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Eligibility: All small rural hospitals located in the fifty States and territories are eligible to apply for the SHIP Grant Program. Hospitals need to apply for these grants through their State's Office of Rural Health. For the purpose of this program, (1) small is defined as 49 available beds or less, (2) rural is defined as located outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); or located in a rural census tract of a MSA as determined under the Goldsmith Modification or the Rural Urban Commuting Areas, and (3) hospital is defined as a non-federal, short-term, general acute care facility.

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

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$15,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1,500.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

HRSA-04-068 Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

Application Availability Date: February 3, 2004.

Application Deadline: Hospital application due to their State's Office of Rural Health (SORH) by COB March 17, 2004, State application due to HRSA by COB April 28, 2004.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-069 Grants for Policy-Oriented Rural Health Services Research (GPOR)

CFDA: 93.155.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Section 301, 42 U.S.C. 241.

Purpose: Awards are available for competitive grants for policy-oriented rural health services research. Individual research projects that address rural health services will be funded under this announcement. Policy-oriented rural health services research is useful because it informs policy-makers concerned with rural health issues and it enhances knowledge about rural health and rural health services. These grants are designed to provide support both for entities established in the rural health services research field as well as those entering this field. These grants are also intended to advance specific areas of rural health services research in which a limited amount of research exists.

Eligibility: Eligibility is open to public, private, and non-profit—including faith-based and community-based organizations. Institutions that received a Rural Health Research Center Award in 2004 and those with Fiscal Year 2000-2004 ORHP awards under special congressional initiatives are ineligible for this grant program. Although multiple applications may be submitted, only one award will be made to the same entity.

In addition to the above criteria, applicants must be capable of receiving the grant funds directly and must have the capability to manage the project. Applicants must be able to exercise administrative and program direction over the grant project; must have the administrative and accounting capabilities to manage the grant funds; and must have some permanent research staff at the time the application is submitted.

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

Special Considerations: Research Areas: HRSA wants to fund a variety of research areas in making new awards under this announcement. Therefore, HRSA will consider the variety of research areas when selecting which applications recommended for approval to fund. See the list below. The research areas are: Mental Health; Substance Abuse; Oral Health, American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Health Issues; Integration of Native and Non-Native Health Care; Special Populations—Children, Women, Homeless, Elderly; Chronic Disease (e.g., Asthma and Diabetes); Bio-terrorism Preparedness; Frontier Issues; Medicaid; S-CHIP; End of Life Care; Continuum of Care; Public Health Issues; Quality of Life; Uninsured; Disabled/Disability; Low Income Populations; Quality of Care; EMS (for all populations, with a special interest in children); Dual Eligible.

Geographic Coverage: Applications are sought for research that is national in scope. Research covering a single community, multiple communities, or a single state are not acceptable and will not be reviewed. HRSA wants to achieve a geographic balance among awardees in making new awards under this announcement. Therefore, HRSA will consider geographic distribution when selecting which applications recommended for approval to fund.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$900,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 6.

Estimated Project Period: 1 year.

HRSA-04-069 Grants for Policy-Oriented Rural Health Services Research (GPOR)

Application Availability Date: March 30, 2004.

Letter of Intent Deadline: April 30, 2004.

Application Deadline: May 3, 2004.

Projected Award Date: August 15, 2004.

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HRSA-04-070 Rural Health Research Grant Program—Cooperative Agreement (CARHR)

CFDA: 93.155.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Section 301, 42 U.S.C. 241.

Purpose: Awards are available from the Office of Rural Health Policy for competitive cooperative agreements for Rural Health Research Centers. The Rural Health Research Centers are funded to conduct policy-oriented rural health services research with a specific area of concentration (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, health disparities, health workforce.) The awards are for four years and 4-5 individual research projects are conducted per year, including several projects in the specific area of concentration. Policy-oriented rural health services research is useful because it informs policy-makers concerned with rural health issues and it enhances knowledge about rural health and rural health services. This program is designed to provide support for establishment of a Rural Health Research Center as an identifiable entity with a specific area of research concentration and an infrastructure to develop health services researchers entering the field into experts in the research complexities of rural health issues.

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

Eligibility: Eligibility is open to public, private, and non-profit—including faith-based and community-based organizations. Although multiple applications may be submitted, only one award will be made to the same entity.

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

Special Considerations: Research Areas: HRSA wants to fund a variety of areas of research concentration among research centers in making new awards under this announcement. Therefore, HRSA will consider the variety of areas