

limit their ability to supervise and control adolescent peer groups, especially gangs (Sampson & Lauritsen, 1994).

Research funded under this announcement is expected to address this important gap in the prevention literature (*i.e.*, the implementation and evaluation of interventions that are designed to modify the above types of community characteristics). The ultimate aim of such an approach is to assess whether interventions designed to change community structures and social processes can reduce rates of youth violence in communities.

At a minimum, competitive applicants will provide theoretical rationale and empirical evidence in support of the specific intervention proposed, and will conduct a rigorous evaluation of the intervention.

Activities

Awardee activities for this program are as follows:

- Develop and finalize the research design and methodology, data collection measures, and analyses, and disseminate study results through publications and presentations.
- Develop a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project.
- Obtain approval of the study protocol by the recipient's local IRB.
- Collect data on the costs associated with implementing and evaluating the intervention.
- Conduct one reverse site visit to meet with CDC staff in Atlanta on an annual basis.
- Complete all required reports as specified under "Reporting Requirements".
- Provide a protocol/manual documenting the intervention and the manner in which it was implemented, including any information on activities occurring prior to the start of the intervention, such as stakeholder meetings, collaboration building, or focus groups.

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:

- Provide scientific and programmatic consultation. CDC will collaborate with project staff on decision-analyses, programmatic issues, and dissemination of the study results in publications and presentations.
- Assist in the development of a research protocol for IRB review by all cooperating institutions participating in

the research project. The CDC IRB will review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is finished.

- 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: 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: 1,000,000.

Approximate Number of Awards: Two.

Approximate Average Award: 500,000.

Floor of Award Range: \$250,000.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$500,000.

Anticipated Award Date: September 1, 2004.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: Four 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

III.1. Eligible applicants: Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit 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.
- Indian tribes.
- Indian tribal organizations.
- 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.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching:

Matching funds are not required for this program.

III.3. Other Eligibility Requirements: If you request a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the award range, your application will be considered non-responsive, and will not be entered into the review process. You will be notified that your application did not meet the submission requirements.

If your application is incomplete or non-responsive to the requirements listed below, it will not be entered into the review process. You will be notified that your application did not meet submission requirements. The following are applicant requirements:

- A principal investigator who has documented prior training and experience in conducting efficacy and effectiveness trials.
- A principal investigator who has conducted research, published the findings in peer-reviewed journals, and has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the proposed project.
- Demonstrated experience on the applicant's project team in conducting, evaluating, and publishing violence prevention research in peer-reviewed journals.
- Effective and well-defined working relationships within the performing organization and with outside entities, which will ensure implementation of the proposed activities.

• The overall match between the applicant's proposed research objectives and the program priorities as described under the heading, "Funding Priority".

• The requested funding amount is within the award range of \$250,000–\$500,000.

• Principal investigators (PI's) are encouraged to submit only one proposal in response to this program announcement. With few exceptions (*e.g.*, research issues needing immediate public health attention), only one application per PI will be funded under this announcement.