

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Men, all races aged 50–70 years (validation study) .....	200	1	90/60	300
African-American men aged 40–70 years (validation study) .....	200	1	90/60	300
Primary care physicians .....	250	2	15/60	125
Men, all races aged 50–70 years (intervention group) .....	300	1	90/60	450
Men, all races aged 50–70 years (control group) .....	300	1	1	300
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	1,475

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03120]

#### Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance: Characterization of Strains of Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*; Notice of Availability of Funds

*Application Deadline:* June 19, 2003.

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

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. Sections 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)], 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 Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (AR): Characterization of Strains of Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA). This program addresses the “Healthy People 2010” focus area of immunization and infectious diseases.

The purpose of the program is to provide assistance for applied research aimed at prevention and control of the emergence and spread of AR in the United States. This grant will focus on characterization of strains of community-associated MRSA.

This program’s design will implement Part 1 of “A Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance, Domestic Issues.” Visit the internet site:

<http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/actionplan/index.htm> for more information on the Action Plan. See Attachments II and III on the CDC Web site (<http://www.cdc.gov>) for information related to this grant.

This research includes three components that will provide information needed to prevent and control AR: (1) Identification and access to a defined population of persons within which community-associated MRSA disease and data appear to be sufficiently prevalent to allow appropriate analyses; (2) obtaining strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* (S. aureus) causing disease in this population with appropriate, linked epidemiologic and clinical data; and (3) characterizing MRSA strains using a variety of molecular and biochemical techniques.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID): Reduce the spread of AR, and protect Americans from infectious diseases.

#### 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
- Hospitals
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments
- Indian Tribes
  - Indian tribal organizations
  - State and local governments or their bona fide agents (this includes 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)

- Political subdivisions of States (in consultation with States)

**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 \$600,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately three awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$200,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$250,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about August 30, 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

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

1. Assemble a network of partners (a consortium) to accomplish the objectives of the program announcement, including identification and access to a defined population of persons within which there is community-associated MRSA disease and data sufficiently prevalent to allow appropriate analyses.

2. Obtain strains of *S. aureus* causing disease in this population with appropriate epidemiologic and clinical data to make findings generalizable to similar populations from diverse geographic areas. Ensure that the variety and quantity of distinguishable strain types included allow for valid comparisons between strain types.