

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937-0195). Under these requirements, community-based nongovernmental applicants must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS). The PHSIS is intended to provide information to State and local health officials to keep them apprised of proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions. Community-based non-governmental applicants are required to submit the following information to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date:

- (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 or local health agencies.

The project abstract may be used in lieu of the one-page PHSIS, if the applicant is required to submit a PHSIS. Executive Order 12372

This 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 such a review system and will provide a single point of contact (SPOC) in the States for review. Applicants (other than federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State SPOCs 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 application deadline for new and competing awards. The

granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" for State process recommendations it receives after that date. (See Part 148, Intergovernmental Review of PHS Programs under Executive Order 12372 and 45 CFR Part 100 for a description of the review process and requirements).

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Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

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Public Health Service

Indian Health Service; Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Grant Applications for the Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians.

SUMMARY: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces that competitive grant applications are now being accepted for the Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians established by sec. 102 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976 (25 U.S.C. 1612), as amended by Pub. L. 102-573. There will be only one funding cycle during fiscal year (FY) 1996. This program is described at sec. 93.970 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and is governed by regulations at 42 CFR sec. 36.310 *et seq.* Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, and A-122 (cost principles for different types of applicant organizations); and 45 CFR part 74 or 45 CFR part 92 (as applicable). Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review is not applicable to this program. This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting requirements.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of *Healthy People 2000*, a PHS-led activity for setting priority areas. This program announcement is related to the priority area of Educational and Community-based programs. 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, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone 202-783-3238).

Smoke Free Workplace

PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

DATES: A. Applicant Receipt Date—An original and two copies of the completed grant application must be submitted with all required documentation to the Grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants Operations, Twinbrook Building, Suite 100, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20852, by close of business June 3, 1996.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either: (1) received on or before the deadline with hand carried applications received by close of business 5 p.m.; or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline and received in time to be reviewed along with all other timely applications. A legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service will be accepted in lieu of a postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant and will *not* be considered for funding.

B. Additional Dates:

1. Application Review: July 17, 1996
2. Applicants Notified of Results: on or about August 1, 1996 (approved, recommended for approval but not funded, or disapproved)
3. Anticipated Start Date: September 1, 1996

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For program information, contact Robin L. Bristow, Project Officer, Scholarship Branch, Twinbrook Metro Plaza, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 100, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 443-6197. For grants application and business management information, contact M. Kay Carpenter, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants Operations, Indian Health Service, Twinbrook Building, Suite 100, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20852 (301) 443-5204. (The telephone numbers are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement provides information on the general program purpose, eligibility

and preference, program objectives, required affiliation, fund availability and period of support, type of program activities considered for support, and application procedures for FY 1996.

A. General Program Purpose

The purpose of the Health Professions Recruitment program is to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives entering the health professions and to assure an adequate supply of health professionals to the IHS, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations involved in the provision of health care to Indian people.

B. Eligibility and Preference

The following organizations are eligible with preference given in the order of priority to:

1. Indian tribes,
2. Indian tribal organizations,
3. urban Indian organizations and other Indian health organizations; and
4. public and other nonprofit private health or educational entities.

C. Program Objectives

Each proposal must address the following *four* objectives to be considered for funding:

1. To identify Indians with a potential for education or training in Public Health (Masters level) and other health professions (excluding nursing), and to encourage and assist them to enroll in such programs. The Nursing profession is excluded because the IHS Nursing Recruitment Grant Program provides funding to increase the number of nurses who deliver health care services to Indians.
2. To deliver the necessary student support systems to help to ensure that students who are recruited successfully complete their academic training. Support services may include providing career counseling and academic advice; assisting students to identify academic deficiencies and to develop plans to correct those deficiencies; assisting students to locate financial aid; monitoring students to identify possible problems; assisting with the determination of need for and location of tutorial services; and other related activities which will help to retain students in school.
3. To publicize existing sources of financial aid available to Indian students interested in enrolling in or enrolled in an accredited Masters of Public Health program or accredited health professions program (excluding nursing).
4. To work in close cooperation with the IHS, tribes, tribal organizations and

urban Indian organizations, in locating and identifying non-academic period placement opportunities and practicum experiences, i.e., the IHS Extern Program authorized under Section 105 of Pub. L. 94-437, as amended; assisting students with individual development plans in conjunction with identified placement opportunities; monitoring students to identify and evaluate possible problems; and monitoring and evaluating all placement and practicum experiences within the IHS to further develop and modify the program.

D. Required Affiliation

If the applicant is an Indian tribe, tribal organization, urban organization or other Indian health organization, or a public or nonprofit private health organization, the applicant must submit a letter of support from at least one accredited school of public health or health professions program (excluding nursing), depending on the type of program for which it proposes to recruit. This letter must document linkage with that educational organization.

When the target population of a proposed project includes a particular Indian tribe or tribes, an official document, i.e., a letter of support or tribal resolution, must be submitted indicating that the tribe or tribes will cooperate with the applicant.

E. Fund Availability and Period of Support

It is anticipated that approximately \$250,000 will be available for approximately 3 new grants. The average funding level for projects in FY 1995 was \$98,000. The anticipated start date for selected projects will be September 1, 1996. Pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations § 36.313(c), the project period "will usually be for one to two years." However, under this notice, projects will be awarded for a budget term of 12 months, with a maximum project period of up to three (3) years. A maximum project period of three (3) years is required so that key staff, such as project directors, may be recruited, without the financial and career uncertainty of a one or two year budget period and to enable the projects to carry out their recruitment activities without the added activity of applying for a grant every one or two years. Grant funding levels include both direct and indirect costs. Funding of succeeding years will be based on the FY 1996 level, continuing need for the program, satisfactory performance, and the availability of appropriations in those years.

F. Type of Program Activities Considered for Support

Funds are available to develop grant programs to located and recruit students with potential for (1) Masters of Public Health or (2) other health professions degree programs (excluding nursing), and to provide support services to Indian students who are recruited.

G. Application Process

An *IHS Recruitment Grant Application Kit*, including the required PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 7/92) (OMB Approval No. 0937-0189) and the U.S. Government Standard forms (SF-424, SF-424A and SF-424B), may be obtained from the Grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants Operations, Indian Health Service, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 100, Rockville, Maryland 20852, telephone (301) 443-5204. (This is not a toll free number.)

H. Grant Application Requirements

All applications must be single-spaced, typewritten, and consecutively numbered pages using black type not smaller than 12 characters per one inch, with conventional one inch border margins, on only one side of standard size 8½×11 paper that can be photocopied. The application narrative (not including abstract, tribal resolutions or letters of support, standard forms, table of contents or the appendix) must not exceed 20 typed pages as described above. All applications must include the following in the order presented:

- Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Standard Form 424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs, (pages 1 and 2)
- Standard Form 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (front and back)
- Certifications, PHS 5161-1, (pages 17-18)
- Checklist, PHS 5161-1, (pages 23-24), NOTE: Each standard form and the checklist is contained in the PHS Grant Application, Form PHS 5161-1 (Revised 7/92)
- Project Abstract (one page)
- Table of Contents
- Program Narrative to include:
 - Introduction and Potential Effectiveness of Project
 - Project Administration
 - Accessibility to Target Population
 - Relationship of Objectives to Manpower Deficiencies
 - Project Budget, including multi-year narratives, and Budget Justifications
- Appendix to include:

- Tribal Resolution(s) or Letters of Support
- Biographical sketches for key personnel or position descriptions if position is vacant
- Organizational chart
- Workplan
- Completed IHS Application Checklist
- Application Receipt Card, PHS 3038-1 Rev. 5-90.

I. Application Instructions

The following instructions for preparing the application narrative also constitute the standards (criteria or basis for evaluation) for reviewing and scoring the application. Weights assigned each section are noted in parenthesis.

Abstract—An abstract may not exceed one typewritten page. The abstract should clearly present the application in summary form, from a “who-what-when-where-how-cost” point of view so that reviewers see how the multiple parts of the application fit together to form a coherent whole.

Table of Contents—Provide a one page typewritten table of contents.

Narrative

1. Introduction and Potential Effectiveness (30 pts.)

a. Describe your legal status and organization.

b. State specific objectives of the project, which are measurable in terms of being quantified, significant to the needs of Indian people, logical, complete and consistent with the purpose of sec. 102.

c. Describe briefly what the project intends to accomplish. Identify the expected results, benefits, and outcomes or products to be derived from each objective of the project.

d. Provide a project specific work plan (milestone chart) which lists each objective, the tasks to be conducted in order to reach the objective, and the timeframe needed to accomplish each task. Timeframes should be projected in a realistic manner to assure that the scope of work can be completed within each budget period. (A work plan format is provided.)

e. In the case of proposed projects for identification of Indians with a potential for education or training in the health professions (excluding nursing), include a method for assessing the potential of interested Indians for undertaking necessary education or training in such health professions.

f. State clearly the criteria by which the project's progress will be evaluated and by which the success of the project will be determined.

g. Explain the methodology that will be used to determine if the needs, goals,

and objectives identified and discussed in the application are being met and if the results and benefits identified are being achieved.

h. Identify who will perform the evaluation and when.

2. Project Administration (20 pts.)

a. Provide an organizational chart (include in appendix). Describe the administrative, managerial and organizational arrangements, and the facilities and resources to be utilized to conduct the proposed project.

b. Provide the name and qualifications of the project director or other individuals responsible for the conduct of the project; the qualifications of the principal staff carrying out the project; and a description of the manner in which the application's staff is or will be organized and supervised to carry out the proposed project. Include biographical sketches of key personnel (or job descriptions if the position is vacant) (include in appendix).

c. Describe any prior experience in administering similar projects.

d. Discuss the commitment of the organization, i.e., although not required, the level of non-Federal support. List the intended financial participation, if any, of the applicant in the proposed project specifying the type of contributions such as cash or services, loans of full or part-time staff, equipment, space, materials or facilities or other contributions.

3. Accessibility to Target Population (20 pts.)

a. Describe the current and proposed participation of Indians (if any) in your organization.

b. Identify the target Indian population to be served by your proposed project and the relationship of your organization to that population.

c. Describe the methodology to be used to access the target population.

4. Relationship of Objectives to Manpower Deficiencies (20 pts.)

a. Provide data and supporting documentation to address the relationship of objectives to manpower deficiencies.

b. Indicate the number of potential Indian students to be contacted and recruited as well as potential cost per student recruited. Those projects that have the potential to serve a greater number of Indians will be given first consideration.

5. Soundness of Fiscal Plan (10 pts.)

a. Clearly define the budget. Provide a justification and detailed breakdown of the funding by category for the project. Information on the project director and project staff should include salaries and percentage of time assigned

to the grant. List equipment purchases necessary for the conduct of the project.

b. The available funding level of \$250,000 is inclusive of both direct and indirect costs. Pursuant to Public Health Service Grants policy (DHHS Publication No. (OASH) 94-50,000 (Rev.) April 1, 1994), a ‘training grant’ includes a grant for “training or other educational purposes”, and the Department of Health and Human Services considers this grant activity as having an educational purpose. Because this project has an educational purpose, and, therefore, is for a training grant, the Department of Health and Human Services’ policy limiting reimbursement of indirect cost to the lesser of the applicant's actual indirect costs or 8 percent of total direct costs (exclusive of tuition and related fees and expenditures for equipment) is applicable. This limitation applies to all institutions of higher education other than agencies of State and local government.

c. Projects requiring additional years must include a program narrative and categorical budget and justification for each additional year of funding requested (this is not considered part of the 20-page narrative).

Appendix—to include:

- a. Tribal Resolution(s) or Letters of Support
- b. Biographical sketches of key personnel or position descriptions if position is vacant
- c. Organizational chart
- d. Workplan
- e. Completed IHS Application Checklist
- f. Application Receipt Card, PHS 3038-1 Rev. 5-90

J. Reporting

1. **Progress Report**—Program progress reports shall be required semiannually. These reports will include a brief description of a comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period, reasons for slippage and other pertinent information as required. A final report is due 90 days after expiration of the budget/project period.

2. **Financial Status Report**—Semi-annually financial status reports will be submitted 30 days after the end of the half year. A final financial status report is due 90 days after expiration of the budget/project period. Standard Form 269 (long form) will be used for financial reporting.

K. Grant Administration Requirements

Grants are administered in accordance with the following documents:

- 1. 45 CFR part 92, HHS, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants

and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, or 45 CFR part 74, Administration of Grants to Non-Profit Recipients.

2. PHS Grants Policy Statement, and

3. Appropriate Cost Principles: OMB Circular A-21, Educational Institutions, OMB Circular A-87, State and Local Governments, and OMB Circular A-122, Non-profit Organizations.

L. Objective Review Process

Applications meeting eligibility requirements that are complete, responsive, and conform to this program announcement will be reviewed by an Objective Review Committee (ORC) in accordance with IHS objective review procedures. The objective review process ensures a nationwide competition for limited funding. The ORC will be comprised of IHS (40% or less) and other federal or non-federal individuals (60% or more) with appropriate expertise. The ORC will review each application against established criteria. Based upon the evaluation criteria, the reviewers will assign a numerical score to each application, which will be used in making the final funding decision. Approved applications scoring less than 60 points will not be considered for funding.

M. Results of the Review

The results of the objective review are forwarded to the Acting Associate Director, Office of Human Resources (OHR), for final review and approval. The Acting Associate Director, OHR, will also consider the recommendations from the Director, Division of Health Professions, Recruitment and Training, and the Grants Management Branch. Applicants are notified in writing on or about August 1, 1996. A Notice of Grant Award will be issued to successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing of disapproval. A brief explanation of the reasons the application was not approved is provided along with the name of an IHS official to contact if more information is desired.

Dated: February 21, 1996.

Michael H. Trujillo,

Assistant Surgeon General Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit From Sage Development Company, LLC, Daphne, AL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Sage Development Company, LLC, (Applicant), has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The proposed permit would authorize for a period of 30 years the incidental take of an endangered species, the Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), known to occupy a 25.7-acre tract of land owned by the Applicant on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, Baldwin County, Alabama. The Application proposes to construct a project known as The Dunes, which will include 3 condominium complexes, 38 single family/duplex lots, their associated landscaped grounds and parking areas, recreational amenities, and dune walkover structures (Project).

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the incidental take application. Copies of the EA or HCP may be obtained by making requests to the addresses below. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10^c of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the permit application, EA and HCP should be received on or before April 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Persons wishing to review the EA or HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Regional Office or the Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office. Requests must be written to properly process requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Regional Office, or the Field Office. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Please reference permit under PRT-811416 in such comments.

Regional Permit Coordinator (TE),
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875

Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (telephone 404/679-7110, FAX 404/679-7081). Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 (telephone 601/965-4900, FAX 601/965-4340).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Will McDearman at the above Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alabama beach mouse (ABM), *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*, is a subspecies of the common oldfield mouse *Peromyscus polionotus* and is restricted to the dune systems of the Gulf Coast of Alabama. The known change of ABM extends from Fort Morgan eastward to the western terminus of Alabama Highway 182, including the Perdue Unit on the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. The sand dune systems inhabited by this species are not uniform; several habitat types are distinguishable. The species inhabits primary dunes, interdune areas, secondary dunes, and scrub dunes. The depth and area of these habitats from the beach inland varies. Population surveys indicate that this subspecies is usually more abundant in primary dunes than in secondary dunes, and usually more abundant in secondary dunes than in scrub dunes. Optimal habitat consists of dune systems with all dune types. Though fewer ABM inhabit scrub dunes, these high dunes can serve as refugia during devastating hurricanes that overwash, flood, and destroy or alter secondary and frontal dunes. ABM surveys on the Applicant's property reveal habitat occupied by ABM. The Applicant's property contains designated critical habitat for the ABM. Construction of the Project may result in the death of, or injury to, ABM. Habitat alterations due to condominium placement and subsequent human habitation of the project may reduce available habitat for food, shelter, and reproduction.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of several alternatives. One action proposed is the issuance of the incidental take permit based upon submittal of the HCP as proposed. This alternative provides for restrictions that include placing no habitable structures seaward of the designated ABM critical habitat, establishment of walkover structures across designated critical habitat, a prohibition against housing or keeping pet cats, ABM competitor control and monitoring measures, scavenger-proof garbage containers, creation of educational and information brochures on ABM conservation, and