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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Public Health Genetics Fellowship

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Opportunity Number: 04059.

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Assistance Number: 93.283.

Key Dates:

Letter of Intent Deadline: November 26, 2003.

Application Deadline: December 22, 2003.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under Sections 301, 317(C), and 317(G) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. Sections 241, 247b-4, and 247b-8, as amended).

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to establish a cooperative agreement for co-sponsoring a Public Health Genetics Fellowship Program for genetics professionals to be located at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in Atlanta, GA or other CDC locations. The intent of this program is to introduce genetics professionals to opportunities in public health genetics through education, training and career-enhancing experiences.

Fellowship candidates will include genetics professionals who are at the doctoral (MD and PhD) and master's levels. Typical fellowships for genetics professionals who recently completed their training will be for a maximum of two years. For mid-career professionals, typical fellowships will be for one year, although appointments of less than one year may be made under special circumstances. Varying lengths of time for fellowship appointments will be considered on the basis of CDC and project needs.

This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of: Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions; Cancer; Chronic Kidney

Disease; Diabetes; Disability and Secondary Conditions; Heart Disease and Stroke; HIV; Immunization and Infectious Diseases; Maternal, Infant, and Child Health; Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Nutrition and Overweight; Oral Health; Respiratory Diseases; and Vision and Hearing.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal for CDC: To develop career opportunities for genetics professionals in association with the recipient organization to work across CDC program areas to improve knowledge concerning genetics-related disease and disability; and to identify causes and risk factors for these conditions in order to develop prevention strategies and evaluate their effectiveness.

Activities

Recipient activities for this program are as follows:

- In collaboration with CDC, assist with planning and implementation of a fellowship program for genetic professionals in public health. The target number of fellows for this project is up to two a year, although this may be increased if additional funds become available. This plan should include the recruitment, training and mentoring of fellows under the program.

- Provide a senior staff member to serve as co-director to lead fellowship recruitment and assist in the selection and mentoring of fellows.

- Identify and recruit fellowship candidates with expertise in appropriate topic areas and implement a recruitment plan through advertisements, announcements, professional associations, and complementary training programs.

- Assist CDC in the selection of candidates appropriate for the public health genetics fellowship program. Selection of candidates will be made by a committee comprised of members of the recipient organization in conjunction with CDC.

- Provide opportunities for fellows to present their fellowship work and participate in national networking, policy development conferences, and workshops to expand professional growth and skill levels.

- Provide salary and benefits commensurate with the background and experience for fellows selected in the program. This includes recipient support of related costs for the fellowships, including travel and training expenses; and for recipient staff salaries and related technical and administrative costs.

- Collect and report to CDC information on status of fellows for up to five years after completion of the fellowship program in order to assess the impact of the fellowship program on public health genetics.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring. CDC Activities for this program are as follows:

- Assist in the development and implementation of the overall fellowship plan and training program. In that regard, CDC will provide a senior staff member to serve as fellowship co-director in the planning and conduct of the program.

- Provide formal and informal training opportunities to the recipient organization and the assigned fellows.

- Coordinate and facilitate the placement of fellows with appropriate advanced training opportunities at CDC.
- Provide supervisory and mentoring support to fellows to assure optimal developmental experiences under the fellowship assignments.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement. CDC involvement in this program is listed in the Activities Section above.

Fiscal Year Funds: 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: \$125,000. This funding level will be modified based on the number of fellowship positions available at CDC, and the capacity of the recipient to provide highly qualified candidates for the fellowship program.

Approximate Number of Awards: One.

Anticipated Award Date: March 1, 2004.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: Five years.

Throughout the project period, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will be conditioned on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

III. Eligibility Information

Eligible applicants: Assistance will be provided only to a national non-profit organization. This announcement is limited to national non-profit organizations since they would have the capacity to recruit and place doctoral and master's level professionals in career-enhancing programs outside the individual educational institution or place of employment. A national