

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03062]

National Organizations' Support for Oral Health Programs; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: July 3, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

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 the National Organizations' Support for Oral Health Programs. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Oral Health.

The purpose of the program is to provide support for coordination of effort to identify state oral health program needs; facilitate development of systems and procedures that ensure the inclusion of essential and scientifically sound oral health program components; and enhance the effectiveness of state and local health department programs to prevent and control oral diseases in accordance with "Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General" and the National Oral Health "Call to Action" and accomplish the oral health-related objectives of Healthy People 2010.

Measures to address performance consistent with this program announcement should be included with the application.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by national, public and private nonprofit organizations that have developed and implemented nationwide programs and activities designed to promote state and local health department capacity to carry out essential public health functions as they relate to oral disease prevention and control. National organizations that serve as an umbrella organization for their constituents (state and local oral health programs) provide a unique opportunity to address barriers to prevention and control, enhance population based programs, and improve the nation's oral health. The program effort will be national in scope

with outcomes useful to all state health agencies.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds: Approximately \$350,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about June 30, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds: Funds may be used to support personnel, and to purchase supplies and services directly related to program activities and consistent with the scope of the cooperative agreement. While the purchase of equipment is discouraged, it will be considered for approval if justified on the basis of being essential to the program and not available from any other source. Funds provided under this cooperative agreement are not to be used to conduct research. Funds may not be used for the purchase or lease of land or buildings, construction of facilities, renovation of existing space, or the delivery of clinical and therapeutic services, personal health services, medications, rehabilitation or other costs associated with screening or treatment for oral diseases.

Recipient Financial Participation: Matching funds are not required for this program.

Funding Preferences: Funding priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate: The ability to analyze, advise, and fulfill liaisons responsibilities for oral health and other related activities within public health agencies; experience in collaboration with other national dental and public health organizations to disseminate information on the needs and services provided by oral disease prevention and control programs and to recommend and advocate for improved policies and programs; and capacity to provide consultation and guidance to state and local health department programs focused on the establishment and improvement of statewide systems of coordinated, population-based oral disease prevention and control.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed in 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed in 2. CDC Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Develop and implement a plan to design and disseminate new and/or update existing surveillance tools for use by state programs to assess oral health status and needs on the state and community levels.

b. Provide technical assistance, upon request from state oral health programs, to strengthen capacity to conduct oral health surveillance. Technical assistance may be provided through one-on-one consultation, workshops, conferences, or other forums.

c. Develop and implement a plan to revise and disseminate nationally accepted guidelines for state and territorial oral health programs to incorporate lessons learned and new or alternative practices identified as promising.

d. Develop, write, implement, and evaluate a process for assessments of state oral health programs. The process shall address, but is not limited to:

(1) Procedures for submission and processing of state requests for assessments; (2) criteria for and selection of assessment team leader and additional team members; (3) state, team leader, and team member responsibilities; (4) state and assessment team preparations; (5) guidelines for logistical arrangements; (6) the assessment process; (7) report preparation and delivery; (8) post-assessment follow-up. Recipient should also include evaluation activities to measure outcomes of state assessments and determine effectiveness of state program assessment as a strategy that impacts enhancement of oral health program capacity to perform core public health functions pertaining to oral disease prevention and control.

e. Develop, implement, and evaluate a written plan for initiating and maintaining liaison and collaborative associations with other key organizations. At a minimum, the plan should address (1) determination of relevance; (2) development of clear and specific objectives to be achieved through each association; (3) activities to be undertaken; (4) responsibilities, including reporting, of recipient organization representative(s) conducting liaison or collaborative activities; and (5) evaluation.

f. Co-sponsor, with CDC and other agencies and national organizations, an