

medicine or osteopathic medicine, or public or private nonprofit entities are eligible to apply.

For program purposes (3) and (4) public or nonprofit private accredited schools of allopathic or osteopathic medicine are eligible to apply.

For program purpose (6) entities that have programs in accredited dental schools, approved residency programs in the pediatric or general practice of dentistry, approved advanced education programs in the pediatric or general practice of dentistry, or approved residency programs in pediatric dentistry are eligible to apply.

For all grant program purposes (1) through (6), nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations, that meet other eligibility requirements are eligible to apply.

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

*Funding Priorities:* In accordance with Section 747(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, for program purposes (1) through (6), a funding priority will be given to approved applicants that have a record of training the greatest percentage of providers or that have demonstrated significant improvements in the percentage of providers who enter and remain in primary care practice or general or pediatric dentistry.

In accordance with Section 747(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, for program purposes (1) through (6), a funding priority will be given to approved applicants that have a record of training individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among primary care practice or general or pediatric dentistry).

In accordance with Section 747(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, for program purpose (4), a funding priority will be given to approved applicants that propose a collaborative project between departments of primary care medicines.

*Funding Preferences:* As provided in section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act, for purposes (1) through (6), preference will be given to any approved applicant that: (A) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities or (B) during the two-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will be applied to only those applications that rank above the 20th

percentile of the applications recommended for approval by the peer review group. So that new applicants may compete equitably, a preference will be given to those new programs that meet at least four of the criteria described in section 791(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act concerning underserved communities and populations.

*Special Considerations:* In accordance with Section 747(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, for grant program purposes (1) through (6), special consideration will be given to approved applicants proposing projects to prepare practitioners to care for underserved populations and other high risk groups such as the elderly, individuals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, homeless and victims of domestic violence.

*Estimated Amount of This*

*Competition:* \$31,000,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 160.

*Estimated Project Period:* 3 years.

HRSA-04-015 Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (DRPC) \*

*Application Availability Date:*

September 2, 2003.

*Letter of Intent Deadline:* September 12, 2003.

*Application Deadline:* November 6, 2003.

*Projected Award Date:* July 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-016 Podiatric Residency Training in Primary Care (PODPC) \*

CFDA: 93.181.

*Legislative Authority:* Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Part D, Section 755(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. 294.

*Purpose:* Grants are awarded to plan and implement projects in preventive and primary care training for podiatric physicians in approved or provisionally approved residency programs that shall provide financial assistance in the form of traineeships to residents who participate in such projects and who plan to specialize in primary care.

\* This program is not included in the President's budget for FY 2004. Potential applicants for funds should consider this announcement provisional 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 entities are health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities. To be eligible, the applicant shall propose a project which is collaborative among two or more disciplines. Nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations, that meet other eligibility requirements are eligible to apply.

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

*Funding Preferences:* As provided in section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act, preference will be given to any approved applicant that: (A) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities or (B) during the two-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will be applied to only those applications that rank above the 20th percentile of the applications recommended for approval by the peer review group. So that new applicants may compete equitably, a preference will be given to those new programs that meet at least four of the criteria described in section 791(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act concerning underserved communities and populations.