

**2003D.2: Evaluations of Existing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs**

**Eligible Applicants:** Public (State, tribal, or local) or private nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, or institutions of higher learning are eligible to apply. Collaborative efforts and interdisciplinary applications are encouraged; however, a primary applicant must be identified.

**Project Duration:** The projects will be awarded for a period of 36 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

**Federal Share of Project Costs:** The maximum Federal share of the project is \$200,000 per budget period.

**Matching Requirements:** There is no matching requirement.

**Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded:** It is anticipated that up to four projects will be funded.

**2003D.3: Evaluations of Existing Family Support, Family Preservation, Reunification, or Adoption Promotion and Support Programs**

**Eligible Applicants:** Public (State, tribal, or local) or private nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, or institutions of higher learning are eligible to apply. Collaborative efforts and interdisciplinary applications are encouraged; however, a primary applicant must be identified.

**Project Duration:** The projects will be awarded for a period of 36 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

**Federal Share of Project Cost:** The maximum Federal share of the project is \$200,000 per budget period.

**Matching Requirements:** There is no matching requirement.

**Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded:** It is anticipated that up to three projects will be funded.

**2003D.4: Projects to Develop Programs to Strengthen Marriages**

**Eligible Applicants:** State child welfare agencies, local (county or

community) child welfare or child protective service agencies in partnership with experienced marriage services providers which may be public or nonprofit organizations including community and faith-based organizations. The child welfare agency must be the primary applicant responsible for administering the grant.

**Project Duration:** The projects will be awarded for a project period of 36 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of each grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

**Federal Share of Project Costs:** The maximum Federal share of the project is \$200,000 per budget period.

**Matching or Cost Sharing Requirement:** No match is required.

**Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded:** It is anticipated that up to 10 projects will be funded.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Reviewers will consider the following factors when scoring applications. Applicants, in order to adequately prepare their applications, must refer to the full program announcement for the specific evaluation criteria for each priority area.

**Criterion 1: Objectives and Need for Assistance.** Applications will be judged on the extent to which they clearly specify the purposes and/or strategies of the proposed project and their relationship to legislative authority and child welfare outcomes, as appropriate; the quality of their statement regarding the need for the project; and evidence that the applicant understands current issues and recent developments in the field that may have relevance to the implementation of the project. Applicants must refer to the specific evaluation criteria for each priority area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

**Criterion 2: Approach.** Applicants will be judged on the clarity, feasibility, and thoroughness of their description of the approach that they intend to use in implementing proposed projects. The approach sections will be expected to include, as appropriate, information on barriers to implementation and proposed solutions to those barriers; necessary collaborations with other organizations and agencies and their respective roles; evaluation plans; reporting requirements; and staffing plans. Applicants must refer to the

specific evaluation criteria for each priority area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

**Criterion 3: Organizational Profiles.** Applicants will be judged on the experience and demonstrated competence of staff who are proposed to implement the project and, as appropriate, the experience of the organization in implementing related projects. Applicants must refer to the specific evaluation criteria for each priority area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

**Criterion 4: Budget and Budget Justification.** Applicants will be judged on the adequacy, reasonableness, and completeness of their budget requests to support their proposed projects, including their management plans to control and account for expenditure of project funds. Applicants must refer to the specific evaluation criteria for each priority area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

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**Required Notification of the Single Point of Contact**

Most portions of this program are covered under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and 45 CFR part 100, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Program and Activities. Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

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