

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 318 of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. section 247c) as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.978.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 grant funds for a competitive grant program for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of STD.

The purpose of this program is to facilitate, coordinate, integrate, and expand state and local efforts to improve overall delivery of national STD prevention services. Specifically, this program will provide a dynamic mechanism for: (1) Creating a flexible communications network among state and local STD Prevention Programs; (2) establishing a STD prevention services provider platform for integrated problem solving; (3) National STD prevention policy analysis by states; (4) decision making among state and local STD Prevention Program leaders; (5) expanding STD prevention partnerships and enhancing STD prevention knowledge, skills, and practice methods across STD project areas and local communities; and (6) providing a National representation and integrated focus of STD prevention concerns, issues, and ideas from state and local levels.

Measurable program performance will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for HIV/STD/TB Prevention: Reduce the incidence of primary and secondary syphilis; reduce the incidence of congenital syphilis; and reduce STD rates by providing Chlamydia and gonorrhea screening, treatment, and partner treatment to 50 percent of women in publicly funded family planning and STD clinics nationally.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by: Public or private national nonprofit organizations with a comprehensive State and local area representation of key officials who are actively engaged in directing STD Prevention Program efforts.

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.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$300,000 to \$600,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately one award. It is expected that the award 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.

Use of Funds

1. Funds may be used to:
 - a. Support personnel.
 - b. Purchase equipment, supplies and services directly related to project activities.
2. Funds may not be used to:
 - a. Supplant funds received by other Federal organizations.
 - b. Provide direct services.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not a requirement for this program.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the following activities:

1. Communications Network: Provide a National communication network to effect positive change in STD Prevention public health practices and services by organizing, establishing, and maintaining liaison activities and rapid communications with and among state and local STD Prevention Programs and their partner organizations across the nation.

2. Sharing of Information, Research, and Best Practices: Provide a mechanism to facilitate the sharing and communication across STD project areas and local communities of: (a) The latest information and technology including information on STD prevention methods (or strategies) that can include abstinence; monogamy, *i.e.*, being faithful to a single sexual partner; or using condoms consistently and correctly. These approaches can avoid risk (abstinence) or effectively reduce risk for STDs (monogamy, condom use); (b) recent translation of research into public health practice; (c) possible training and education opportunities; and (d) best practices within STD Prevention. Also provide monthly information updates (*e.g.*, newsletters, bulletin, *etc.*) to state and local STD Prevention Programs to facilitate the

incorporation of STD prevention and control concepts into health promotion and health care planning and delivery systems.

3. External Partnerships: Provide a mechanism by which to coordinate and integrate STD prevention ideas, issues, and concerns from across STD project areas and local communities, and to create, present, and advocate a collective, focused, National perspective of these to CDC and other National level concerns.

4. STD Prevention Skills Assessment and Development: Provide a mechanism by which to assess the STD prevention skills development needs of the public and private health care providers across state and local communities, and identify/facilitate the development of appropriate skills development responses.

5. Annual Meeting: Sponsor and provide leadership for a nationally recognized forum (*i.e.*, an annual meeting) for State and local STD directors across the nation in which to exchange and disseminate epidemiologic and other public health information, respond to emerging issues, develop and foster consistent state and local policy positions, and advise key officials, including CDC, on the prevention of STD.

6. Public Health Practice Enhancement: Identify and propose project activities in response to the findings from items one, two, three, and four; and perform activities either, independently or through third party partnerships, which will enhance communications, staff expertise, and public health program practices within the national STD Prevention Program network.

7. Facilitation of Participation in National Level STD Prevention Activities: Conduct activities (to include marketing and travel funding activities) to facilitate participation of state and local representatives in National STD Prevention forums.

F. Content

Application

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your 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, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font.