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**Geographic Coverage:** Applications are sought for research projects that are national in scope. Applications containing any research projects 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:** \$4,000,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 8.

**Estimated Project Period:** 4 years.

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

**Application Availability Date:** January 15, 2004.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** February 5, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2004.

**Projected Award Date:** August 15, 2004.

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**Special Programs—Grants**

**HRSA-04-071 Regional Collaborative for the Pacific Basin (RCPB)**

**CFDA:** 93.110.

**Legislative Authority:** Public Health Service Act, Sections 301, 330(A), 330(k), 761(b), 767, as amended, and the Social Security Act, Sections 509 and 711 as amended.

**Purpose:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of fiscal year 2004 funds for a grant program for a Regional Collaborative for the Pacific Basin to serve as a regional health policy body for the six Pacific Basin jurisdictions (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau). The Regional Collaborative is intended to serve as a formal mechanism to discuss common health interests, problems and concerns; to promote and enhance a regional approach for cost-effective sharing of resources, information, and human expertise to advance health care

improvements in the Pacific Basin; and to provide technical assistance to the Pacific Basin jurisdictions. This project is intended to provide support to conduct activities to further the IOM strategic goals, such as addressing the needs of health care providers who serve vulnerable populations, strengthening the primary care delivery systems in the jurisdictions, supporting the efforts in the jurisdictions to develop and enhance their telehealth and distance education capacities, convening regional and jurisdictional policy meetings to address the health care needs of the underserved and vulnerable populations in the Pacific Basin.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are public or non-profit private entities, including faith-based and community-based organizations, that are part of a network of the Pacific Basin jurisdictions (U.S. flag territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the three U.S.-associated jurisdictions of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau) which support, or provide for, the delivery of health care services and will work together to complete the proposed project.

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

**Preference:** Preference will be given to those projects which provide an implementation of recommendations in the 1998 Institute of Medicine (IOM) study of the Pacific Basin health care delivery system, Pacific Partnerships for Health: Charting a Course for the 21st Century.

**Estimated Amount of This**

**Competition:** \$125,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 1.

**Estimated Project Period:** 3 years.

**HRSA-04-071 Regional Collaborative for the Pacific Basin (RCPB)**

**Application Availability Date:** June 1, 2004.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** June 30, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** July 15, 2004.

**Projected Award Date:** September 1, 2004.

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**HRSA-04-072 Social and Behavioral Interventions To Increase Organ and Tissue Donation (SBITD)**

**CFDA:** 93.134.

**Legislative Authority:** Public Health Service Act, Section 371(a)(3) as amended, U.S.C. 273(a)(3).

**Purpose:** The goal of this grant program is to assist eligible entities in the evaluation of, or the implementation and evaluation of, highly promising strategies and approaches that can serve as model interventions for increasing organ and tissue donation. All projects must have rigorous methodology and evaluation components capable of ascertaining the effectiveness of the intervention(s). Applications may focus on pilot projects or replications of interventions already shown to be effective in a pilot study. Projects involving the use of information and communication technology to increase donation are also of interest.

**Eligibility:** Applications must be submitted by a consortium of at least two types of organizations, a transplant-related organization and a research-related organization. As specified in Section 371(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, the applicant organization must be a Federally designated organ procurement organization or another private not-for-profit entity. However, public and for-profit organizations may participate as consortium members or in other capacities, but may not serve as the applicant institution.

**Special Considerations:** HRSA reserves the option to achieve a balance among funded projects with respect to various parameters, e.g., target populations, geography, and intervention diversity.

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

**Estimated Amount of This**

**Competition:** \$1,250,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 7.

**Estimated Project Period:** 3 years.

**HRSA-04-072 Social and Behavioral Interventions To Increase Organ and Tissue Donation (SBITD)**

**Application Availability:** October 24, 2003.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** January 5, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** March 5, 2004.

**Project Award Date:** July 30, 2004.

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**HRSA-04-073 Clinical Interventions To Increase Organ Procurement (CIOP)**

**CFDA:** 93.134.

**Legislative Authority:** Public Health Service Act, Section 371(a)(3) as amended, U.S.C. 273(a)(3).