

be hired as commissioned officers in the U.S. Public Health Service. This notice also solicits applications from sites that are seeking the assistance of these commissioned officers. These commissioned officers will be family practice physicians and dentists. They will be assigned by the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) to the neediest Health Professional Shortage Areas throughout the Nation. The NHSC will pay the salaries, moving expenses and benefits for these commissioned officers.

These officers will be part of a mobile cadre of health care professionals, who, in addition to the services they will provide to patients at their assigned sites, may be called upon to respond to regional and/or national emergencies. The NHSC will assist the officers in acquiring, maintaining and enhancing emergency response skills. Their initial assignments will be no longer than three years in duration, after which, should these clinicians choose to stay in the U.S. Public Health Service, they will progress to new assignments.

Eligible Applicants

Clinicians—Applicants must file a U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps application, meet the requirements for such commissioning, have completed a Family Practice residency or dental school (prior to the start of the assignment), have successfully passed the Family Practice board certification or a regional dental licensing exam (prior to the start of the assignment) and have a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine or dentistry in at least one U.S. State or Territory.

Sites—Applicants must be located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and submit a Proposal for Use of a Commissioned Officer 2003 (and, if not yet approved as an NHSC site, a Recruitment and Retention Assistance Application). All sites to which NHSC clinicians are assigned must accept assignment under Medicare, have appropriate agreements with the applicable State entity to participate in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, see all patients regardless of their ability to pay, and use and post a discounted fee plan. Sites must also understand and accept that these officers will periodically be away from their assigned locations as they train for, or respond to, a regional and/or national health emergency.

Application Requests, Dates and Addresses

Application materials are available for downloading via the Web at: <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov>.

Clinicians—Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered to the HRSA Commissioned Corps Operations Office by no later than September 30, 2003. Clinicians are encouraged to submit an application early, as applications will be considered as soon as they are received. Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to: HRSA Commissioned Corps Operations Office, Parklawn Building, Room 13A-22, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Applications received or postmarked after the deadline date or sent to a different address will be returned to the applicant and not considered.

Sites—Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered to the NHSC by no later than September 30, 2003. Site applications will be evaluated as soon as they are received at NHSC headquarters. Sites will be deemed qualified based on the quality of the application submitted and the score of the HPSA in which they are located, with preference being given to sites in HPSAs with higher scores. Officers will then be assigned to qualified sites on an ongoing basis. Sites are encouraged to apply early so as to have a better chance of acquiring one of the commissioned officers. The number of qualified sites is expected to exceed the limited supply of commissioned officers. Completed site applications should be mailed or delivered to: National Health Service Corps, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Applications received or postmarked after the deadline date or sent to a different address will be returned to the applicant and not considered.

Additional Information

Eligible clinicians and sites interested in receiving application material may do so by calling the National Health Service Corps call center at 1-800-221-9393.

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Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability for Community Action Grant for Service Systems Change.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services announces the availability of FY 2003 funds for the grant program described below. A synopsis of this funding opportunity, as well as many other Federal Government funding opportunities, is also available at the Internet site: www.fedgrants.gov.

This notice is not a complete description of the program; potential applicants must obtain a copy of the Request for Applications (RFA), including Part I, Community Action Grant SM 03-007, Part II, General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements, and the PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 7/00) application form before preparing and submitting an application.

Funding Opportunity Title: Community Action Grant for Service Systems Change—Short Title: Community Action Grant.

Funding Opportunity Number: SM 03-007.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.243.

Authority: Public Health Service Act, as amended, Title V, Part B, Section 520A, 42 U.S.C. [290bb-32] Priority Mental Health Needs of Regional and National Significance.

Funding Instrument: G.

Funding Opportunity Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of \$1,000,000 in funding for Phase II Community Action Grants. Successful Phase I grantees may apply for one-year Phase II grants of up to \$150,000 (direct and indirect).

The purpose of the Community Action Grant Program (CAG) is to promote the adoption of exemplary mental health practices in communities around the country. Community Action Grants support consensus building, infrastructure development, and training activities for the organization and delivery of services to children with