

**Purpose:** The goal of this grant program is to assist eligible entities in the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of model interventions with the greatest potential for increasing the number of heart-beating and non-heart-beating deceased donors and/or the number of organs that are recovered from such donors. All projects must have rigorous methodology and evaluation components capable of ascertaining the effectiveness of the intervention(s). Projects can employ qualitative studies, quantitative research, or empiric work. Eligible interventions could focus on new and/or improved methods to optimize hemodynamic stability after brain death; improve donor organ evaluation practices; investigate time-efficient technologies to match donor organs with compatible recipients; and identify appropriate non-heart-beating donation candidates. Interventions focusing on the use of information and communication technology to disseminate donor related information or to increase the efficiency of organ placements are encouraged.

**Eligibility:** 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 in the project 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:** \$2,250,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 12.

**Estimated Project Period:** 3 years.

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

**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-04-074 Best Practices to Increase Organ Donation (HIP)**

**CFDA:** 93.134.

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

**Purpose:** The purpose of this demonstration grant program is to provide support for organ procurement organizations and high donor potential hospitals to implement high impact practices for increasing organ donation rates in hospitals as identified through the HRSA's Division of Transplantation Best Practices Initiative: Breakthrough Organ Donation Collaborative or its research grant program: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation.

**Eligibility:** Eligible organizations for this program are Federally designated organ procurement organizations and hospitals with high organ donor potential. 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 non-profit organization. However, public and for-profit hospitals may participate as consortium members or in other capacities. Each application must be submitted by a consortium of at least one organ procurement organization and one hospital with high organ potential in the OPO's service area.

**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:** 10.

**Estimated Project Period:** 2 years.

#### **HRSA-04-074 Best Practices to Increase Organ Donation (HIP)**

**Application Availability:** January 7, 2004.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** February 16, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2004.

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

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#### **HRSA News—Additional Information**

**Guidance and Policy Statement of Religious Nondiscrimination in Grant Eligibility and Service Delivery**

The Federal government does not discriminate against non-governmental

organizations on the basis that such organizations have a religious character. Faith-based organizations are eligible to compete for grant funds on the same basis as all other non-governmental organizations. Decisions about grant applications and awards will be made based solely on the competence, capacity, and actions of the provider, not whether it is a secular or faith-based provider.

To the extent permitted by law, faith-based organizations that receive federal financial assistance may—just as secular non-governmental organizations—use their facilities to provide federally funded services without removing or altering art, icons, literature, or other distinctive symbols from these facilities. In addition, faith-based organizations that apply for or participate in programs supported with federal financial assistance may retain their organizational identity including, but not limited to name, internal governance, and mission statements.

No grantee may discriminate in its delivery of a federally-funded program against a client or potential client on the basis of religion or religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to actively participate in a religious practice. Any specifically religious activity or service made available to clients by the grantee must be voluntary as well as separate in time and location from government funded activities and services.

#### **Key Facts About the Grants.gov Program Spring 2003**

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#### **Overview**

Grants.gov will simplify the grants management process, and create a centralized, online process to find and apply for over 600 grant programs from the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov will streamline the process of awarding \$360+ billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits and other organizations. This program is one of the 24 Federal cross-agency E-Government initiatives focused on improving access to services via the Internet. The vision for Grants.gov is to produce a simple, unified source to electronically find, apply, and manage grant opportunities. Additionally, the Grants.gov initiative will facilitate efficient operations for Federal grant agencies and the grant community.

Agencies will allow applicants for Federal grants to apply for and ultimately manage grant funds online through a common Web site, simplifying grants management and eliminating redundancies \* \* \*