

1. Capacity (40 points)

Extent to which applicant describes adequate resources and facilities (both technical and administrative) to use natural products, computer-aided drug design, and development of analogs of known drugs to develop strategies for producing adequate quantities of compound, for example, by using automated organic synthesis or other technologies for conducting the project. Extent to which applicant documents that professional personnel involved in the project are qualified and have past experience and achievements in research related to that proposed as evidenced by curriculum vitae, publications, etc. If applicable, extent to which applicant includes letters of support from participating non-applicant organizations, individuals, etc., and the extent to which such letters clearly indicate the author's commitment to participate as described in the operational plan.

2. Objective and Technical Approach (40 points total)

a. Extent to which applicant presents a detailed operational plan for initiating and conducting the project. The plan must clearly and appropriately address all recipient activities for the specific programmatic focus area being addressed. Extent to which applicant clearly identifies specific assigned responsibilities of all key professional personnel. Extent to which the plan clearly describes applicant's technical approach/methods for conducting the proposed studies and extent to which the approach/methods are feasible, appropriate, and adequate to accomplish the objectives. Extent to which applicant describes specific study protocols or plans for the development of study protocols that are appropriate for achieving project objectives. Extent to which applicant clearly describes collaboration with others during various phases of the project. (25 points)

b. Extent to which applicant describes measurable and time-phased objectives of the proposed project which are consistent with the purpose of the focus area being addressed. (10 points)

c. Does the application adequately address the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

(1) The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

(2) The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

(3) A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

(4) A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits. (5 points)

3. Background and Need (10 Points)

Extent to which applicant demonstrates a clear understanding of the background, purpose, and objectives of the focus area being addressed and the relevance of disease(s) to be studied. Extent to which applicant demonstrates that the proposed project addresses the purpose. Extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed program collaborates with and does not duplicate existing rational development efforts.

4. Evaluation (5 Points)

Extent to which applicant provides a detailed and adequate plan for evaluating progress toward achieving project process and outcome objectives.

5. Measures of Effectiveness (5 points)

Does the applicant provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement? Are the measures objective/quantitative and do they adequately measure the intended outcome?

6. Budget (not scored)

Extent to which the line-item budget is detailed, clearly justified, and consistent with the purpose and objectives of this program.

7. Human Subjects (not scored)

Does the application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR part 46 for the protection of human subjects? Not scored; however, an application can be disapproved if the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against risks is so inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.

8. Animal Subjects (not scored)

Does the application adequately address the requirements of PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals?

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-3—Animal Subjects Requirements

AR-7—Executive Order 12372

AR-10—Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11—Healthy People 2010

AR-12—Lobbying Restrictions

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: Lynn Walling, Contract Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2612, E-mail Address: lqw5@cdc.gov.

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