

Mailed or hand-carried applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will be classified as late.

Deadline: Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline time and date at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF, Office of Grants Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20447, Attention: Lois Hodge.

Applications hand-carried by applicants, applicant couriers, other representatives of the applicant, or by overnight/express mail couriers shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the closing date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Grants Management, ACF Mail Center, 2nd Floor (near loading dock), Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). This mailing address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application with the note "Attention: Lois Hodge." Applicants using express/overnight services should allow two working days (working days are defined as Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays) prior to the closing date for receipt of applications. (**Note to Applicants:** Express/overnight mail services do not always deliver in the agreed upon timeframe.)

Any applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered for competition. All applications shall be mailed or hand-carried at the request and expense of the applicant. Additional material will not be accepted or added to an application after the closing date.

ACF cannot, at the present time, accommodate transmission of applications by fax, e-mail, or through other electronic media. Applications transmitted electronically will not be accepted for consideration under this Program Announcement.

For purposes of this grant competition, ACF will not be notifying applicants that their application was received by the deadline. Applicants will, however, be notified of the status of their application in writing after the review process has been completed.

Late Applications: Applications that do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications. ADD shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

Extension of Deadlines: ACF may extend the closing date for all applicants

because of acts of God, such as floods and hurricanes, widespread disruption of the mail or when it is anticipated that many of the applications will come from rural or remote areas. However, if ACF does not extend the closing date for all applicants, it may not waive or extend the deadline for any applicant.

ADDRESSES: Application materials are available from April Myers, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Mail Stop: HHH-300F, Washington, DC, 20447, amyers@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 690-5985.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the application process, program information and application materials contact, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Lois Hodge, Grants Officer, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC, 20447, 202/401-2344, lhodge@acf.hhs.gov or April Myers, Program Specialist, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Mail Stop: HHH-300F, Washington, DC, 20447, or send e-mail to amyers@acf.hhs.gov, or fax (202) 690-6904.

Notice of Intent to Submit

Application: If you intend to submit an application, please send a fax or e-mail with the number and title of this Program Announcement, your organization's name and address, your contact person's name, your contact's phone and fax numbers, and their e-mail address to: Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Attention: April Myers, fax: (202) 690-6904, e-mail: amyers@acf.hhs.gov. This information will be used to determine the number of expert reviewers needed and to update the mailing list for future Program Announcements from ADD.

Available Funds: Subject to the availability of funding, ADD intends to award new grants resulting from this Program Announcement during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2003. For the purpose of the awards under this Program Announcement, the successful applicants should expect a project start date of September 30, 2003. Up to \$3 million in Federal funds will be available to support as many as 30 projects this fiscal year.

Additionally, successful applicants under this Program Announcement may be eligible to compete for implementation funds in Fiscal Year 2004. The Priority Area descriptions include information on the maximum Federal share of the project costs and the anticipated number of projects to be funded.

The term "budget period" defines a one-year (12 months) interval of time. Where applicable, a multi-year period of assistance (referred to as the project

period) is divided for budgetary and funding purposes into one-year budget periods. The term "project period" means the total time a project is approved for support, including continuation applications and any federally approved extensions.

Where appropriate, applicants may propose shorter project periods than the maximums specified in the Priority Area. Non-Federal share contributions may exceed the minimums specified in the Priority Area.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share of the project is \$100,000 per project period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I: General Information

A. Goals of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is located within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). ADD shares common goals with other ACF programs that promote the economic and social well being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF and ADD envision:

- Families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity;
- Strong, healthy, supportive communities having a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;
- Partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, States, and Congress that enable solutions that transcend traditional agency boundaries;
- Services planned and integrated to improve access to programs and supports for individuals and families;
- A strong commitment to working with Native Americans, persons with developmental disabilities, refugees and migrants to address their individual needs, strengths and abilities; and
- A community-based approach that recognizes and expands on the resources and benefits of diversity.

The goals, listed above, will enable more individuals, including people with developmental disabilities, to live productive and independent lives integrated into their communities. The Projects of National Significance (PNS) Program is one means through which ADD promotes the achievement of these goals.