

Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 827

This program awards grants to public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities to meet costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Loans to Disadvantaged Students, Section 724

This program makes awards to certain accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine for financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 737

This program awards grants to schools of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, allied health, or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology for the purpose of assisting such schools in providing scholarships to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who enrolled (or are accepted for enrollment) as full-time students.

Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowship Program, Section 738

This program awards grants to repay the health professions education loans of disadvantaged health professionals who have agreed to serve for at least 2 years as a faculty member of a school of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, or a school that offers a graduate program in clinical psychology. Section 738(a) allows loan repayment only for an individual who has not been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for repayment contract (i.e., "new" faculty).

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal Programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for individuals from

disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1994.

Size of parents family ¹	Income level ²
1	\$10,000
2	12,900
3	15,400
4	19,700
5	23,200
6 or more	26,100

¹ Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

² Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1994.

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Availability of Funds for Grants to Provide Health Care for the Homeless and Health Care Services for Homeless Children

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice of available funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is announcing the availability of approximately \$65.3 million for fiscal year (FY) 1996 for competing applications for the Health Care for the Homeless program. Although the President's FY 1996 budget includes this program as part of the health services cluster, it is anticipated that funding for FY 1996 for each of the programs in the cluster will be proportionate to its FY 1995 funding level. Grants will be awarded under Section 340 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. 256. This announcement is made prior to an appropriation of funds to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications and to enable timely award of the grants in consideration of the special needs of homeless individuals.

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. This grant program is related to the objectives cited for special populations, particularly people with low income, minorities, and the disabled, which constitute a significant portion of the homeless population. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000* (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary

Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (telephone 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.

DUE DATES: Applications are due 120 days prior to project end date, with the first date being August 1, 1995 and the last date being December 1, 1995. Applications will be considered to have met the deadline if they are: (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked 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 are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applications received after the announced closing date will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: Application kits (Form PHS 5161-1) with revised face sheet DHHS Form 424, as approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0937-0189 may be obtained from, and completed applications should be mailed to the appropriate PHS Regional Grants Management Officer (RGMO) (see Appendix A). The RGMO can also provide assistance on business management issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general program information and technical assistance, contact Ms. Joan Holloway, Director, Division of Programs for Special Populations, or Mr. Charles Woodson, Acting Chief, Health Care for the Homeless Branch, Division of Programs for Special Populations, Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), at 4350 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (telephone 301-594-4430).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: It is the intent of HRSA to continue to support health services to the homeless populations currently being served given the needs of this medically underserved population. Any nonprofit private organization or public entity may apply to serve the homeless population currently served by a grantee whose project period is expiring. For a list of service areas with expiring project periods, see **Federal Register** notice published on May 25, 1995 at 60 FR 27767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is anticipated that approximately 130 competing grants will be awarded to serve homeless individuals in urban and rural areas. Grants will range from approximately \$58,000 to approximately \$2.2 million for primary health and substance abuse services for one year budget periods and up to five year project periods.

Grants Awarded Under Section 340(a)

Section 340(a) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to award grants to enable grantees, directly or through contracts, to provide for the delivery of primary health services to homeless individuals. Eligible applicants are nonprofit private organizations and public entities, including State and local governmental agencies. Grantees and organizations with whom they may contract for services under this program must have an agreement with a State under its Medicaid program, title XIX of the Social Security Act (if they provide services that are covered under the title XIX plan for the State), and be qualified to receive payments under the agreement. This requirement may be waived if the organization does not in providing health care services, impose a charge or accept reimbursement available from any third-party payor including reimbursement under any insurance policy or under any Federal or State health benefits program.

For grantees not previously funded under section 340(a), the amount of Federal grant funds awarded may not exceed 75 percent of the costs of providing primary health and substance abuse services under the grant. Such newly funded grantees must make available non-Federal contributions to meet the remainder of the costs. Existing 340(a) grantees, if funded, must make available 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ percent non-Federal contributions to meet the remainder of the costs. Non-Federal contributions may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment or services. Funds provided by the Federal Government, or services assisted or subsidized to any significant extent by the Federal Government, may not be included in determining the amount of the non-Federal contributions. Such determination may not include any cash or in-kind contributions that, prior to February 26, 1987, were made available by any public or private entity for the purpose of assisting homeless individuals (including assistance other than the provision of health services). The Secretary may waive the matching requirement if the grantee is a nonprofit private entity and the Secretary

determines that it is not feasible for the grantee to comply with the requirement.

The grant may be used to continue to provide services listed below for up to 12 months to individuals who have obtained permanent housing if services were provided to these individuals when they were homeless. For the purpose of this program, the term "homeless individual" means an individual who lacks housing (without regard to whether the individual is a member of a family), including an individual whose primary residence during the night is a supervised public or private facility that provides temporary living accommodations, or an individual who is a resident in transitional housing.

Project Requirements

- a. The following services must be provided, directly or through contract:
 1. Primary health care and substance abuse services at locations accessible to homeless individuals;
 2. 24-hour emergency primary health and substance abuse services to homeless individuals;
 3. Referral of homeless individuals as appropriate to medical facilities for necessary hospital services;
 4. Referral of homeless individuals who are mentally ill to entities that provide mental health services, unless the applicant will provide such services directly;
 5. Outreach services to inform homeless individuals of the availability of primary health and substance abuse services;
 6. Aid to homeless individuals in establishing eligibility for assistance, and in obtaining services, under entitlement programs.
 7. Podiatry, dental (including dentures), and vision services are supplemental services and may be provided where medically necessary, to the extent that the level of delivery of the required services is not diminished.

Grants Awarded Under Section 340(s)

Section 340(s) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to carry out demonstration programs to enable entities, either directly or through contracts, to provide for the delivery of comprehensive primary health services to homeless children and to children at imminent risk of homelessness. Eligible applicants are grantees funded under 340(a) of the PHS Act, other public and nonprofit private entities that provide primary health services and substance abuse services to a substantial number of homeless individuals, and public nonprofit private children's hospitals that provide primary health services to

a substantial number of homeless individuals. Grantees and organizations with which they may contract for services under this program must have an agreement with a State under its Medicaid program, title XIX of the Social Security Act (if they provide services that are covered under the title XIX plan for the State), and be qualified to receive payments under the agreement. This requirement may be waived if the organization does not, in providing health care services, impose a charge or accept reimbursement available from any third-party payor, including reimbursement under any insurance policy or under any Federal or State health benefits program.

For grantees under this program which are children's hospitals, the amount of Federal grant funds awarded may not exceed 50 percent of the costs of providing primary health and substance abuse services under the grant. Grantees which are children's hospitals must make available non-Federal contributions to meet the remainder of the costs. Non-Federal contributions may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment or services. Funds provided by the Federal Government or services assisted or subsidized to any significant extent by the Federal Government, may not be included in determining the amount of the non-Federal contributions.

Project Requirements

- a. The following services must be provided directly or through contract:
 1. Comprehensive primary health services, including such services provided through mobile medical units;
 2. Referrals for provision of health services, social services, and education services, including referral to hospitals, community and migrant health centers, Head Start and other education programs, and programs for prevention and treatment of child abuse; and
 3. Outreach services to identify children who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness and to inform parents/guardians of the availability of services directly from the grantees and through the referral mechanism.

Other Grant Requirements Applicable to Both Section 340(a) and 340(s) Grantees

- a. Restrictions on the use of grant funds are as follows:
 1. Grant funds may not be used to pay for inpatient services, except for residential treatment for substance abuse provided in settings other than hospitals.

2. Grant funds may not be used to make cash payments to intended recipients of primary health and substance abuse services or mental health services.

3. Grants funds may not be used to purchase or improve real property (other than minor remodeling of existing improvements to real property) or to purchase major medical equipment, including mobile medical units. However, upon request by an applicant demonstrating that the purposes of the project cannot otherwise be carried out, the Secretary may waive this restriction.

b. The grantee must, directly or through contract, provide services without regard to ability to pay for the services. If a charge is imposed for the delivery of services, such charge (1) will be made according to a schedule of charges that is made available to the public; (2) will not be imposed on any homeless individual with an income less than the official poverty level (the nonfarm income official poverty line defined by the Office of Management and Budget); (3) will be adjusted to reflect the income and resources of the homeless individual involved.

Additional Grant Requirements for Section 340(a) Only

a. The grantee may not expend more than 10 percent of grant funds for the purpose of administering the grant.

b. The grantee may, with respect to title I of the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, expend amounts received for the purpose of referring homeless individuals who are chronically mentally ill, and who are eligible under the Act, to systems that provide advocacy services under the Act.

c. The grantee may provide services through contracts with nonprofit selfhelp organizations that are established and managed by current and former recipients of mental health or substance abuse services, who have been homeless individuals; and that have an agreement with a State under its Medicaid program, title XIX of the Social Security Act (if they provide services that are covered under the title XIX plan for the State), and qualify to receive payments under the agreement.

Criteria for Evaluating Applications for Sections 340(a) and 340(s)

Competing Applications 340(a)

These competitive applications for grant support will be reviewed based upon the following evaluation criteria:

a. Compliance with the requirements of section 340 of the PHS Act and other programmatic requirements;

b. Experience in providing primary health or substance abuse services to homeless individuals or medically underserved populations.

c. Extent to which the applicant has identified the homeless population in the service area, including the social and demographic characteristics of the population and the extent to which their health needs are not being met;

d. Adequacy of the applicant's outreach plan to serve the homeless population;

e. Extent to which primary health and substance abuse services are to be provided to homeless individuals in a manner that demonstrates program linkages and services integration;

f. Adequacy of the applicant's referral arrangement to appropriate medical facilities for hospitalization and, for individuals who are mentally ill, to entities that provide mental health services, unless the applicant will provide such services directly;

g. Extent to which the applicant has the ability to involve appropriate community representatives to ensure that the program is culturally appropriate and accommodates the needs of homeless individuals in the service area;

h. Extent to which the applicant has engaged or plans to engage with other entities in an integrated service system in the community;

i. Qualifications and experience of the proposed project staff; i.e., the staff size and skills necessary to carry out an effective program;

j. Adequacy of the proposed budget; i.e., detailed estimates of revenue and costs in accordance with grant application instructions;

k. Evidence of administrative procedures for fiscal control and fund accounting procedures which provide for reasonable financial administration of Federal and non-Federal funds;

l. Evidence of an ongoing program of quality assurance with respect to health services provided under the grant;

m. Evidence of a reasonable plan for communicating with non-English speaking homeless individuals provided health services under the grant;

n. Indication of strategies for collaborative relationships and linkages which maximize effective use of existing health and social service resources, especially those of state and local health department, primary care providers to the underserved, and academic institutions; and

o. A current grantee's progress in achieving stated goals and objectives for the previous year's grant.

Competing Applications 340(s)

These competitive applications for grant support will be reviewed based upon the following evaluation criteria:

a. Compliance with the requirements of section 340(s) of the PHS Act and other programmatic requirements;

b. Experience in providing primary health or substance abuse services to homeless individuals or medically underserved populations;

c. Extent to which the applicant has identified homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness within the service area, including the social and demographic characteristics of these children and the extent to which their health needs are not being met;

d. Proposal of an innovative approach to meeting the health care needs of homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness, which can be utilized as a demonstration site for other programs nationally;

e. Adequacy of the applicant's outreach plan to identify homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness and inform their parents/guardians of the availability of services;

f. Extent to which primary health services are to be provided to homeless children in a linked and integrated manner;

g. Adequacy of the applicant's referral arrangements for the provision of health services, social services, and education services, including referral to hospitals, community and migrant health centers, Head Start and other educational programs, and programs for prevention and treatment of child abuse;

h. Extent to which the applicant has the ability to involve appropriate community representatives to ensure that the program accommodates the needs of homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness in the service area;

i. Extent to which the applicant has engaged or plans to engage with other entities in an integrated service system in the community;

j. Qualifications and experience of the proposed project staff; i.e., the staff size and skills necessary to carry out an effective program;

k. Adequacy of the proposed budget; i.e., detailed projections of revenue and costs in accordance with grant application instructions;

l. Evidence of administrative procedures for fiscal control and fund accounting procedures which provide for reasonable financial administration of Federal and non-Federal funds;

m. Evidence of an ongoing program of quality assurance with respect to health services provided under the grant;

n. Evidence of a reasonable plan for communicating with non-English speaking children provided health services under the grant and their parents/guardians; and

o. Indication of strategies for collaborative relationships and linkages which maximize effective use of existing health and social service resources, especially those of state and local health department, primary care providers to the underserved, and academic institutions.

p. A current grantee's progress in achieving stated goals and objectives for the previous year's grant.

Other Award Information

The Health Care for the Homeless program has been determined to be a program which is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs by appropriate health planning agencies, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. The application packages to be made available under this notice will contain a listing of States which have chosen to set up a review system and will provide a State point of contact (SPOC) in the State for the review. Applicants (other than federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their SPOC as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. The due date for State process recommendations is 60 days after the appropriate deadline dates. The BPHC does not guarantee that it will accommodate or explain its responses to State process recommendations received after the date. (See "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs", Executive Order 12372, and 45 CFR part 100 for a description of the review process and requirements.)

The OMB *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* number for this program is (93.151).

Dated: July 13, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

Appendix A

Region I

(CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg. #1400, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-1482

Region II

(NJ, NY, PR, VI)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 26 Federal Plaza #3337, New York, New York 10278, (212) 264-4496

Region III

(DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 3535 Market Street #10-140, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101, (215) 596-6653

Region IV

(AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 101 Marietta Tower, Suite 1121, Atlanta, Georgia 30323, (404) 331-2597

Region V

(IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 105 West Adams, 17th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603, (312) 353-8700

Region VI

(AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 1200 Main Tower Bldg. #1800, Dallas, Texas 75202, (214) 767-3885

Region VII

(IA, KS, MO, NE)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 601 East 12th Street #501, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, (816) 426-5841

Region VIII

(CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 1961 Stout St., Fed. Bldg. #492, Denver, Colorado 80294, (303) 844-4461

Region IX

(AS, AZ, CA, GU, HI, NV, TT)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 50 United Nations Plaza #331, San Francisco, California 94102, (415) 556-2595

Region X

(AK, ID, OR, WA)

Grants Management Officer, PHS Office of Grants Management, 2201 6th Avenue,

#710, Seattle, Washington 98121, (206) 442-7997

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National Institutes of Health

Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: July 28, 1995.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Room 4104 Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Priscilla Chen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 31-August 1, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Houston Baker, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5208, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1175.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: August 1, 1995.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Room 5108 Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anthony Carter, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1167.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: August 1, 1995.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Room 5108 Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anthony Carter, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1167.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: August 2, 1995.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Room 5108 Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anthony Carter, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1167.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: August 4, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Omaha, NE.

Contact Person: Dr. Zakir Bengali, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5150, Bethesda, MD, (301) 435-1742.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.