

PHS-led activity for setting priority areas. This program announcement is related to the priority area of Educational and Community-based programs. You may obtain the objectives from the latest *Healthy People 2010*, Review. A copy may be obtained by calling the national Center for Health Statistics, telephone (301) 436-8500.

Smoke Free Workplace

The PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

DATES: Application Receipt Date: An original and two copies of the completed grant application must be submitted, with all required documents, to the grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisitions and Grants Operations, 801 Thompson Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852, by close of business (c.o.b.) June 17, 2003. COB means 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either: (1) received on or before the deadline with hand carried applications received by close of business 5 p.m.; or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time to be reviewed along with all other timely applications. A legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service will be accepted in lieu of a postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Late applications will be returned to the applicant and will not be considered for funding.

Additional Dates

(a) *Application Review Completed By:* July 26, 2003.

(b) *Applicants Notified of Results (approved, approved unfunded, or disapproved):* July 31, 2003.

(c) *Anticipated Start Date:* August 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program information, contact Celissa G. Stephens, MSN, Acting Director, Division of Nursing Services, Office of Clinical and Preventative Services, Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue, Reyes Building, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-1840. For grants information, contact Ms. Martha Redhouse, Grants Management Specialist, grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants

Management, Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 120, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5204. (The telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement provides information on the general program purpose and objectives, programmatic priorities, eligibility requirements, funding availability, application process, required documentation, review process, and review criteria.

(a) *General Program Purpose:* To increase the number of nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, and nurse midwives who deliver health care service to AI/AN.

(b) *Eligibility and Preference:* The following organizations are eligible: (1) Public or private schools of nursing; (2) Tribally controlled community colleges and Tribally controlled posts-secondary vocational institutions (as defined in section 239h (2) of Title 20); and (3) nurse midwife programs, and nurse practitioner programs, that are provided by public or private institutions, for the purpose of increasing the number of nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and nurses who deliver care to AI/AN's.

Preference will be given to programs which: (1) Provide a preference to AI/AN; (2) programs that train nurse midwives and nurse practitioners; (3) programs that are interdisciplinary; and (4) programs that are conducted in cooperation with the center for gifted and talented Indian students established under section 2624(a) of this Title 1616e(d). If an eligible organization claims preference in order to be given priority, the organization must submit verifying documentation.

(c) *Program Priorities:* All complete, eligible applications will be considered. If more than one application is received from an IHS Area only one award will be made to that particular area providing a MSN, BSN, ADN or LPN program.

Priority I—At least one project to a public or private college or university, school of nursing, which provides MSN (nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or nurse anesthetist) degrees not to exceed \$350,000 per year up to project period of five years.

Priority II—At least three projects to a public or private college or university, school of nursing which provides BSN or ADN degrees, not to exceed \$400,000 per year up to a project period of five years.

Priority III—At least one project to a Tribally controlled community college, school of nursing, which provides LPN training, not to exceed \$200,000 per year up to a project period of five years.

(d) *Program Objectives:* The primary objectives of a grant awarded under this program are to: (1) Recruit and train AI/AN individuals to be nurses (MSN, BSN, ADN, LPN); (2) provide scholarships to individuals enrolled in schools of nursing to pay tuition, books, fees, and stipends for living expenses; (3) provide a program that encourages nurses (MSN, BSN, ADN or LPN), to provide or continue to provide, health care services to AI/AN; and (4) provide a program that increases the skills of and provides continuing education to nurses (MSN, BSN, ADN, LPN).

Each proposal must respond to at least two of the above four objectives.

(e) *Program Activities Considered for Support:* The grant program must be developed to locate and recruit students with potential for nursing and provide support services to students who are recruited. Support services may include providing career counseling and academic advice; assistant students to identify academic deficiencies and to develop plans to correct those deficiencies; assisting students to locate financial aid; monitoring students to identify possible problems; assisting with the determination of need for and location of tutorial services; and other related activities which help to retain students in school.

(f) *Required Affiliation:* The applicant must submit documentation that it is an accredited school of nursing, or a Tribally controlled community college. The term "accredited" when applied to any program of nurse education means a program accredited or assured accreditation by a recognized body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education and when applied to a school, college or university (or a unit thereof) which is accredited by a recognized body or bodies, or a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education. In order to establish the connection between the program of the applicant and a health care facility that primarily serves Indians the Secretary requires and information regarding the accessibility of the application to target Indian communities or tribes, including evidence of past or potential cooperation between the application of such communities or Tribes. When the target population of a proposed project includes a particular Indian Tribe or Tribes, an official document, *i.e.*, a letter of support or tribal resolution, must be submitted indicating that the Tribe or Tribes will cooperate with the applicant.

Related objectives of the program are the proper administration of a project,