

particularly affecting underrepresented minority groups; including research on issues relating to the delivery of health care; (5) to carry out a program to train students of the school in providing health services to a significant number of underrepresented minority individuals through training provided to such students at community based health facilities that provide such health services and are located at a site remote from the main site of the teaching facilities of the school; (6) to provide stipends as appropriate; and (7) to develop a large competitive applicant pool through linkages with institutions of higher education, local school districts, and other community based entities and establish an educational pipeline for health professions careers.

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Eligibility: Eligible applicants are accredited schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, graduate programs in behavioral or mental health, or other public and non profit health or educational entities, including faith based organizations, and community based organizations, that meet the requirements of section 736(c) of the Public Health Service Act. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as described in section 736(c)(2)(A) of the Public Health Service Act and which received contracts under former section 788B of the Public Health Service Act (Advanced Financial Distress Assistance) for fiscal year 1987 may apply for Centers of Excellence (COE) grants under section 736(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act.

Review Criteria: Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$6,118,398.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

HRSA-04-004 Centers of Excellence (COE) *

Application Availability Date: September 12, 2003.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2004.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-009 Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) *

CFDA: 93.822.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 739, 42 U.S.C. 293c.

Purpose: The goal of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake education to enter a health profession. The HCOP program works to build diversity in the health fields by providing students from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete, enter, and graduate from health professions schools. HCOP funds may be used for: (1) Identifying, recruiting, and selecting individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds for education and training in a health profession; (2) facilitating the entry of such individuals into such a school; (3) providing counseling, mentoring, or other services designed to assist such individuals to complete successfully their education at such a school; (4) providing, for a period prior to the entry of such individuals into the regular course of education of such a school, preliminary education and health research training designed to assist them to complete successfully such regular course of education at such a school, or referring such individuals to institutions providing such preliminary education; (5) publicizing existing sources of financial aid available to students in the education program of such a school or who are undertaking training necessary to qualify them to enroll in such a program; (6) paying scholarships, as the Secretary may determine, for such individuals for any period of health professions education at a health professions school; (7) paying such stipends for such individuals for any period of education in student-enhancement programs (other than regular courses), except that such a stipend may not be provided to an individual for more than 12 months; (8) carrying out programs under which such individuals gain experience regarding a career in a field of primary health care through working at facilities of public or private nonprofit community-based providers of primary health services; (9) conducting activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool through partnerships with institutions of higher education, school districts, and other community-based entities.

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until final Congressional action on appropriations is taken. Updated information on Congressional action on appropriations will be available on the HRSA Web site.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, chiropractic, podiatric medicine, public or non-profit private schools that offer graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, programs for the training of physician assistants, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

Review Criteria: Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Funding Preferences: Section 739(b) of the Public Health Service Act provides a funding preference for programs that involve a comprehensive approach by several public or nonprofit private health or educational entities to establish, enhance and expand educational programs that will result in the development of a competitive applicant pool of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who desire to pursue health professions careers.

Estimated Amount of This

Competition: \$14,152,621.

Estimated Number of Awards: 35.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

HRSA-04-009 Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) *

Application Availability Date: September 12, 2003.

Application Deadline: February 20, 2004.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-010 Advanced Education Nursing Program (AENP)

CFDA: 93.247.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VIII, Section 811, 42 U.S.C. 296j.

Purpose: Grants are awarded to eligible institutions for projects that support the enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. For the purpose of this section, advanced education nurses means individuals trained in advanced degree programs including individuals in combined RN to Master's degree programs, post-nursing Master's certificate programs, or in the case of nurse-midwives, in