

Commonwealth University; University of Michigan; University of Puerto Rico; University of California, Riverside; and University of California, San Diego. Only current recipients of Program Announcement 00043, National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention, are eligible to apply. The competition is limited to complete the development, collection and analysis of data from core program components in surveillance, intervention research, etiological research, multi-disciplinary collaboration, community mobilization, and training funding established during the first three years for the developing centers.

**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 \$1,900,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately five awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$380,000, ranging from \$376,000 to \$393,000 (including direct or indirect costs). It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 2003, and will be made for 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 the availability of funds and the following criteria:

(1) The accomplishments reflected in the progress report of the continuation application indicate that the applicant is meeting previously stated objectives or milestones contained in the project's annual statement of work. Progress is demonstrated through presentations at monitoring workshops.

(2) The objectives for the new budget period are realistic, specific, and measurable.

(3) The methods described will clearly lead to achievement of these objectives.

(4) The evaluation plan will allow management to monitor whether the methods are effective.

### *Use of Funds*

Provide a budget to include funds for management functions, non-research activities, and small one-year pilot projects of less than \$15,000. The budget should include items for development and implementation of a community response plan for youth

violence, and development and implementation of curricula for training of health professionals.

### *Recipient Financial Participation*

Matching funds are not required for this program.

### *Funding Priority*

Funding priority will be given to current recipients of Program Announcement 00043, National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention. The competition is limited to complete the development, collection and analysis of data from core program components in surveillance, intervention research, etiological research, multi-disciplinary collaboration, community mobilization, and training funding established during the first three years for the developing centers.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed funding priority. All comments received within 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** will be considered before the final funding priority is established. If the funding priority changes because of comments received, a revised announcement will be published in the **Federal Register**, and revised applications will be accepted before the final selections are made. Send comments to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

## E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the following activities:

(1) Demonstrated expertise in:

(a) Research in risk and protective factors for youth violence and/or development and evaluation of preventive interventions for youth violence.

(b) Capacity to develop and facilitate implementation of a multi-disciplinary and multi-organizational community response plan for youth violence.

(2) Provide evidence of capacity to develop, deliver, and maintain a training curriculum for health care professionals.

(3) Provide a director (Principal Investigator) who has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the project. The director must report to an appropriate institutional official, e.g., dean of a school or vice president of a university. The director must have no less than 30 percent effort devoted solely to this project.

(4) Demonstrate working relationships with outside agencies and other entities which will allow for implementation of any proposed intervention activities.

(5) Provide evidence of involvement of a multi-disciplinary and multi-organizational group of specialists or experts in primary care, behavioral and/or preventive medicine, epidemiology, law and criminal justice, behavioral and social sciences, and/or public health as needed to complete the plans of the center.

(6) Demonstrate through documentation that full working partners must have established curricula and graduate training programs in disciplines relevant to youth violence prevention (e.g., epidemiology, criminology, social sciences, and behavioral sciences).

(7) Demonstrate an established relationship with youth violence prevention programs through letters of commitment. Also include established relationships with organizations/individual leaders in communities where youth violence related injuries occur at high rates. A letter from an appropriate public health agency in support of the proposed center is required.

## F. Content

### *Letter of Intent (LOI)*

An LOI is not required for this program.

### *Applications*

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 50 pages, double spaced, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font.

The narrative should consist of, at a minimum, a Plan, Objectives, Methods, Evaluation and Budget. The plan should:

(1) Provide the infrastructure for, and conduct interdisciplinary research relevant to, youth violence.

(2) Support the surveillance of youth violence in the grantees' specific communities.

(3) Develop, evaluate, and more broadly implement effective violence prevention strategies.

(4) Offer mentoring and training initiatives to prepare professionals from various backgrounds to address the issue of youth violence.