

HRSA-04-025 Geriatric Training for Physicians, Dentists, and Behavioral and Mental Health Professionals (GTPD) *

Application Availability Date: September 2, 2003.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2003.

Projected Award Date: July 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-026 Quentin N. Burdick Program for Rural Interdisciplinary Training (QBRH) *

CFDA: 93.192.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 754, U.S.C. 294d, Section 750(a), 42 U.S.C. 294.

Purpose: These grants support the education and training of health professions students in rural underserved communities and improve access to health care in rural areas. To address needs of the rural health professions workforce, this program funds student stipends and interdisciplinary training projects that: (1) Use new and innovative methods to train health care practitioners to provide services in rural areas; (2) demonstrate and evaluate innovative interdisciplinary methods and models designed to provide access to cost-effective comprehensive health care; (3) deliver health care services to individuals residing in rural areas; (4) enhance the amount of relevant research conducted concerning health care issues in rural areas; and (5) increase the recruitment and retention of health care practitioners in rural areas and make rural practice a more attractive career choice for health care practitioners.

* 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 applicants include: health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations. Applications must be jointly submitted by at least two eligible applicants with

the express purpose of assisting individuals in academic institutions in establishing long-term collaborative relationships with health care providers in rural areas. Applicants must designate a rural health care agency or agencies for clinical treatment or training including hospitals, community health centers, migrant health centers, rural health clinics, community behavioral and mental health centers, long-term care facilities, Native Hawaiian health centers or facilities operated by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe or tribal organization or Indian organization under a contract with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination Act.

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, as amended, preference will be given to any approved applicant that: (A) has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (B) during the 2-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 only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of 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, as amended, concerning medically underserved communities and populations.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$1,500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 6.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

HRSA-04-026 Quentin N. Burdick Program for Rural Interdisciplinary Training (QBRH) *

Application Availability Date: September 29, 2003.

Application Deadline: January 13, 2004.

Projected Award Date: July 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-027 Allied Health Projects (AHPG) *

CFDA: 93.191.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 755, 42 U.S.C. 294e.

Purpose: Grants are awarded to assist eligible entities in meeting the associated costs of expanding or establishing programs to increase the number of individuals trained in allied health professions. Projects include the following activities: (1) Expanding enrollment in allied health disciplines that are in short supply or whose services are most needed by the elderly; (2) providing rapid transition training programs in allied health fields to individuals who have baccalaureate degrees in health-related sciences; (3) establishing community-based training programs that link academic centers to rural clinical settings; (4) providing career advancement training for practicing allied health professionals; (5) expanding or establishing clinical training sites for allied health professionals in medically underserved or rural communities in order to increase the number of individuals trained; (6) developing curriculum that will emphasize knowledge and practice in the areas of prevention and health promotion, geriatrics, long-term care, home health and hospice care, and ethics; (7) expanding or establishing interdisciplinary training programs that promote the effectiveness of allied health practitioners in geriatric assessment and the rehabilitation of the elderly; (8) expanding or establishing demonstration centers to emphasize innovative models to link allied health, clinical practice, education, and research; and (9) meeting the costs of projects to plan, develop, and operate or maintain graduate programs in behavioral and mental health practice.

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Eligibility: Eligible entities are health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, or other public or private nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations. Eligible academic institutions must use funds in collaboration with two or more disciplines.

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

Funding priorities: Based on President's Executive Orders 12876,