

for Population Affairs on the basis of priority score, program relevance, and availability of funds.

VI. Award Administration Information

OPA does not release information about individual applications during the review process until final funding decisions have been made. When these decisions have been made, applicants will be notified by letter regarding the outcome of their applications. The official document notifying an applicant that an application has been approved and granted funding is the Notice of Grant Award, which specifies to the grantee the amount of money awarded, the purpose of the grant, and the terms and conditions of the grant award.

VII. Agency Contacts

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

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Program To Build Capacity To Assess and Improve Healthcare Services in Anniston, AL; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: July 21, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized in sections 104(i)(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended (42 U.S.C 9604 (i)(14)). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.161.

B. Purpose

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement Program to Build Capacity to Assess and Improve Healthcare Services in Anniston, Alabama. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of Educational and Community-Based Programs; Environmental Health; and Maternal, Infant, and Child Health.

The purpose of this program is to: (1) Collect and analyze data to describe the health care services in the Anniston area; (2) to assess the community's access to healthcare services; (3) to develop a plan to increase access to healthcare, if needed; and (4) to inform and educate residents about healthcare services in their community. Special emphasis should be placed on the environmental and occupational medicine services in the area.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the ATSDR: Developing and providing reliable, understandable information for people in affected communities and tribes and for stakeholders, and build and enhance effective partnerships.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, technical schools, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, state and local governments or their *bona fide* agents, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal 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 \$75,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or

about August 1, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to two 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 may be expended for reasonable program purposes, such as personnel, travel, supplies and services. Funds for contractual services may be requested; however, the primary recipient of ATSDR funds must perform a substantive role in carrying out project activities and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provide funds to an ineligible party. Equipment may be purchased with these funds, however, the equipment proposed should be appropriate and reasonable for the research activity to be conducted. Equipment may be acquired only when authorized and the application should provide a justification of need to acquire equipment, the description, and the cost of purchase versus lease. To the greatest extent practicable, equipment and products purchased with ATSDR funds should be American made. ATSDR retains the right to request return of all equipment purchased (in operable condition) with grant funds at the completion of the project period.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Funding Priority

Preference will be given to the following: Applicants who are located in the southeastern region of the United States, applicants who have support from the Anniston community as evidenced by letters of support, and proposed projects that maximize available resources.

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 ATSDR will be responsible for the activities listed in 2. ATSDR Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Develop and implement a program proposal which examines the current healthcare services in the Anniston area. Special efforts should also be made to closely coordinate this activity with Federal agencies such as Health Resources and Services Administration