

need, (2) organizational capabilities and experience, (3) coordination and linkage with other HIV programs, (4) adequacy of scope of work for providing early intervention services, (5) work plan, (6) program evaluation, (7) appropriateness and justification of budget, and (8) adherence to program guidance.

There is no matching requirement for this program.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements: Under these requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937-0195), a community-based, non-governmental applicant must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date. This statement must include (1) a copy of the face page of the application (SF424) and (2) A summary of the project, not to exceed one page, which provides a description of the population to be served; a summary of the services to be provided; and a description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State and local health agencies.

Executive Order 12372: This program has been determined to be a program which is subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs by appropriate health planning agencies, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. The application packages to be made available under this notice will contain a listing of States that have chosen to set up such a review system and will provide a single point of contact (SPOC) in the States for review. Applicants (other than federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State SPOC as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contract the SPOC of each affected State. The due date for the State process recommendations is 60 days after the application deadline for new and competing awards. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" for State process recommendations it receives after that date. (See part 148, Intergovernmental Review of Public Health Service Programs under Executive Order 12372 and 45 CFR part 100 for a description of the review process and requirements).

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

[FR Doc. 03-13319 Filed 5-28-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4165-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

[HRSA 03-104]

State Planning Grants (SPG)

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of approximately \$15 million to provide supplemental grants to States that have previously received planning grants in order to assist such States in continuing their data gathering, analysis, and planning processes, and to support approximately ten new State grants for the development of approaches to provide access to health insurance coverage for all State residents. This funding has been appropriated under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 HHS Appropriations Act.

In FY 2003, HRSA, through its State Planning Grants (SPG) Program, will accept applications from (1) States which have previously received SPG grant funds to enhance and refine activities already conducted with an average grant award of approximately \$150,000 and (2) States which have never received SPG grant funds with a grant award ranging from \$800,000 up to \$1.2 million. These grants will be used, over a 12-month period, (1) to enhance and refine work already conducted with previous SPG grant funds; and (2) for new States to identify the characteristics of the uninsured within the State and develop approaches for providing all uninsured persons with access to health coverage. States will be expected to design approaches that provide affordable health insurance benefits similar in scope to the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan, Medicaid, coverage offered to State employees, or other similar quality benchmarks. Each State receiving such grants must submit the study and analysis results in the form of a report to the Department that identifies the characteristics of the uninsured within the State and proposals for providing them with access to health insurance coverage.

Together, these reports will provide additional data about the characteristics of the uninsured generally and potential models for other States seeking to provide comprehensive coverage.

Where to Request and Send an Application: To obtain the official grant application kit (PHS Form 5161-1) contact the HRSA Grants Application Center at, 1-877-477-2123, fax: 1-877-477-2345, e-mail: hrsagac@hrsa.gov and request the Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number #93.256, Program Code SPGP, and HRSA #03-104. Please mail completed applications to the HRSA Grants Application Center, 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 450, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

It is anticipated that there will be a pre-application workshop in the Washington, DC area. For more information concerning this workshop, contact the SPG Office at 301 443-2309.

Application Deadline: Applications for grants from States which have previously received SPG grant funds must be received in HRSA's Division of Grants Management Operations by close of business July 14, 2003. Applications for grants from States which have never received SPG grant funds must be received in the HRSA Grants Application Center by close of business July 28, 2003. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Ms. Judy Humphrey, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 16C-17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Phone: (301) 443-2309, Fax: (301) 443-1267, Email: JHumphrey@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2001, 41.2 million people in the United States did not have health insurance. This is roughly 1 out of every 6 non-elderly Americans. Of these, 24.2 million were employed—19.0 million worked full time and 5.2 million worked part-time. Nationally, over 8.5 million children or 11.7 percent are uninsured. Every year, approximately a million Americans lose their health coverage. There is considerable public and private support for examining and implementing new models for providing access to affordable health coverage.

Many States are currently experiencing fiscal challenges. However, covering the uninsured continues to be a priority for many States. Every State has responded to the opportunity provided by the State Children's Health Insurance Program