

(a) A copy of the face page of the application (SF 424).

(b) A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:

(1) A description of the population to be served.

(2) A summary of the services to be provided.

(3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State and local health agencies.

#### 7.Executive Order 12372

The MCH Federal set-aside program has been determined to be a program which is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.110.

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**Ciro V. Sumaya,**  
Administrator.

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#### Final Funding Preference for Centers of Excellence in Minority Health Professions Education for Fiscal Year 1995

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the final funding preference for fiscal year (FY) 1995 Grants for Centers of Excellence (COE) in Minority Health Professions Education funded under the authority of section 739, title VII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), as amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, dated October 13, 1992.

#### Purposes

Grants for eligible Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic, Native American and Other Centers of Excellence must be used by the schools for the following purposes:

1. To establish, strengthen, or expand programs to enhance the academic performance of minority students attending the school;

2. To establish, strengthen, or expand programs to increase the number and quality of minority applicants to the school;

3. To improve the capacity of such school to train, recruit, and retain minority faculty;

4. With respect to minority health issues, to carry out activities to improve the information resources and curricula of the school and clinical education at the school; and

5. To facilitate faculty and student research on health issues particularly affecting minority groups.

Applicants must address the five legislative purposes. In addition, grants for eligible HBCUs as described in section 799(l)(A) and which have received a contract under section 788B of the Act (Advanced Financial Distress Assistance) for FY 1987 may also be used to develop a plan to achieve institutional improvements, including financial independence, to enable the school to support programs of excellence in health professions education for minority individuals, and to provide improved access to the library and informational resources of the school.

#### Eligibility

Section 739 authorizes the Secretary to make grants to schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry and pharmacy for the purpose of assisting the schools in supporting programs of excellence in health professions education for Black, Hispanic and Native American individuals, as well as for HBCUs as described in section 799(l)(A) and which have received a contract under section 788B of the Act (Advanced Financial Distress Assistance) for FY 1987.

To qualify as a COE, a school is required to:

1. Have a significant number of minority individuals enrolled in the school, including individuals accepted for enrollment in the school;

2. Demonstrate that it has been effective in assisting minority students of the school to complete the program of education and receive the degree involved;

3. Show that it has been effective in recruiting minority individuals to attend the school, including providing scholarships and other financial assistance to such individuals, and encouraging minority students of secondary educational institutions to attend the health professions school; and

4. Demonstrate that it has made significant recruitment efforts to increase the number of minority individuals serving in faculty or administrative positions at the school.

These entities must be located in any of the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

#### Final Funding Preference

A funding preference for this program was proposed in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 1994, at 59 FR 54617. One comment was received during the comment period. The respondent recommended that preference be given to previously funded COE programs which have completed only one grant cycle. We have proposed that preference be given to competing continuation applications (renewals) to direct assistance to quality COE programs that have documented sustained or increased accomplishments under this program. Therefore, the preference will remain as proposed.

A funding preference will be given to competing continuation (renewal) applications for Centers of Excellence programs whose current project periods end in fiscal year 1995.

#### Additional Information

To obtain information regarding the programmatic aspects of this grant program, direct inquiries to: A. Roland Garcia, Ph.D., Chief, Centers of Excellence Section, Program Coordination Branch, Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-09, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-4493, FAX: (301) 443-5242.

This program is listed at 93.157 in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. It is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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**Ciro V. Sumaya,**  
Administrator.

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#### Health Resources and Services Administration Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of March 1995.

Name: Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV).

Date and Time: March 1, 1995; 9:00 am-5:00 pm; March 2, 1995; 9:00 am-12:00 noon.