

territory or possession of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of a State exclusive of local governments." By "territory or possession," we mean Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Any state agency or instrumentality may apply for funding under the various grant opportunities except the Technical Assistance for Consumer Task Forces and the Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Centers grants. If an application is from an applicant that is not the Single State Medicaid Agency, a letter of endorsement from the Governor, State Medicaid Director, or Agency administering a relevant section of the 1915(c) home and community-based waiver must accompany the application; this requirement does not apply to applicants for the National State-to-State Technical Assistance Program for Community Living or the Technical Assistance for Consumer Task Forces grants.

In the 2001 solicitation, any entity was able to apply for the C-PASS grants, which are to be awarded at the rate of one per State. There are still a number of states that have not received C-PASS grants. Based upon this year's allocation of funding, and consistent with the intent of the original 2001 solicitation, CMS will retain the rate of one C-PASS grant award per state. This decision will enable more states to participate in this important program. Thus, the following states that received a C-PASS grant in FY 2001 or FY 2002 are ineligible to apply for FY 2003 C-PASS funding:

- FY 2001 C-PASS grantees: Alaska, Arkansas, Guam, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island; and
- FY 2002 C-PASS grantees: Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

For additional information on the FY 2001 and FY 2002 C-PASS grantees, please visit our contractor's Web site at: <http://www.hcbs.org>.

Any entity may apply for the Technical Assistance for Community Living Grant.

Any nonprofit organization as defined in HHS GPD 1.02 B as "[a] corporation or association whose profits may not lawfully accrue to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual" may apply for the Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Center grant. Nonprofits whose mission includes services to families with children with special health care needs

and whose Board of Directors has a majority of parents of children with special health care needs are especially encouraged to apply. Only one application per state will be accepted for this type of grant. Applicants for this type of grant must also have a letter of endorsement from the State Medicaid Director or the Governor. In addition, states that currently operate Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Centers (funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration) are ineligible for funding under this initiative.

Only consortia of consumer-controlled organizations may apply for the Technical Assistance for Consumer Task Forces Grant. "Consumer-controlled organization" means an organization that is governed by individuals who have a disability or long-term illness. Individuals of any age who rely upon long-term supports and services as a result of a disability or long-term illness must represent more than half of such organization's Board of Directors or other controlling structure.

Consortia that apply for this technical assistance grant must represent individuals who have disability or long-term illness (e.g., people with a developmental disability, mental retardation, mental illness, physical disabilities) and those who are elderly. Since one organization may not possess the required expertise for all target groups, we expect the consortia to address the need for commitment from a significant number of highly knowledgeable individuals and organizations. It is not necessary for the consortia to have existed prior to this project. It can be an entity that has organized for purposes of applying for this grant, although one organization must have the capacity to receive the grant award and serve as the project lead.

States may and are encouraged to apply for more than one of the several different types of grant. For example, a state may apply for a Respite for Children and also for a Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Initiative grant. Also, different state agencies may apply for different grant opportunities. For example, the Single State Medicaid agency might apply for the C-PASS grant and the agency administering the section 1915(c) waiver might apply for the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Initiative Grant. However, no state may be awarded more than one grant per state per type of grant opportunity. For example, a state may not receive two C-PASS grants, two Respite for Children grants, or two Independence Plus Initiative grants. In

addition, if an applicant submits the same scope of work or similar activities under more than one of this year's grant opportunities, or activities are currently funded under existing grants, CMS will not consider the application for funding. CMS also reserves the right not to fund an application that, in its estimation, duplicates existing efforts regardless of the applicant's ranking by reviewers.

Faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply for the National State-to-State Technical Program for Community Living, Technical Assistance for Consumer Task Forces, and the Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Centers Grants.

CMS will not fund through this round of grants those efforts or activities that are already being funded under an existing Real Choice Systems Change Grant (funded in FY 2001 or FY 2002) or other grants. If a grantee proposes to significantly expand an earlier-funded project, the applicant must specifically describe this expansion in its application. CMS does encourage states to seek private sector grant opportunities (e.g., grants from foundations) to augment or coordinate with the Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living.

In the event that CMS receives more than one application for any grant opportunity for which the "one per state" standard applies, CMS reserves the right to select which application to consider for funding.

CMS reserves the right to assure reasonable balance in the awarding of grants in terms of key factors such as geographic distribution and broad target group representation. CMS also reserves the right to redistribute grant funds based upon the number and quality of applications per type of grant (e.g., to adjust the minimum or maximum awards permitted or adjust the aggregate amount of federal funds allotted to a particular category of grants).

4. Match Requirements: Grantees are required to make a non-financial recipient contribution of five percent (5%) of the total grant award (including all direct and indirect costs). 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