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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Clinical Specialty Training Projects

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Population Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

Authority: Section 1003 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Executive Summary: The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) requests applications for a grant to establish and operate a clinical specialty training program for health care practitioners and registered professional nurses who provide family planning and related clinical preventive health services in title X family planning services projects in Public Health Service Regions VI-X.

DATES: To receive consideration, applications must be received by the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) Grants Management Office no later than August 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be requested from, and applications submitted to: the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) Grants Management Office, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 550, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-594-0758. Application kits are also available online at the Office of Population Affairs Web site at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov> or by FAX at 301-594-9399.

CFDA: A description of the title X Family Planning Training Program can be found at OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93.260. A description of title X Family Planning Services Program can be found at OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93.217

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title X of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et seq.*, authorizes grants for projects to provide family planning services to persons

from low-income families and others. Section 1001 of the Act, as amended, authorizes grants "to assist in the establishment and operation of voluntary family planning projects which shall offer a broad range of acceptable and effective family planning methods and services (including natural family planning methods, infertility services, and services for adolescents)." Section 1003 of the Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to entities to provide the training for personnel to carry out family planning service programs. Section 1008 of the Act, as amended, stipulates that "none of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

The regulations set out at 42 CFR part 59, subpart C, govern grants to provide training for family planning service providers. Prospective applicants should refer to the regulations in their entirety. Training provided must be in accordance with the requirements regarding the provision of family planning services under title X. These requirements can be found in the title X statute, the implementing regulations which govern project grants for family planning services (42 CFR part 59, subpart A), and the "Program Guidelines for Project Grants for Family Planning Services," issued in January 2001. Copies of the title X statute, regulations, and Program Guidelines may be obtained by contacting the OPHS Grants Management Office or may be downloaded from the Office of Population Affairs Web site at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

A copy of the legislation and regulations governing this program will be included as part of the application kit package. Applicants should use the legislation, regulations and other information included in this announcement to guide them in developing their applications.

Definitions: For the purposes of this announcement, the following definitions apply:

Advanced practice nurse—a registered professional nurse who has graduated from an educational program beyond basic nursing preparation, and is currently recognized to practice as an advanced practice nurse in at least one state, including current licensure as a registered nurse in that state.

Application—a request for financial support of a project submitted to OPA on specified forms and in accordance with instructions provided.

Evidence-based—relevant scientific evidence that has undergone

comprehensive review and rigorous analysis.

Family planning training—job-specific skill development, the purpose of which is to promote and improve the delivery of family planning services. According to section 1001 of the Act, as amended, family planning services include offering "a broad range of acceptable and effective family planning methods and services (including natural family planning methods, infertility services, and services for adolescents)." The title X Regulations, 42 CFR 59.1, further stipulate that "These projects shall consist of the educational, comprehensive medical, and social services necessary to aid individuals to determine freely the number and spacing of their children." Section 1008 states that "None of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

Family planning clinical specialty training—specialized, evidence-based family planning training, the purpose of which is to promote and improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of persons delivering clinical family planning services.

Grant—financial assistance in the form of money, awarded by the Federal government to an eligible recipient (a *grantee* or *recipient* is the entity that receives a Federal grant and assumes the legal and financial responsibility and accountability for the awarded funds and performance of activities approved for funding).

Health care practitioner—an advanced practice nurse, physician's assistant, Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy who is recognized by a state to practice within the scope of the applicable state practice act or law.

Project—those activities described in the grant application and supported under the approved budget.

Registered professional nurse—a nurse who has graduated from a state-approved nursing education program and is currently licensed to practice as a registered nurse in at least one state.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

This announcement seeks proposals from public and private non-profit entities to establish and operate a clinical specialty training program for health care practitioners and registered professional nurses who provide family planning and related clinical preventive health services in title X family planning services projects in Public Health Service Regions VI-X.