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HRSA-04-020 Grants to States for Loan Repayment Programs (SLRP)

CFDA: 93.165.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title III, Section 338I, 42 U.S.C. 254q-1.

Purpose: The Program's purpose is to assist States in operating programs for the repayment of health professionals' educational loans in return for their practice in federally-designated health professional shortage areas. This Program strives to increase the availability of primary health services in underserved areas. Of the estimated 16 awards, 13 are project period renewals and 3 are new awards.

States seeking support must provide assurances that, with respect to costs of making loan repayments under contracts with health professionals, the State will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-Federal contributions in cash in an amount equal to not less than \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds provided in grants. In determining the amount of non-Federal contributions in cash that a State has to provide, no Federal funds may be used in the State's match. Further information about this Program is available in the application guidance and can be obtained from the contact person.

Cost Sharing: Yes.

Eligibility: All 50 States are eligible to apply for funding. The Program operated with the grant must be administered by a State agency.

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

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$3,100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 16 (13 renewals, 3 new).

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

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Application Availability Date: March 2, 2004.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2004.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-021 Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program (BTCDP)

CFDA: 93.996.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title III, Section 319F(g), 42 U.S.C. 247d-6.

Purpose: The goal of this program is the development of a health care workforce with the knowledge, skills and ability to: (1) Recognize indications of a terrorist event; (2) meet the acute care needs of patients, including pediatric and other vulnerable populations, in a safe and appropriate manner; (3) participate in a coordinated, multidisciplinary response to terrorist events and other public health emergencies; and (4) rapidly and effectively alert the public health system of such an event at the community, State, and national level. Cooperative agreements will be awarded to assist entities to prepare a workforce of healthcare professionals to address the medical consequences of bio-terrorism and other public health emergency preparedness and response issues, including other forms of terrorism (such as use of chemical, explosive, incendiary, or nuclear agents against the civilian population) natural disasters and catastrophic accidents. Applicants may apply for funding to: (1) Provide continuing education for practicing providers; and/or (2) Enhance curricula in health professions schools. Each area requires a separate application for funds. To apply for funding in both areas, submit two separate applications.

Federal Involvement: The scope of the Federal involvement is included in the application kit.

Eligibility:

Eligible Applicants for Continuing Education: The entities eligible to apply for this program are academic health centers; other public or private nonprofit accredited or licensed health professions schools; other educational entities such as professional organizations and societies; private accrediting organizations; other nonprofit institutions or entities

including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations; and multi-state or multi-institutional consortia of various combinations of these eligible entities. In selecting from among the most highly ranked applications, efforts will be made to balance awards to achieve broad professional and geographical distribution.

Eligible Applicants for Curricular Enhancement: The entities eligible to apply for this program are public or private nonprofit accredited or licensed health professions schools; other educational entities such as professional organizations and societies; and other nonprofit institutions or entities including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations.

To apply for funding for curricular enhancement, an entity that is not a health professions school must provide a written agreement with a health professions school to participate in carrying out the project.

In funding approved applications, consideration will be given to balance the distribution of awards across the following types of health professions schools: Medicine, Nursing, Mental Health, Allied Health, and others.

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

Special Considerations: Under Section 319(g)(1)(D) of the Public Health Service Act, special consideration will be given to applicants who (a) develop new and innovative approaches to education and training using distance learning methodologies/telehealth, or (b) enhance or expand existing distance learning educational programs to prepare health professionals and health professional students to deliver quality health care in medically underserved communities.

Estimated Amount of This

Competition: \$30,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 40.

Estimated Project Period: 2 years.

HRSA-04-021 Bio-Terrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program (BTTCDD)

Application Availability Date:

December 8, 2004.

Application Deadline: March 5, 2004.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2004.

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