

An independent review group appointed by CDC will evaluate each application against the following criteria:

**1. Experience and Background (30 Points)**

The extent to which the applicant documents previous participation and leadership in the ongoing Guinea worm eradication effort, including provision of political support through ministries and heads of state that reflect regional coordination of resources and efforts, the applicant's grasp of the elements and magnitude of effort necessary to strategize the eradication of Guinea worm, ability to respond to unanticipated needs, and overall commitment.

**2. Project Implementation Plan (20 Total Points)**

a. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates knowledge of the effort needed to eradicate Guinea worm, time frames, performance standards, and management of financial and materiel resources. A demonstration of overall high quality in an implementation plan, including: (1) Compatibility with the global Guinea worm eradication effort; (2) acceptability of the plan by key partners in the Guinea worm effort; and (3) a description that indicates the applicant's understanding of relevant issues, obstacles and goals. (15 points)

b. If research involving human subjects is proposed, the degree to which the applicant has met 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 proposed studies is adequate to measure differences when warranted; and (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. Capacity (15 Points)**

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates sufficient, existing capacity to carry out the proposed plan, including staffing proposals (with curriculum vitae, titles and roles).

**4. Methods (15 Points)**

The extent to which applicant describes clear, practiced and accepted

methods to implement elements of a Guinea worm eradication program.

**5. Evaluation (10 Points)**

The feasibility of the evaluation methods or procedures to monitor proposed activities, and the evaluation criteria to measure program accomplishments.

**6. Objectives (5 Points)**

The extent to which (1) the stated goals are specific, measurable, realistic, and time-phased; (2) the objectives are related to the purpose(s) stated in the Program Announcement; and (3) measures are objective and quantitative.

**7. Measures of Effectiveness (5 Points)**

The extent to which the applicant provides Measures of Effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the award; that such measures are objective/quantitative and adequately measure the intended outcome.

**8. Budget (Not Scored)**

The extent to which the budget provides detail and justification, and that they are consistent with the stated objectives and adequate to support proposed activities.

**9. Protection of Human Subjects (Not Scored)**

The extent to which the application adequately addresses 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.)

**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 website.

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: Yolanda Sledge, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146. Telephone: 770-488-2787. E-mail Address: [yis0@cdc.gov](mailto:yis0@cdc.gov).

For program technical assistance, contact: Linda A. Webb, Public Health Advisor (MS/F22), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Atlanta, GA 30341-4146. Telephone: 770/488-7784. E-mail address: [law6@cdc.gov](mailto:law6@cdc.gov).

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