

a resource for health and long term support professionals and others who provide services to the elderly and to people with disabilities.

Resource Centers supported under this program must, at a minimum, include the elderly population, and at least one of the following major target groups by the first quarter of the second year: (a) Individuals with physical disabilities, (b) individuals with serious mental illness, and/or (c) individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities.

These grants will be issued as cooperative agreements because AoA and CMS anticipate having substantial involvement with the recipients during performance of funded activities. The involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the funded activities. AoA and CMS will also be involved in the development and implementation of the funded projects by way of conducting a joint review of the applications and providing technical assistance, training, guidance and oversight throughout the project period. More specifically, letters of intent and applications may be submitted to AoA and CMS through the AoA "single point of application" address listed in this solicitation. AoA will ensure that all appropriate parties in both AoA and CMS receive the letter and application. AoA and CMS will make final decisions on the grant awards jointly. AoA and CMS project officers will jointly perform the day-to-day federal responsibilities. Grantees will be expected to keep in contact with AoA and CMS project officer staff on a regular basis. Grantees will also be expected to share all significant products that result from their projects with AoA and CMS.

**Eligibility for grant awards and other requirements:** Eligibility for grant awards (cooperative agreements) is limited to state agencies or instrumentalities of a state. Only one application per state will be accepted. The applicant agency must have the support and active participation of the Single State Agency on Aging and the Single State Medicaid Agency. Grantees are required to provide at least 5% of the project's total cost with non-Federal cash or non-financial recipient contribution (match) in order to be considered for the award. Non-financial recipient contributions may include the value of goods and/or services contributed by the Grantee (e.g., salary and fringe benefits of staff devoting a percentage of their time to the grant not otherwise included in the budget or derived from federal funds). Recipient contributions must be included in the

applicant's budget in Item 15 (Estimated Funding) on Standard Form 424A and described in the budget narrative/justification section of the application. The non-financial match requirement may also be satisfied if a third party participating in the grant makes an "in-kind contribution," provided that the Grantee's contribution and/or the third-party in-kind contribution equals 5% of the total grant award (including all direct and indirect costs). Third-party "in-kind contributions" may include the value of the time spent by citizen task force members (using appropriate cost allocation methods to the extent that non-Federal funds are involved) who specifically contribute to the design, development and implementation of the grant.

Executive Order 12372 is not applicable to these grant applications.

**Screening criteria:** In order for an application to be reviewed, it must meet the following screening requirements:

1. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, July 28, 2003, or hand-delivered by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on July 28, 2003, or submitted electrically by midnight, July 28, 2003. Electronic submissions must be sent to: <http://www.aoa.gov/egrants>.
2. The Project Narrative section of the Application must be double-spaced, on single-sided 8½" × 11" plain white paper with 1" margins on both sides, and a font size of not less than 11.
3. The Project Narrative must *not* exceed 25 pages.

**Review of applications:** Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria: Problem Statement/Need for Assistance (5 points); Approach, Work Plan and Activities (25 points); Formative Learning and Information Management (10 points); Capabilities (10 points); Significance and Sustainability (15 points); Stakeholder Input and Partnerships (15 points); and Budget and Resources (20 points).

**DATES:** The deadline date for the submission of applications is July 28, 2003. Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of intent to apply for a cooperative agreement not later than June 19, 2003. AoA and CMS will conduct an Applicants' Teleconference on June 12, 2003. Information regarding the time and call-in number for this open teleconference will be available on the AoA Web site at <http://www.aoa.gov> and on the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/newfreedom/default.asp>.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits are available by writing to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging,

Center for Planning and Policy Development, Washington, DC 20201; by calling 202/357-3461; or online at <http://www.aoa.gov/egrants> or <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/newfreedom/default.asp>.

Applications may be mailed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Grants Management, Washington, DC 20201, attn: Margaret Tolson (AoA-03-05).

Applications may be delivered to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Grants Management, One Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 4604, Washington, D.C. 20001, attn: Margaret Tolson (AoA-03-05).

If you elect to mail or hand deliver your application you must submit one original and two copies of the application; an acknowledgement card will be mailed to applicants. Instructions for electronic mailing of grant applications are available at <http://www.aoa.gov/egrants>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All grant applicants are encouraged to obtain a D-U-N-S number from Dun and Bradstreet. It is a nine-digit identification number, which provides unique identifiers of single business entities. The D-U-N-S number is free and easy to obtain from [http://www.dnb.com/US/duns\\_update/](http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/).

These Aging and Disability Resource Center grants are a part of CMS' "Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living" demonstration grants authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act. Funding and Congressional language was provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7). In FY 2003, Congress appropriated an additional \$40 million for Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living. Congress also passed a 0.65% general reduction in the FY 2003 appropriation that has been distributed across Federal programs, including this appropriation, so the final amount available for grant awards will be slightly less than \$40 million. The Administration on Aging (AoA), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is inviting through this notice, proposals for a portion of this funding, totaling approximately \$5 million dollars from CMS. A separate Notice of Funding Availability covering the CMS' other \$35 million in Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

Section 1110 (a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act authorizes CMS make