

(R21)—All (new) February 3, 2004; June 1, 2004; and October 1, 2004. Competing Continuation, Supplemental, and Revised Research Grant/Cooperative Agreements applications—March 1, 2004; July 1, 2004; and November 1, 2004.

Occupational Safety and Health Training—July 1, 2004
Health and Safety Programs for Construction Work—February 3, 2004.
Surveillance Program—April 1, 2004

Introduction

The purpose of the FAFB is to provide the general public with a single source of program and application information related to CDC's and ATSDR's competitive financial assistance offerings. The FAFB is designed to replace the multiple **Federal Register** notices that traditionally advertised the availability of CDC and ATSDR discretionary funding for its various programs. It should be noted that additional health promotion and disease prevention program initiatives responsive to new issues or issues unanticipated at the time of publication of the FAFB may be announced through the **Federal Register** and the CDC Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grantmain.htm> or the ATSDR Web site at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>, click on "ATSDR Grants and Cooperative Agreements." This notice does not change requirements appearing elsewhere in the **Federal Register**.

The CDC/ATSDR FAFB contains a description of competitive and other financial assistance (grants and cooperative agreements) programs scheduled for awards in Fiscal Year 2004. It includes instructions on how to contact the CDC/ATSDR for information.

Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the CDC Web site listed above. The FAFB also contains instructions for how to obtain application if your organization is not Internet active. Specifically, the following information is included in the FAFB: (1) Center/Institute/Office (CIO) Offering the Funding Program; (2) the Program Announcement Title; (3) the Program Announcement Number (4) the Catalog of Federal Assistance (CFDA) Identification Number; (5) the Program Contact Person, E-Mail Address, and Phone Number; (6) a Description of the Funding Opportunity; (7) Eligible Applicants; (8) Estimated Dollar Amount for this Competition; (9) Estimated Number of Awards to be Made; (10) Estimated or Average Size of Each Award; (11) Estimated Project Period; (12) Estimated Application Availability Date, which is the date further application guidance will be available on the CDC and ATSDR Web site, and the earliest date an application can be accepted; (13) Estimated Application Deadline Date, which is the last date an application can be accepted for review and potential funding; and (14) Estimated Projected Award Date, which is the date that a successful applicant can expect to be awarded funds. Certain other information, including how to obtain and use the FAFB and grant terminology, can also be found in the FAFB.

This notice describes funding for the following CDC and ATSDR discretionary

authorities and programs (application deadline dates are also provided):

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The Centers, Institutes, and Offices that comprise CDC are listed below in alphabetical order:
Epidemiology Program Office (EPO)
National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)
National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)
National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)
National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID)
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)
National Immunization Program (NIP)
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPPO)

How To Use the CDC/ATSDR Federal Assistance Funding Book (FAFB)

It is recommended that you read the introductory materials, terminology section, and individual program announcements listed under each CIO in alphabetical order. At the end of the FAFB, there is an optional form entitled "Grants At A Glance." This form is provided so that you can record the funding opportunities that are of interest to you. We urge applicants to fully assess their eligibility for grants and cooperative agreements before spending the time and effort to apply.

The full descriptions of the funding opportunities, instructions for applications, application forms, and additional copies of the FAFB can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>, click on "Funding" then click on "Grants and Cooperative Agreements." If you are not Internet active, or you have difficulty downloading this information, you may call 770-488-2700 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday for assistance.

Terminology

Application Deadlines

Definitive deadline information may be found in the full program announcement. For many program announcements, applications will be considered on time if they are received on or before 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline in the program announcement.

Authorization

The citation of the law authorizing the various assistance programs is provided following the title in the full program announcement published on the CDC and ATSDR Web sites.

Budget Period

The Budget Period is the interval of time that a multi-year period of financial assistance (project period) is divided into for budgetary and funding purposes. Budget periods are usually 12 months long but may be shorter or longer, if appropriate.

CFDA Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a Government-wide compendium of Federal Programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance. Programs listed therein are given a CFDA number.

Cooperative Agreement

A financial assistance mechanism (grant) used when substantial Federal programmatic involvement with the recipient is anticipated by the funding agency during performance of the project. The nature of the involvement will always be specified in the offering or application guidance materials.

Eligibility

The status an entity must possess to be considered for a grant. Authorizing legislation and programmatic regulations specify eligibility for individual grant programs and eligibility may be further restricted for programmatic reasons. In general, assistance is provided to nonprofit organizations and institutions, including faith-based and community-based entities, State and local governments, their agencies, Indian Tribes or tribal organizations, and occasionally to individuals. For-profit organizations are eligible to receive awards under financial assistance programs unless specifically excluded by legislation.

Estimated Amount for This Competition

The funding level listed is provided only as an estimate, and is subject to the availability of funds, Congressional action, and changing program priorities.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria are listed in the full program announcement, as published on the CDC or ATSDR Web site, and are used to evaluate, score, and rank applications submitted by an applicant.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Funding preferences, priorities, and special considerations may come from legislation, regulations, or programmatic reasons. These are not the same as review criteria. Funding preferences are any objective factors that would be used to place a grant application ahead of others without the preference on a list of applicants recommended for funding by a review committee. Some programs give preference to organizations that have specific capabilities, or have established relationships with public health organizations that promote CDC's or ATSDR's mission of health and disease prevention. Funding priorities are factors that cause a grant or cooperative agreement application to receive a fixed amount of extra rating points, which may similarly affect the order of applicants on a funding list. Special considerations other than review criteria, preferences, and priorities *e.g.*, are considered in order to