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Training Program for Violence Prevention Leaders and Practitioners; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: July 24, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 317(k)(D) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(1)(D)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement for a Training Program for Violence Prevention Leaders and Practitioners. The initial focus of the training program will be the prevention of youth violence, suicide and violence against women including intimate partner violence and sexual violence. Applicants should address all three of these focus areas in the year one application. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Injury and Violence Prevention.

The purpose of this program is to support the development or enhancement of a violence prevention

training program within an organization that currently provides trainings. This program will build the capacity of practitioners working to prevent violence at the state, local and/or community levels including CDC-funded grantees. More specifically, the training program will build the leadership, knowledge and skills necessary for practitioners to plan, implement and evaluate violence prevention programs using public health principles such as:

- Evidence-based program planning and development (*i.e.*, using data to drive program decisions).
- Ecological framework or other multi-level approaches to prevention.
- Programs designed with a focus on primary prevention.
- Population-based strategies.
- Program evaluation.
- Feedback process from practice to research (*i.e.*, using findings "from the field" to shape future research activities).

The program consists of two parts:

Part I: Conduct and evaluate trainings that include the development and implementation of various training modules based on prevention strategies using public health principles. Trainings should be grounded in research and theory.

Part II: Provide consultation that supplements the knowledge and skills gained through the training sessions. Consultation should be provided to training participants, as well as to other CDC-funded grantees.

At this time, the training program's focus will be on the prevention of violence against women, youth violence and suicide. Potential audiences include representatives from state and territorial health departments, state domestic violence, suicide, sexual violence or youth violence prevention coalitions, sexual and domestic violence programs, coordinated community response teams (CCRs), rape crisis centers and other nonprofit organizations such as youth member and faith-based organizations. The audience for the youth violence and suicide training should be representatives from community-based and not school-based organizations.

Long-term objectives of the cooperative agreement are to:

1. Develop a network of practitioners as leaders who can effectively develop, implement, and evaluate violence prevention programs at the state and local levels.
2. Enhance the leadership skills of training participants to effectively promote the use of public health principles in the prevention of violence.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC): Increase the capacity of injury prevention and control programs to address the prevention of injuries and violence.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations such as universities, colleges, research institutions, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations.

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 \$950,000 is available to fund one award. The project period will be up to four years. In FY 2003 only, \$400,000 of this amount will be available for topic specific training in the prevention of youth violence, suicide and violence against women. Funding estimates may change each fiscal year within a range of \$550,000–\$950,000. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 15, 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period.

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

These funds are intended for an organization that currently provides trainings and has the capacity to implement a violence prevention training program grounded in public health principles. Funds shall not be used to create a new infrastructure. Additionally, funds shall not be used to support (1) victim services or criminal justice and law enforcement approaches to prevent violence against women and (2) school-based approaches to prevent youth violence or suicide. CDC-funded grantees should not be charged a registration fee to participate in the training program.

Funding Preference

Given differences in the state of the field for violence against women, youth violence, and suicide prevention the following is provided as a preference for each area. For violence against women