

c. Surveillance

Capacity Building Program Level B

1. Describe plans to monitor the burden of arthritis within the State using BRFSS data and include plans for the development and dissemination of a State of Arthritis Report.

2. Applicant should also describe the method to be used to develop mechanisms to measure programmatic reach and effects of evidenced-based arthritis self-management programs as defined in the "Recipient Activities" section of this announcement.

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3. In addition to criteria under Capacity Building Program Level A, applicants for Capacity Building Level B Programs should present plans to examine the availability and applicability of other State-based data sources as described in the "Recipient Activities" section.

d. State Plan

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Applicants should describe the process to be used for engaging relevant partners and developing a State arthritis plan. If a State plan has been developed, describe the process used for its development, provide agendas for planning meetings, and provide the executive summary of the State plan.

e. Interventions

1. Applicants should describe the process to be used to select the intervention to be implemented.

2. If an already existing State plan or partnership has provided guidance for the selection of the intervention, describe the relationship between the intervention and strategies identified within the State plan and the Public Health Framework for Arthritis. Provide a description of implementation plans, the proposed intervention(s) activity(ies), the target population, geographic location, the actual methods of implementation, a time-line, evaluation strategy, and the role of partners in this process.

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a. Address the elements 1 and 2 under Capacity Building Program Level A.

b. If proposing the implementation of non evidenced-based intervention(s), provide an implementation plan that includes a description of the program and expected outcomes. In addition, the evaluation plan should describe how impact will be measured, domains of interest, proposed data collection tools, and how data will be analyzed.

f. Evaluation (All Applicants).

Applicant should provide a plan that is capable of monitoring progress toward meeting specified project objectives.

g. Budget (All Applicants). Provide a detailed line-item budget and justifications consistent with the purpose and proposed objectives. Budgets should include travel for one to two program staff to attend a two-day meeting in Atlanta. Proposed sub-contracts should identify the name of the contractor, if known; describe the services to be performed; provide an itemized budget and justification for the estimated costs of the contract; specify the period of performance; and describe the method of selection. If indirect costs are requested, a copy of the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement should be included.

G.5. Evaluation Criteria (100 Points)

Applications received from current grantees that are funded under Program announcement 01097, will be reviewed utilizing the Technical Review process. Applications received from States funded under program announcement 99074 and all other applicants will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

A. Capacity Building Program Level A (100 points)

1. *Need/Current Status.* Capacity Building Program Level A (15 points) Capacity Level B (25 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section F.5. (Application Content) item 3. Point distribution is listed below.

2. *Staffing.* Capacity Building Program Level A (20 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (10 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in section E5 (Recipient Activities) section 1a. item 1 and section F.5 (Application Content) item 3a.

3. *Partnerships.* Capacity Building Program Level A (15 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (15 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section E.5 (Recipient Activities) section 1a. item 2 and section F.5 (Application Content) item 3b.

4. *Surveillance.* Capacity Building Program Level A (15 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (20 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section E.5 (Recipient Activities) section 1a. item 3; section 1b item 1 and section F.5 (Application content) item 3c.

5. *State Plan.* Capacity Building Program Level A (15 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (0 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section E.5 (Recipient Activities) section 1a. item 4 and section F.5 (Application Content) item 3d.

6. *Interventions.* Capacity Building Program Level A (15 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (25 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section E.5 "Recipient Activities" section 1a. item 5; section 1b item 2 and section F.5 "Application Content" item 3e.

7. *Evaluation.* Capacity Building Program Level A (5 points) Capacity Building Program Level B (5 points). The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section F.5 (Application content) item 3f.

8. *Budget (not scored).* The extent to which the applicant addresses the requirements identified in Section F.5 (Application content) item 3g.

9. *Human Subjects (not scored).* Does the application adequately address the requirements of title 45 CFR Part 46 for the protection of human subjects? Not scored; however, an application can be disapproved if the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against risks is so inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.

Component 6—Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Systems (BRFSS)

D.6. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$5,000,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately 54 existing grants under program announcement 99044. It is expected that the average award will be \$75,000, ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000. It is expected that the awards 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.

Use of Funds

Funds provided under this program announcement cannot be used to conduct community-based pilot or demonstration projects. Cooperative agreement funds may not be used to supplant State or local funds. Cooperative agreement funds may not be used to provide patient care, personal health services, medications, patient rehabilitation, or other cost associated with treatment. Funds awarded under this program announcement may be obligated and expended only for those BRFSS surveillance, data collection, and