

analyses adequately developed, well integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?

Innovation: Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Are the aims original and innovative? Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or technologies?

Investigator: Is the investigator appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers (if any)? Are the investigators committed to collaborative and cooperative nature of this program?

Environment: Does the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Do the proposed experiments take advantage of unique features of the scientific environment or employ useful collaborative arrangements? Is there evidence of institutional support?

Additional Review Criteria: In addition to the above criteria, the following items will be considered in the determination of scientific merit and the priority score:

Protection of Human Subjects from Research Risk: The involvement of human subjects and protections from research risk relating to their participation in the proposed research will be assessed. (See criteria included in Attachment I).

Inclusion of Women, Minorities and Children in Research: The adequacy of plans to include subjects from both genders, all racial and ethnic groups (and subgroups), and children as appropriate for the scientific goals of the research. Plans for the recruitment and retention of subjects will also be evaluated. (See criteria included in Attachment I).

Public Health Importance: Does the applicant justify the proposed project as important to the prevention of community-associated MRSA?

Measures of Effectiveness: Does the applicant provide Measures of Effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the purpose of the grant? Are the measures objective/quantitative and do they adequately measure the intended outcome.

Additional Considerations

Budget: The reasonableness of the proposed budget and the requested period of support in relation to the proposed research. (not scored)

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Interim progress report, no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Current Budget Period Activity Objectives.
- b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.
- c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.
- d. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.
- e. Additional Requested Information.
2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.
3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Additional Requirements

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I of the program announcement, as posted on the CDC Web site.

- AR-1—Human Subjects Requirements
- AR-2—Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR-7—Executive Order 12372
- AR-10—Smoke Free Work Place Requirements
- AR-11—Healthy People 2010
- AR-12—Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-15—Proof of Non-Profit Status
- AR-22—Research Integrity

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and associated forms can be found on the CDC Web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

For general questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For business management and budget assistance, contact: Merlin Williams, Grants Management Specialist,

Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2765, E-mail Address: mqw6@cdc.gov.

For business management and budget assistance in the Territories, contact: Steward Nichols, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2788, E-mail address: shn8@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Barbara Stewart, Program Analyst, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: 404-639-0045, E-mail address: bstewart@cdc.gov.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Using Private Provider Partnerships To Strengthen the Immunization Message; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 317(k)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(1)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.185.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for national private health care provider organizations to inform their constituency on immunization issues, identify best practices and successful immunization programs, promote the improvement of immunization coverage in primary care settings, and enhance and create partnerships with state and local health departments, non-governmental organizations, and other professional organizations to collaborate on immunization programs around the country. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purposes of the program are to: