

Within 60 days of the Notice of Grant Award, a finalized specialty training course curriculum outline(s), admissions criteria, training plan, course schedule, and other continuing education course offerings will be negotiated with the Office of Family Planning (OFP). In the succeeding year, the training plan, course schedule, and continuing education courses will be a part of the continuation application. Any changes to the curriculum outline or admissions criteria after the first year must also be submitted as part of the continuation application.

VII. Agency Contacts

For assistance on administrative and budgetary requirements, Karen Campbell, OPHS Grants Management Office, 301-594-0758; for assistance with questions regarding program requirements, Kathleen Woodall, Office of Family Planning, Office of Population Affairs, 301-594-4008.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants

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 1001 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Executive Summary: The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) announces the anticipated availability of funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 family planning services grants under the authority of title X of the Public Health Service Act and solicits applications for competing grant awards to serve the areas and/or populations listed in Table I. Only applications which propose to serve the populations and/or areas listed in Table I will be accepted for review and possible funding.

DATES: Application and funding dates vary. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

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 title X Family Planning Services Program can be found at OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93.217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title X of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award 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)." 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." The broad range of services should include education to encourage abstinence outside a mutually monogamous marriage or union. Section 1001 of the statute also requires that, to the extent practicable, title X service providers shall encourage family participation in family planning services projects.

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."

I. Funding Opportunity Description

This announcement seeks applications from public and non-profit private entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning, including abstinence education; and referral services as indicated. Requirements regarding the provision of family planning services under title X 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," published in January 2001. Copies of the title X statute, regulations, and Program Guidelines may be obtained by contacting the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) Grants Management Office, or downloaded from the Office of Population Affairs Web site at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>. All title X requirements—including those derived from the statute, the regulations, and the Program Guidelines—apply to all activities funded under this announcement. For example, projects must meet the regulatory requirements set out at 42 CFR 59.5 regarding charges to clients, and the funding criteria set out at 42 CFR 59.7 apply to all applicants under this announcement.

II. Award Information

The anticipated FY 2004 appropriation for the title X Family Planning program is approximately \$265 million. Of this amount, OPA intends to make available approximately \$49 million for competing grant awards in approximately 24 states, populations, and/or areas. (See Table I for competing areas and approximate amount of awards). The remaining funds will be used for continued support of grants and activities which are not competitive in FY 2004. This program announcement is subject to the appropriation of funds and is a contingency action taken to ensure that, should funds become available for this purpose, applications can be processed in an orderly manner, and funds can be awarded in a timely fashion. Grants will be funded in annual increments (budget periods) and are generally approved for a project period of three to five years. Funding for all approved budget periods beyond the first year of the grant is contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the project, and adequate stewardship of Federal funds.

Cost Sharing: Program regulations at 42 CFR 59.7(b) state that "No grant may be made for less than 90 percent of the project's costs, as so estimated, unless the grant is to be made for a project that was supported, under section 1001, for less than 90 percent of its costs in fiscal year 1975. In that case, the grant shall not be for less than the percentage of costs covered by the grant in fiscal year 1975." Furthermore, § 59.7(c) stipulates that "No grant may be made for an amount equal to 100 percent for the project's estimated costs."

III. Eligibility Information

Any public or nonprofit private entity located in a State (which includes one