

Deadline*Applications Submitted by Mail*

Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting the announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline 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 20447-0002, Attention: Lois B. Hodge. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date will not be considered for competition.

Application Submitted by Courier

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 deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays), at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/Office of Grants Management, ACF Mailroom, 2nd Floor (near Loading Dock), Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Applicants using express/overnight services should allow two working days (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) prior to the deadline date for receipt of applications. Note to applicants: Express/overnight mail services do not always deliver at the time to which they agreed.)

Receipt of Applications: Applications must either be hand delivered or mailed to the addresses listed above (under DEADLINE). ACF will acknowledge receipt of applications through a letter. ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Applications transmitted electronically will not be accepted. Videotapes and cassette tapes may not be included as part of a grant application for panel review.

Additional material will not be accepted, or added to an application, unless it is received by the deadline date.

Closed Captioning for Audiovisual Efforts

Applicants must include closed captioning and audio description in the development of any audiovisual products.

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: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God (e.g., floods, hurricanes) occur, or when there is widespread disruption of the mail service. Determinations to extend or waive deadline requirements rest with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

Notice of Intent To Submit Application: If you intend to submit an application, under this announcement, please contact, Carla R. Brown of ADD at (202) 690-8332 within 15 days of the date of this announcement. Please give your organization's name and address, and your contact person's name, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.

The information will be used to determine the number of expert reviewers needed and to update the mailing list for program announcements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the application process, program information and application materials contact, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Carla R. Brown, Management Analyst, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, (202) 690-8332, crbrown@acf.hhs.gov; or Lois Hodge, Grants Officer, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, (202) 401-2344, lhodge@acf.hhs.gov. Copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may be obtained electronically at the ADD World Wide Web page: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/>.

Project Duration: The projects will be awarded for a project period of up to twelve (12) months.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal shares for applicants will be \$70,000 for the project period.

Number of Projects To Be Funded: Two projects will be funded not to exceed \$70,000 each.

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), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). ADD shares goals with other ACF programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

B. Purpose of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is the lead agency within ACF and DHHS responsible for planning and administering programs to promote the self-sufficiency and protect the rights of persons with developmental disabilities. ADD administers the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act of 2000). The DD Act provides for funding to States to provide advocacy, promote consumer oriented systems change and capacity building activities, and facilitate network formations.

The four programs funded under the DD Act are:

(1) State Councils on Developmental Disabilities that engage in advocacy, capacity building and systematic change activities.

(2) Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) that protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

(3) The National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, (UCEDD) that engages in training, outreach and dissemination activities.

(4) Projects of National Significance (PNS), including Family Support Grants that support the development of family-centered and directed systems for families of children with disabilities, including children with developmental disabilities.

(5) In addition to responsibilities under the DD Act, ADD, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has the responsibility for three grant programs authorized under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), Public Law 107-252.

C. Statutory Authorities Covered Under This Announcement

This announcement is covered under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law (P.L.) 107-252, title II subtitle D, part 2, section 291 (42 U.S.C. 15461). Provisions under this section provide for the award of grants for Training and Technical Assistance that support:

- Full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places;
- Training in the use of voting systems and technologies;
- Demonstration and evaluation of the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use