

Applicants that meet the requirements of this program announcement will be notified by the Office of Grants Management. Applications which do not conform to the requirements of this program announcement or which do not meet the applicable parts of 42 CFR part 59, subpart A, will not be accepted for review, and will be returned to the applicant.

Applications sent via facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted for review.

Review Under Executive Order 12372

Applicants under this announcement are subject to the review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." As soon as possible, the applicant should discuss the project with the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for each State to be served. The application kit contains the currently available listing of the SPOCs which have elected to be informed of the submission of applications. For those States not listed, further inquiries regarding the review process designed by their State should be made to the Governor's office of the pertinent State. The SPOC should forward any comment(s) to the Office of Public Health and Science Grants Management Office, 1101 Wootton Parkway, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20852. The SPOC has 60 days from the applicable due date as listed in Table I of this announcement to submit any comments.

Program Requirements and Application Content

Program Priorities

The following priorities represent the overarching goals for the title X program. In developing a proposal, each applicant should describe how the proposed project will address each priority.

1. Assuring continued high quality clinical family planning and related preventive health services that will improve the overall health of individuals;
2. Assuring access to a broad range of high quality clinical family planning and related preventive health services that include the following: provision of highly effective contraceptive methods; breast and cervical cancer screening and prevention; STD and HIV prevention education, counseling, and testing; extramarital abstinence education and counseling; and other preventive health services. The broad range of services

does not include abortion as a method of family planning;

3. Encouraging family participation in the decision of minors to seek family planning services, including activities that promote positive family relationships;

4. Improving the health of individuals and communities by partnering with community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), and other public health providers that work with vulnerable or at-risk populations;

5. Promoting individual and community health by emphasizing clinical family planning and related preventive health services for hard-to-reach populations, such as uninsured or underinsured individuals, males, persons with limited English proficiency, adolescents, and other vulnerable or at-risk populations.

Legislative Mandates

The following legislative mandates have been part of the title X appropriations for each of the last several years. In developing a proposal, each applicant should describe how the proposed project will address each of these legislative mandates.

- "None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be made available to any entity under title X of the Public Health Service Act unless the applicant for the award certifies to the Secretary that it encourages family participation in the decision of minors to seek family planning services and that it provides counseling to minors on how to resist attempts to coerce minors into engaging in sexual activities;" and
- "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no provider of services under title X of the Public Health Service Act shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest."

Other Key Issues

In addition to the Program Priorities and Legislative Mandates, the following Key Issues have implications for title X services projects and should be acknowledged in the program plan:

1. The increasing cost of providing family planning services;
2. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Service priorities, initiatives, and Healthy People 2010 objectives as they relate to family planning and reproductive health (<http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>);
3. Departmental initiatives and legislative mandates such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); Infant

Adoption Awareness Program; providing adolescents with information, skills and support to encourage delay of sexual activity; serving persons with limited English proficiency;

4. Integration of HIV/AIDS services in Family Planning, specifically, HIV/AIDS education, counseling and testing either on-site or by referral should be provided in all title X funded programs. Education regarding the prevention of HIV/AIDS should incorporate the "ABC" message. That is, for adolescents and unmarried individuals, the message is "A" for abstinence; for married or individuals in committed relationships, the message is "B" for being faithful; and, for individuals who engage in behavior that puts them at risk for HIV, the message is "C" for condom use.

5. Utilization of electronic technologies such as e-Grants, the OPA electronic grants management system (Training for grantees will be provided as needed);

6. Data collection and reporting which is responsive to the Family Planning Annual Report and other information needs for monitoring and improving family planning services;

7. Service delivery improvement through utilization of research outcomes focusing on family planning and related population issues; and

8. Utilizing practice guidelines and recommendations developed by recognized professional organizations and other Federal agencies in the provision of evidence-based title X clinical services.

Characteristics of a Successful Proposal

As mentioned above, proposed projects must adhere to all requirements of the title X statute, regulations, and program guidelines. Successful proposals will fully describe how the project will address the requirements, and should include the following:

1. A clear description of the need for the services proposed;
2. A description of the geographic area and population to be served;
3. Evidence that the applicant organization has experience in providing clinical health services and the capacity to undertake the clinical family planning and related preventive health services required;
4. Evidence that the proposed services are consistent with the requirements of title X. Use of title X funds is prohibited in programs where abortion is a method of family planning;
5. A project plan which describes the services to be provided, the location(s) and hours of clinic operations, and projected numbers of clients to be served;