

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 consumer 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.

Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs—"Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," Executive Order 12372 (45 CFR Part 100), does not apply to this solicitation.

Authority: The Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living are authorized pursuant to § 1110 of the Social Security Act. Section 1110 (a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act authorizes CMS make

"grants to States and public and other organizations and agencies for paying part of the cost of research or demonstration projects such as those * * * which will help improve the administration and effectiveness of programs carried on or assisted under the Social Security Act and programs related thereto * * *." CMS has structured its efforts under § 1110 into eight themes. The Real Choice Systems Change Grants are part of CMS's Research and Demonstration efforts under Theme 5: Strengthening Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and State Programs. This effort includes research on ways to improve access to and delivery of health care to the persons served by Medicaid. These particular grants also support the President's New Freedom Initiative, which calls for the removal of barriers to community living for people with disabilities. Funding and Congressional language was provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7). Although Congress appropriated \$40 million in funding for a new round of Real Choice Systems Change Grants for Community Living for FY 2003, Congress also passed a 0.65% general reduction in the 2003 appropriation that was distributed across federal programs, including this

appropriation, so the final amount available is slightly less than \$40 million.

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REAL CHOICE SYSTEMS CHANGE GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING—FY 2003

Grant opportunity	Application deadline	Who may apply? ¹	Max. number of grant awards per State per type of grant	Maximum award	Anticipated average award	Maximum projected period	Percent allowable for direct services ²	Estimated number of awards
Feasibility Studies and Development Grants								
1. Respite for Adults (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	\$100,000	\$75,000	Up to 36 mos.	0	7-14
2. Respite for Children (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	100,000	75,000	Up to 36 mos.	0	7-14
3. Community-Based Treatment Alternatives for Children (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	100,000	75,000	Up to 36 mos.	0	7-14
Research and Demonstration Grants								
4. Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in Home and Community-Based Services (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	500,000	360,000	Up to 36 mos.	10	12-30
5. Independence Plus Initiative (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	500,000	360,000	Up to 36 mos.	20	8-16
6. Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Initiative (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	1	750,000	550,000	Up to 36 mos.	10	10-20
7. Community-Integrated Personal Assistance Services and Supports (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any State Agency or Instrumentality.	³ 1	600,000	400,000	36 mos.	20	4-10
Technical Assistance to States, State Advisory Committees and Families								
8. National State-to-State Technical Assistance Program for Community Living (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any Entity	N/A	4,400,000	4,400,000	36 mos.	0	1
9. Technical Assistance for Consumer Task Forces (CFDA 93.779).	July 29, 2003.	Any consortium of consumer-controlled organizations for people with disabilities ⁴ .	N/A	550,000	550,000	36 mos.	0	1