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Perinatal HIV Prevention in the United States: National Organizations Working Toward Elimination; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: August 1, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317K(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 274b (k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.943.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for "Perinatal HIV Prevention in the United States: National Organizations Working Toward Elimination." This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) of HIV and Maternal, Infant and Child Health.

The purpose of this program is to: (1) Develop, provide and disseminate technical assistance and other educational and training materials needed to improve perinatal HIV prevention efforts nationally; (2) promote the integration of: universal voluntary HIV testing into prenatal care across the United States, rapid HIV

testing for women with unknown HIV status in labor, and offering repeat HIV testing to women at risk for seroconversion during pregnancy; and (3) foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences of perinatal HIV prevention among maternal and child health providers, HIV care providers and consumers.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP): (1) Reduce the number of new HIV infections; (2) increase the proportion of HIV-infected people who know they are infected; (3) increase the proportion of HIV-infected people who are linked to appropriate prevention, care, and treatment services; and (4) strengthen the capacity nationwide to monitor the epidemic, develop and implement effective HIV prevention interventions and evaluate prevention programs.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by national organizations having demonstrated experience providing needs assessments, capacity building, curricula, and training about prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) for consumers and health care workers, including: Pediatricians, obstetricians, family practitioners, nurses, nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, counselors, health educators, PMTCT program managers, and other health care providers. These national organizations may be:

- Public nonprofit organizations
- Private nonprofit organizations
- Faith-based organizations

This program is limited to national organizations that have the capability to serve the broadest U.S. audiences by supporting national efforts to assure consistent messages in training and education.

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 \$700,000 is available in FY 2003, to fund approximately three to four awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$175,000, ranging from \$50,000 to \$225,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 15, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a

project period of up to four 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

Funds from this cooperative agreement should not be used for major purchase of equipment or construction. Requests for equipment such as computers and Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) Projectors for training require detailed justification.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Funding Preferences

Funding preference will be given to national organizations with prior experience providing training to health care providers regarding: (1) Incorporation of PMTCT into health care provider education; (2) offering of universal voluntary HIV testing to pregnant women as a routine part of prenatal care; (3) implementation of voluntary rapid HIV testing programs in labor and delivery settings; and (4) to national organizations that have developed and disseminated patient educational materials on HIV, perinatal HIV and its prevention.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed in 1. Recipient Activities and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed in 2. CDC Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Provide training and technical assistance to programs and health care providers in sharing and applying knowledge and expertise regarding HIV prevention and perinatal transmission. Specifically, disseminate educational materials, and provide training and technical assistance on approaches to help providers achieve high rates of prenatal HIV testing by using recommended HIV screening practices including opt-out strategies, offering rapid HIV testing for women in labor who present with undocumented HIV status and linking HIV-at risk and HIV-infected women and their infants to comprehensive medical and social services.

b. Sponsor a variety of forums for presentation of information on HIV perinatal reduction (*i.e.*, policies, programs, materials, and other technical