

capacity to integrate school efforts to prevent HIV, STDs, and unintended pregnancy. Priority 2, Category A (Pregnancy Prevention) and B (STD Prevention), are optional enhancements to Priority 1, Category A. Thus, to be eligible under Priority 2, organizations must also apply for Priority 1, Category A funding. Only those organizations selected to be funded under Priority 1, Category A will then be considered in the competition for Priority 2 funding. Organizations may apply for one or both categories under Priority 2, so long as they also apply for Priority 1, Category A.

Eligible applicants for Priority 3 should have a nationwide structure and capacity to strengthen communication, coordination, and collaboration among agencies working to prevent sexual risk behaviors among youth that result in HIV, other STDs, or unintended pregnancy, with an emphasis on partnerships with agencies that focus exclusively on helping school-age youth not to engage in intercourse (*i.e.* to remain or become abstinent).

Eligible applicants for Priority 4 should have a nationwide structure and capacity to help schools implement coordinated school health programs to effectively prevent a wide range of health risks, especially organizations that can support state education and health agency chronic disease efforts.

Eligible applicants for Priority 5 should have a nationwide structure and capacity to help schools prevent foodborne illness and related school absences through school food safety programs and the credentialing of food safety professionals.

Eligible applicants for Priority 6 must demonstrate (1) significant nationwide experience with strategies and programs designed to prevent HIV infection and other health problems among youth within the context of schools or other youth-serving agencies, (2) experience with implementing high quality, training events, and (3) experience in working with other Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) funded or similar organizations and knowledge of their training needs.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

## D. Funding

### Availability of Funds

Approximately \$9,604,000 will be available in FY 2004 for up to 44 awards for Priorities 1 through 6. Funds

expected to be available for specific priorities and categories are as follows:

#### *Priority 1: HIV Prevention for School-Age Youth*

Approximately \$6,879,000 is expected to be available for Priority 1, Category A and B.

*Category A—Schools:* Approximately \$5,465,000 is expected to be available to fund up to 20 organizations. Awards will average \$273,250 and will range from approximately \$175,000 to \$300,000.

*Category B—Youth-Serving Organizations:* Approximately \$1,414,000 is expected to be available to fund up to six organizations. Awards will average \$235,666 and will range from approximately \$150,000 to \$275,000.

#### *Priority 2: Integration of School Efforts to Prevent HIV, STDs, and Unintended Pregnancy (Optional Enhancements to Priority 1, Category A)*

*Category A—Pregnancy Prevention:* Approximately \$600,000 is expected to be available to fund up to six organizations. Awards will average \$100,000 and will range from approximately \$100,000 to \$300,000.

*Category B—STD Prevention:* Approximately \$300,000 is expected to be available to fund approximately three organizations. Awards will average \$100,000 and will range from approximately \$75,000 to \$125,000.

#### *Priority 3: Abstinence Collaboration and Partnerships*

Approximately \$900,000 is expected to be available to fund approximately four organizations. Awards will average \$225,000 and will range from approximately \$175,000 to \$275,000.

#### *Priority 4: Coordinated School Health Programs and Prevention of Chronic Disease Risks*

Approximately \$550,000 is expected to be available to fund approximately three organizations. Awards will average \$183,333 and will range from approximately \$125,000 to \$200,000.

#### *Priority 5: Prevention of Foodborne Illnesses*

Approximately \$125,000 is expected to be available to fund one organization.

#### *Priority 6: Training and Professional Development*

Approximately \$250,000 is expected to be available to fund one organization.

It is expected that all awards will begin on or about May 15, 2004, with a 12-month budget period, within a project period of up to two years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports, achievement of performance standards, and the availability of funds.

### Use of Funds

Cooperative agreement funds may be used to support personnel and to purchase equipment, supplies, and services (including travel) directly related to program activities and consistent with the scope of the cooperative agreement. Funds are not intended to be used to conduct research projects, provide direct delivery of patient care or treatment services, purchase condoms or contraceptives, or to provide clinical testing or screening services. Federal funds awarded under this Program Announcement may not be used to supplant other Federal funds.

Grantees are encouraged to leverage the maximum use of limited funds through opportunities to work with other nationwide organizations and state and local education and health agencies that are addressing the risk factors and health problems described in Priorities 1 through 6 of this announcement. These opportunities might include, but are not limited to: joint planning activities, joint funding of complementary activities based on program recipient activities, education of constituents and members, collaborative efforts in the development and implementation of strategies and program interventions, and other cost-sharing activities that complement school and youth-focused program priorities.

### Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

## E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. CDC Activities.

### 1. Recipient Activities

The following activities are applicable to all priorities and recipients:

a. Establish and maintain appropriate and qualified staff positions to implement activities funded under this announcement. With the exception of activities under Priority 2, Category B, each priority area should have at least one full-time staff position within the organization with the responsibility and authority to carry out the activities identified in the operational plan.