

groups that work collaboratively to address the needs of at-risk youth or the homeless. Preferences will be given to applications submitted by partnerships or coalitions of faith-based and community-level organizations. This will be accomplished by the award of 5 points as described in Part III.D, item (2).

Part II. Project and Applicant Eligibility

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) invites eligible entities to submit competing applications for the Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity-Building Program.

A. Eligible Applicants

ACF invites applications from private, non-profit, faith-based and community organizations, particularly partnerships or coalitions, with a proven track record in serving the needs of at-risk youth or the homeless. Applicants are required to submit proof of non-profit status with the application. Applications lacking proof of non-profit status will not be reviewed. Eligible organizations must have been established for at least one year and addressing the needs of the homeless or at-risk youth in the proposed geographic area. Coalitions of eligible organizations must have been in existence for at least one year. In the case of partnerships or coalitions that do not have a separate governing structure, one member must serve as lead organization for the purposes of the grant award.

Private, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit with their applications the optional survey located under "Grant Manuals & Forms" at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/forms.htm.

B. Funding Availability and Instruments

Instrument and Funding: ACF will issue the Financial Assistance Awards under this announcement as grants. ACF expects to award a total of up to \$2.5 million under this announcement. There is no matching or cost share requirement for this announcement. ACF reserves the right to award less than the funds described, in the absence of worthy applications, or under such circumstances as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the government. ACF estimates that 50 organizations or coalitions can be supported by this level of funding. Applicants must apply for a one-time funding of up to \$50,000. Any application requesting in excess of \$50,000 will be considered "non-responsive" and subsequently returned to the applicant without further review.

Project and Budget Period: This announcement is soliciting applications for a 12-month project period. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a 12-month budget period.

Part III: The Review Process

A. Intergovernmental Review

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, states may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed applications for Federal assistance under covered programs.

As of April 8, 2003, the jurisdictions listed below have elected not to participate in the Executive Order process. Applicants from these jurisdictions or for projects administered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes need not take action in regard to Executive Order 12372. Although the jurisdictions listed below no longer participate in the process, grant applicants are still eligible to apply for a grant even if a state, territory, commonwealth, etc. does not have a Single Point of Contact (SPOC).

Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Colorado; Connecticut; Kansas; Hawaii; Idaho; Indiana; Louisiana; Massachusetts; Minnesota; Montana; Nebraska; New Jersey; New York; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Palau; Pennsylvania; South Dakota; Tennessee; Vermont; Virginia; Washington and Wyoming.

All remaining jurisdictions participate in the Executive Order process and have established SPOCs. Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them about the prospective applications and receive instructions. The applicant must submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of the submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a. Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the Federal program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. A listing of the SPOC for each participating state and territory with contact and address information is available at: <http://>

www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html.

B. Initial ACF Screening

Each application submitted under this program announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that (1) the application was received by the closing date and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this announcement and (2) the applicant is eligible for funding.

C. General Instructions for the Uniform Project Description

The following ACF Uniform Project Description has been approved under OMB Control Number 0970-0139, which expires 12/31/2003. This format is to be used to submit an application under this announcement. Consistent with the Uniform Program Description format, the specific evaluation criteria applicable to this program follows in section D.

1. Objectives and need for assistance: Clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, and/or other problem(s) requiring a solution. The need for assistance must be demonstrated and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly stated; supporting documentation, such as letters of support and testimonials from concerned interests other than the applicant, may be included. Any relevant data based on planning studies should be included or referred to in the endnotes/footnotes. Incorporate demographic data and participant/beneficiary information, as needed. In developing the project description, the applicant may volunteer or be requested to provide information on the total range of projects currently being conducted and supported (or to be initiated), some of which may be outside the scope of the program announcement.

2. Results or benefits expected: Identify the results and benefits to be derived. For example, when applying for an award to expand program capacity; increase the types of services offered; increase access to funding from different sources and sectors; improve staff capabilities, describe the goals and objectives of the activity and expected outcomes.

3. Approach: Outline a plan of action that describes the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished. Account for all functions or activities identified in the application. Cite factors that might accelerate or decelerate the work and state your reason for taking the proposed approach rather than others.