

Funding Priority

Public comments on the proposed Funding Priority are not being solicited due to insufficient time prior to the funding date. Funding Priorities will be given to programs that address one of the research questions, provide evidence of an existing home visiting program, and are consistent with the CDC NCIPC Injury Research Agenda (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc>).

Funding Preferences

Funding preference will be given to proposals that:

- Provide more stringent and rigorous evaluation designs, and provide evidence of the capacity to develop a research design and methodology. A plan must be provided to evaluate the independent and combined impact of various factors related to training and program implementation on family outcomes.
- Demonstrate expertise in development and evaluation of preventive interventions for child maltreatment or youth violence.
- Provide evidence of the efficacy or effectiveness of an existing home visiting program for the prevention of child maltreatment and/or risk behaviors for youth violence.
- Include plans for ensuring that the project is carried out as designed and the target community or population receives or has access to the intervention (*i.e.*, program exposure).
- Provide a data analysis plan that is appropriate to research design and hypotheses, the intervention, and data collection measures. Plan must anticipate and evaluate the effect of threats to the internal and external validity of the specified research design.
- Target traditionally underserved communities.

Activities

Awardee activities for this program are as follows:

1. Develop and finalize the research design and methodology, data collection measures, methods, analyses, and disseminate the study results through publications and presentations.
2. Obtain approval of the study protocol by the recipient's local IRB. Collaborate with CDC in the development of a research protocol for CDC Institutional Review Board (IRB) review.
3. Develop a standardized established protocol (*e.g.*, manual) for the delivery of services to clients in their homes that allows for documentation of the nature and quality of the services delivered. The proposed interventions of the home

visiting protocol must reflect cultural sensitivity and responsiveness.

4. Provide and evaluate a curriculum for the training of home visitors that allows for the examination of the impact of different training practices on trainees' skill and knowledge acquisition, competence, and delivery of services. The various training components or practices may be tested as a package, but should allow for dismantling of the individual effects of each component and should include documentation of training. The design should include adequate assessment and control for the pre-training characteristics of trainees, including trainees' personal attributes, knowledge, skills, and abilities.

5. Collect data on program implementation. This may include direct observation of staff performance, supervisor ratings, and additional indirect measures.

6. Collect data on the costs of training and implementation of the home visitation program.

7. Conduct one site visit to meet with CDC staff in Atlanta on an annual basis.

8. Complete all required reports as specified under "Reporting Requirements".

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:

1. Provide scientific and programmatic consultation. CDC will collaborate with project staff on decision-analyses, research design and methodology, data collection and analyses, programmatic issues, and dissemination of the study results in publications and presentations.
2. Assist in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project. The CDC IRB must review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is completed.
3. CDC staff will monitor and review scientific and operational accomplishments of the project through conference calls, site visits, and review of technical reports.

II. Award Information

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

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: \$500,000.

Approximate Number of Awards: Two.

Approximate Average Award: \$250,000.

Floor of Award Range: \$250,000.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$250,000.

Anticipated Award Date: September 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

1. *Eligible applicants:* Applications may be submitted by public and nonprofit private and for profit organizations and by governments and their agencies, such as:

- Public nonprofit organizations.
- Private nonprofit organizations.
- For profit organizations.
- Small, minority, women-owned businesses.
- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Research institutions.
- Hospitals.
- Community-based organizations.
- Faith-based organizations.
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments.
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- State and local governments or their Bona Fide Agents (this includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).
- Political subdivisions of States (in consultation with States).

A Bona Fide Agent is an agency/organization identified by the state as eligible to submit an application under the state eligibility in lieu of a state application. If you are applying as a bona fide agent of a state or local government, you must provide a letter from the state or local government as documentation of your status. Place this documentation behind the first page of your application form.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* Matching funds are not required for this program.

3. *Other Eligibility Requirements:* If your application is incomplete or non-responsive to the requirements listed