

and development of research grant proposals, and community service abilities;

3. The degree to which the institution's senior faculty are involved in the training and preparation of fellows pursuing an academic career, and the potential of the institution to continue the program without Federal support beyond the approved project period; and

4. The extent to which the institution meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 738(b) of the Public Health Service Act.

In determining awards, the Secretary will also take into consideration equitable distribution among health disciplines and geographic areas.

Additional Information

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed review criteria. The comment period is 30 days. All comments received on or before July 3, 1995 will be considered before the final review criteria are established. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. William J. Holland, Acting Director, Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-09, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

All comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, at the above address, weekdays (Federal holidays excepted) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Application Requests

Requests for application materials and questions regarding grants policy and business management issues should be directed to: Ms. Diane Murray, Grants Management Specialist, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-6857 FAX: (301) 443-6343.

Completed applications should be returned to the Grants Management Branch at the above address.

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact: Mr. Lafayette Gilchrist, Analysis and Evaluation Branch, Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-09, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857,

Telephone: (301) 443-3680 FAX: (301) 443-5242.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The application form for this program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB Clearance Number is 0915-0150.

Deadline Date

The deadline date for receipt of applications is July 14, 1995. Applications will be considered to be "on time" if they are either:

- (1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or
- (2) Sent on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

This program, Grants for the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program, is listed at 93.923 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.

Dated: May 26, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

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HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Availability of Funds for the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program for Service in Certain Health Facilities

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, PHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that approximately \$2,025,000 will be available in fiscal year (FY) 1995 for awards under section 846 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act to repay up to 85 percent of the nursing education loans of registered nurses who agree to serve for up to 3 years as nurse employees in certain health facilities.

The HRSA, through this notice, invites applications for participation in this loan repayment program. With these funds, the HRSA estimates that approximately 218 loan repayment awards may be made.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting health priorities. These programs will contribute to the Healthy People 2000 objectives by improving access to primary health care services through coordinated systems of care for medically underserved populations in both rural and urban areas. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report, Stock No. 017-001-00474-01) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-01) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (telephone number: 202 783-3238).

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

DATES: To receive consideration for funding, individuals must submit their applications by September 1, 1995.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

- (1) received on or before the deadline date; or
- (2) sent on or before the deadline and received in time for submission to the reviewing program official.

(Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing).

Late applications will not be considered for funding in FY 1995, but may be kept on file for consideration in FY 1996.

ADDRESSES: Application materials with a list of counties (parishes) with the greatest shortage of nurses may be obtained by calling or writing to: Joyce Washington, Acting Chief, Loan Repayment Programs Branch, Division of Scholarships and Loan Repayments, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, 4350 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301-594-4400). The 24-hour toll-free phone number is 1-800-435-6464 and the FAX number is (301) 594-4981. Completed

applications should be mailed to the same address. The application form has been approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0915-0140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further program information and technical assistance, please contact the Branch Chief at the above address, phone or FAX number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 846 of the PHS Act provides that the Secretary will repay a portion of an individual's educational loans incurred for nursing education costs if that individual enters into an agreement with the Secretary to serve as a registered nurse for 2 or 3 years in a variety of eligible health facilities or in a health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses. For an individual who is selected to participate in this program, repayment shall be on the following basis:

(1) By the completion of the first year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance on each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service;

(2) By the completion of the second year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid another 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service; and

(3) By the completion of a third year of agreed service, if any, the Secretary will have paid another 25 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service.

No more than 85 percent of the principal balance of any qualified loan which was unpaid as of the beginning date of service will be paid under this program.

Prior to entering an agreement for repayment of loans, other than Nursing Student Loans, the Secretary will require that satisfactory evidence be provided of the existence and reasonableness of the educational loans.

These loan repayment amounts are unrelated to any salary paid to the nursing education loan repayment recipient by the health facility by which he or she has been employed.

To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must:

(1) Have received, prior to the start of service, a baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing, a diploma in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing;

(2) Have outstanding educational loans for the costs of his/her nursing education;

(3) Agree to be employed full-time for not less than 2 years in any of the following types of eligible health facilities: an Indian Health Service health center; a Native Hawaiian health center; a public hospital (operated by a State, county, or local government); a community or migrant health center [Sections 330(a) and 329(a)(1) of the PHS Act]; a Federally Qualified Health Center receiving Sections 330 or 329 funding; a rural health clinic (Section 1861 (aa)(2) of the Social Security Act); or a public or nonprofit private health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses; and

(4) Plan to begin employment as a registered nurse no later than September 30, 1995.

Funding Preferences

As required under section 846, the Secretary will give preference to qualified applicants:

(1) Who have the greatest financial need; and

(2) Who agree to serve in the types of health facilities described in paragraph (3) above, that are located in geographic areas determined by the Secretary to have a shortage of and need for nurses.

Breach of Agreement

Participants in this program who fail to provide health services for the period specified in their agreements with the Secretary, shall be liable to the Federal Government for payments made by the Secretary during the service period pursuant to such agreement, plus interest on this amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, payable within 3 years from the date the agreement with the Secretary is breached.

Waiver or Suspension of Liability

A waiver or suspension of liability may be granted by the Secretary if compliance with the agreement with the Secretary by the individual participant is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual, and if enforcement of the agreement with respect to the individual would be unconscionable.

Other Award Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, since payments to individuals are not covered. In addition, this program is not subject to the submission of a Public Health System Impact Statement.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.908.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 13, 1995.

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Place: 6120 Executive Boulevard, Room 400C, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Marilyn Semmes, Ph.D., Acting Chief, Scientific Review Branch, DEA, NIDCD, NIH, EPS Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7180, Bethesda, MD 20892-7180, 301/496-8683.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant application.

The meeting, which will be conducted as a telephone conference call, will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.173 Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders)

Dated: May 25, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of