

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$760,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 4.
Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

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

Application Availability Date: September 2, 2003.

Application Deadline: October 20, 2003.

Projected Award Date: July 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-017 Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPEP) *

CFDA: 93.191.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 755(b)(1)(J), 42 U.S.C. 294e.

Purpose: The Graduate Psychology Education Program addresses the interrelatedness of behavior and health and the critical need for integrated health care services.

Grants will be awarded to assist eligible entities in meeting the costs to plan, develop, operate, or maintain graduate psychology doctoral, doctoral internship, and doctoral residency programs, accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). These programs must foster an integrated approach to health care services and address access for underserved populations by training psychologists to work:

- With underserved populations including children, the elderly, victims of abuse, the chronically ill or disabled; and

- In areas of emerging needs.

* 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 accredited health profession schools, universities, and other public or private nonprofit entities. As provided in section 750 of the Public Health Service Act, to be eligible to receive assistance, the applicant must propose to use the grant funds in collaboration with two or more disciplines.

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.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$3,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

HRSA-04-017 Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPEP) *

Application Availability Date: October 1, 2003.

Application Deadline: December 12, 2003.

Projected Award Date: May 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-018 Basic/Core Area Health Education Centers (BAHEC) *

CFDA: 93.824.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 751(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 294a.

Purpose: To improve the distribution, diversity, and quality of health personnel in the health services delivery system by encouraging the regionalization of health professions schools. Emphasis is placed on community-based training of primary care oriented students, residents, and providers, and health careers programs for K-12 students. The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program assists schools in the planning, development and operation of AHEC centers to initiate education systems incentives to attract and retain health care personnel in scarcity areas. By linking the academic resources of the university health science center with local planning, educational and clinical resources, the AHEC programs and AHEC centers establish a network of community-based training sites to

provide educational services to students, faculty and practitioners in underserved areas, and ultimately to improve the delivery of health care in the service area.

- 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.

Cost Sharing: Awardees must pay not less than 50 percent of the operating costs of the AHEC Program from non-Federal contributions in cash (directly through contributions from State, county or municipal government, an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization or the private sector). These funds must be for the express use of the AHEC Programs and Centers to address AHEC project goals and objectives and not funds designated for other categorical or specific purposes. However, the Secretary may grant a waiver for up to 75 percent of the amount required in the first 3 years in which an awardee receives funds for this program. It is expected that the non-Federal contributions in cash should be equal to the Federal request—that is, a one-to-one match.

Eligibility: Public or private nonprofit, accredited schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine and incorporated consortia made up of such schools or the parent institutions of such schools. In States where no AHEC program is in operation (Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico) accredited schools of nursing are eligible.

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

Funding Preferences: All applicants have the option to request the general statutory funding preference found in Section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act. Only data from the applicant/awardee school may be submitted. To be considered for this funding preference, an applicant must request it by either completing the appropriate table, or in the case of a new program, request and submit the appropriate narrative to support the request. For more information on funding preferences, see the Basic/Core AHEC Program Application Kit under General Statutory Funding Preference.

Special Considerations: In accordance with Section 751(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Public Health Service Act, special consideration will be given to approved applicants who support the Kids Into Health Careers initiative by establishing