCADH faculty, supervisors, and students.

h. Provision of technical assistance to SIEVCADH FETP students' work and projects.

i. Review and oversight of SIEVCADH FETP students' work and projects.

j. Development and implementation of a plan for the ongoing assessment of the SIEVCADH FETP to determine if changes in strategies and/or activities are needed.

k. Development of an evaluation plan for all SIEVCADH FETP activities, which would also include a follow-up assessment of the students to determine the quality and success of the training programs and their continued occupation in related fields.

2. CDC activities

Provide technical consultation as needed on all aspects of program planning, implementation, and evaluation methods.

Specific activities to include:

a. Provision of assistance in the development and revision of the Masters of Epidemiology with a specialty in Field Epidemiology curriculum.

b. Provision of assistance in the development of SIEVCADH FETP workshops and seminars.

c. Provision of assistance in the development of a mentoring program for SIEVCADH faculty, supervisors, and students.

d. Provision of technical assistance as needed for management of program operations, including the application of continuous quality improvement.

e. Provision of assistance in ongoing assessment of program activities to ensure the use of effective and efficient implementation strategies.

f. Collaboration with recipient in the design of all phases of the evaluation.

F. Content*Applications*

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application.