

Prevention, Maternal, Infant and Child Health, Occupational Safety and Health, Oral Health, Physical Activity and Fitness, Public Health Infrastructure, Respiratory Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tobacco Use. Conferences on Access to Quality Health Services, Family Planning, Food Safety, Health Communications, Medical Product Safety, Substance Abuse, and Vision and Hearing, are not priority focus areas of CDC or ATSDR, and should be directed to other Federal Agencies.

HIV Conferences and HIV subject matter are covered under another program and are not permitted under this announcement.

The purpose of conference support funding is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences (not a series) in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention information and education programs, and applied research.

Conference support by CDC/ATSDR creates the appearance of CDC/ATSDR co-sponsorship, and Congress has required that there will be active participation by CDC/ATSDR in the development and approval of the conference agenda to make sure there are no subjects that would embarrass the Government or be an improper use of funds. CDC/ATSDR funds will be expended only for approved portions of the conference.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications for CDC support may be submitted by public and private non-profit, and faith-based organizations. Public and private non-profit entities include State and local governments or their bona fide agents, faith-based organizations, voluntary associations, foundations, civic groups, scientific or professional associations, universities, and Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

Applications for ATSDR support may be submitted by the official public health agencies of the States, or their bona fide agents. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Island, the Republic of Palau, and Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments. State organizations, including State universities, State colleges, and State research institutions must establish that they meet their respective State's legislature definition of a State entity or political subdivision to be considered an eligible applicant.

Also eligible are nationally and internationally recognized associations of health professionals and other chartered organizations generally recognized as demonstrating a need for information to protect the public from the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances. Faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply.

Only conferences planned for May 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 are eligible to apply under this announcement.

To be eligible to apply the applicant must:

1. Propose a conference that matches only one or two topic areas identified in the "Topic Areas of Programmatic Interest" as listed in Attachment II of this announcement. (All attachments are posted with this announcement on the CDC Web site.)

2. Identify the estimated total cost of the conference and the dollar amount of the total cost requested from CDC/ATSDR (which must be less than 100 percent).

This information should be included in the cover letter submitted with the application. Applications that do not include this information and respond directly to the above information will be determined as non-responsive and will be returned without review.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code, Chapter 26, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds: Approximately \$1,100,000 may be available from CDC in FY 2004 to fund approximately 60 to 80 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$20,000.

Approximately \$25,000 is available from ATSDR in FY 2004 to fund approximately three to five awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$8,000, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Application requests that exceed \$50,000 (CDC) or \$10,000 (ATSDR) will be determined as non-responsive and will be returned to the applicant without review.

It is expected that the awards will begin on or about sixty days before the date of the conference. For FY 2004, awards will be made for each cycle with a 12-month budget period within a 12-month project period. Funding estimates may change.

Recipient Financial Participation: Matching funds are not required for this program.

Use of Funds

1. Funds may be used for direct cost expenditures: salaries; speaker fees (for services rendered); rental of necessary conference-related equipment; registration fees; and transportation costs (not to exceed economy class fare) for non-Federal individuals.

2. Funds may be used for only those parts of the conference specifically supported by CDC or ATSDR as documented in the grant award.

3. Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment; payments of honoraria (for conferring distinction); alterations or renovations; organizational dues; support entertainment or personal expenses; food or snack breaks; cost of travel and payment of a Federal employee or per diem or expenses for local participants (other than local mileage). Travel for Federal employees will be supported by CDC/ATSDR. Travel for other Federal employees will be supported by the employees' Federal agency.

4. Funds may not be used for reimbursement of indirect costs.

5. CDC and ATSDR will not fund 100 percent of any conference proposed under this announcement. Part of the cost of the proposed conference must be supported with funds other than Federal funds.

6. CDC and ATSDR will not fund a conference after it has taken place.

7. Federal funds may not be used to fund novelty items or souvenirs.

E. Programmatic Interest Areas

The mission of CDC is to promote health and improve the quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability.

Through the support of conferences and meetings (not a series) in the areas of public health research, education, prevention research in program and policy development, managed care, and prevention application, CDC is meeting its overall goal of dissemination and implementation of new cost-effective intervention strategies.

The mission of ATSDR is to prevent both exposure and adverse human health effects that diminish the quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

ATSDR's systematic approaches are needed for linking applicable resources in public health with individuals and organizations involved in the practice of applying such research. Mechanisms are also needed to shorten the time frame between the development of disease prevention and health promotion