

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****[Program Announcement 03076]****Development of a National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network; Notice of Availability of Funds**

Application Deadline: July 28, 2003.

**A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number**

This program is authorized under sections 301, 311 and 317(c) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. sections 241, 243 NS 247B–4], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

**B. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for the development of a national healthy homes training center and network. This program addresses the “Healthy People 2010” focus area(s) Environmental Health, Injury and Violence Prevention, and Public Health Infrastructure.

Housing conditions have an important impact on public health. This project is designed to address the training and education needs of environmental public health managers and practitioners and housing specialists and inspectors whose work-related activities result in healthy and safe housing environments. Specifically, the purpose of the project is to develop a National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network (hereafter referred to as the Center). Note: The term “Healthy Homes” refers to a coordinated, comprehensive, systematic, and holistic approach to preventing disease and injury that result from environmental hazards and deficiencies related to housing.

The Center will develop a training center and network to deliver appropriate course material through formal programs, both at the Center and other locations, based on state and local needs. The Center also will develop internet-based course materials. At least one on-site pilot training program will be conducted and evaluated within the first operational year. In subsequent years, depending upon available funding, at least two training programs will be conducted on-site, and two training programs will be conducted off-site, determined by the award recipient with input from CDC.

The Center will address urban, rural, and Native American health and housing-related issues that impact public health and will complement the CDC draft Healthy Homes Training Center and Network Initiative (see Addendum II—all addendums referenced in this announcement are posted with the announcement on the CDC web site.) The Center’s training programs will serve as a forum to (1) exchange information about federal, state, tribal, and local healthy homes related activities; (2) introduce new healthy homes research findings; (3) discuss program gaps and potential resources; and (4) create new opportunities for networking, collaboration, and partnerships.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal of the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH): To increase the capacity of state and local health departments and local housing authorities to deliver environmental public health services.

The program will also increase the understanding of the relationship between substandard, inadequate, or unsafe housing and health effects.

**C. Eligible Applicants**

Applications may be submitted by the following:

1. Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness: A project of the Public Health Practice Program Office, CDC, that operates through the Association of Schools of Public Health (see Addendum III). These Centers are part of a national system for competency-based training for the public health work force and have an infrastructure in place to improve the competencies of the public health and housing work forces. Note: To create healthy homes, strategic partnerships must be developed with public health agencies and organizations, local housing agencies, and other appropriate disciplines. An applicant must provide evidence of collaboration with those agencies and organizations that have complementary responsibilities, and must describe how each contributes to the overall goals and objectives as described in the application.

There must be evidence of partnerships or working relationships with the following: state and/or local health departments, local housing agencies, an undergraduate college with an environmental health curriculum, and a national research and training organization with vested interest and responsibility that supports creating and maintaining healthy homes.

2. National Healthy Homes Research and Training Organizations: National, non-profit organizations with a mission that promotes through research, training, education, and outreach the protection of citizens from health and safety risks associated with inadequate, substandard, or unsafe housing conditions.

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Applicants must demonstrate that the mission of the organization is committed to improving public health infrastructure and manpower development. Applications that do not include the above information will be determined as non-responsive and returned without review.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

**D. Funding****Availability of Funds**

Approximately \$300,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 15, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month initial budget period. Additional years will be for 12-month periods, within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

**Use of Funds**

The recipient may use funds for the development, implementation, and operation of the National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network. This may include support for staff and materials to develop the curriculum and electronic, classroom, seminar and announcement materials; and costs related to implementing and conducting