

operating expenses that is consistent with the stated objectives and planned activities of the project.

You are required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government. Your DUNS number must be entered in item 11 of the face page of the PHS 398 application form. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com> or call 1-866-705-5711.

For more information, see the CDC Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgofunding/pubcomm.htm>.

IV.3. Submission Dates and Times

LOI Deadline Date: January 2, 2004.

Application Deadline Date: February 17, 2004.

Explanation of Deadlines:

Applications must be received in the CDC Procurement and Grants Office by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. If you send your application by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery service, you must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If CDC receives your application after closing due to: (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, you will be given the opportunity to submit documentation of the carrier's guarantee. If the documentation verifies a carrier problem, CDC will consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

This announcement is the definitive guide on application submission address and deadline. It supersedes information provided in the application instructions. If your application does not meet the deadline above, it will not be eligible for review, and will be discarded. You will be notified that your application did not meet the submission requirements.

CDC will not notify you upon receipt of your application. If you have a question about the receipt of your application, first contact your courier. If you still have a question, contact the PGO-TIM staff at: 770-488-2700. Before calling, please wait two to three days after the application deadline. This will allow time for applications to be processed and logged.

4. *Intergovernmental Review of Applications:* Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* Restrictions, which must be taken into account while writing your budget, are as follows:

Funding Priority

Priority will be given to the evaluation of primary prevention interventions and programs that focus on the social and economic environment (relationships among people and settings) and/or the physical environment (tangible surroundings or resources available to youth or the community at large), over those that focus on criminal justice responses (e.g., community policing, arrest strategies). These include:

- Strategies to increase social integration and cohesion by increasing community participation as well as formal and informal social support.
- Strategies to improve the physical and social characteristics of neighborhoods through environmental design changes (e.g., Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).
- Strategies to improve financial, housing, and/or employment issues in impoverished areas.
- Efforts to deconcentrate areas with high rates of poverty and violence.
- Strategies to increase formal and/or informal supervision of youth (such as providing structured or unstructured activities to youth during non-school hours, or encouraging adults to monitor youths' activities in their neighborhood).
- Strategies to reduce community density and availability of alcohol and drugs.
- Strategies to modify social norms about violence or other related issues and values.

Funding Preferences

Funding preference will be given to proposals that:

- Propose more stringent and rigorous evaluation designs, including: experimental and quasi-experimental designs with appropriate baseline/pre-intervention data, post-intervention data, and at least one follow-up data collection point; data from at least one comparison or control community; and data collected from multiple sources.
- Measure outcomes and impacts at the neighborhood or community level and focus on risk and protective factors specific to that level of intervention. Examples could include: police records of neighborhood or community arrests for violent crimes, violent school incidents (aggregated to the school or system level), hospital or Emergency

Room data aggregated by neighborhood or community, or intake rates for juvenile detention facilities.

- Propose a conceptual model or theory of change for how the intervention will produce the intended reductions in youth violence, and measure proposed mediators and moderators of program outcomes.
- Describe plans for ensuring that the intervention is implemented as it was designed (i.e., intervention fidelity) and that the target community received or had access to the intervention (i.e., program exposure).
- Propose data analytic plans that are appropriate to the intervention, research design and hypotheses, data collection measures, and project period, and that anticipate and evaluate the effect of threats to the internal and external validity of the specified research design.
- Target traditionally underserved communities.

If you are requesting indirect costs in your budget, you must include a copy of your indirect cost rate agreement.

If your indirect cost rate is a provisional rate, the agreement must be less than 12 months of age.

6. Other Submission Requirements

LOI Submission Address: Submit your LOI by express mail, delivery service, fax, or e-mail to: Robin Forbes, CDC, NCIPC, 4770 Buford Hwy, NE, Mailstop K-62, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-4037, Fax: 770-488-1662, E-mail: CIPERT@cdc.gov.

Application Submission Address: Submit the original and five copies of your application by mail or express delivery service to: Technical Information Management—PA# 04054, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

Applications may not be submitted electronically at this time.

V. Application Review Information

V.1. Criteria

You are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goal stated in the "Purpose" section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative, and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

The goals of CDC-supported research are to advance the understanding of biological systems, improve the control