

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Virginia Huth, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Minority Fellowship Program

AGENCY: Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of planned award for renewal of a clinical training grant under the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) to the American Psychological Association (APA).

SUMMARY: SAMHSA's CMHS plans to award a renewal MFP grant to the APA for the clinical training of pre-/post-doctoral level psychology trainees who plan service careers working with ethnic minority populations with mental and addictive health disorders. The project period for the renewal grant is anticipated to be 3 years. The first year will be funded at approximately \$400,000.

This is not a general request for applications. The renewal clinical training grant will only be made to the APA based on the receipt of a satisfactory application that is considered to have sufficient merit by an Initial Review Group and the CMHS National Advisory Council.

Authority: The award will be made under the authority of section 303 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. The authority to administer this program has been delegated to the Director, CMHS. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.244.

Background

Section 303 of the PHS Act assigns the Director of CMHS certain responsibility for the clinical training of mental health professionals including those concerned with the treatment of underserved priority populations; i.e., adults with serious mental illness;

children with serious emotional disturbance; elderly, ethnic minority and/or rural populations with mental and addictive disorders. The lack of suitably trained professionals is considered to be a major cause of the lack of access for ethnic minority communities to appropriate mental health and substance abuse services. Accordingly, CMHS has the responsibility for providing support to facilitate the entry of ethnic minority students into mental health careers and increase the number of professionals trained at the doctoral-level to teach, administer, and provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority communities.

Over the past several decades, the Federal mental health clinical training program at CMHS (and previously at the National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH]) has addressed this gap primarily by attempting to increase the numbers of professionals who wish to dedicate themselves to serving ethnic minority populations with mental and addictive disorders.

A renewal application may be submitted only by the APA. This professional organization has unique access to those students entering the profession of psychology. The field of psychology has been nationally recognized for decades as part of the four core mental health disciplines, along with psychiatry, nursing and social work. The American Psychiatric Association, the American Nursing Association, and the Counsel on Social Work Education also have ongoing CMHS MFP grant support. Psychologists provide part of an essential core of services for individuals with serious mental illness and also less severe mental disorders.

The APA is the largest national professional psychologists' organization in the country. The APA and its affiliates have activities in all major areas of national policies affecting psychology as a profession, including education and training.

The APA, along with its affiliates, has direct involvement in curriculum development, school accreditation, and pre-/post-doctoral training. The APA has had decades of experience in working directly with university training programs in its respective field.

Because of the above unique characteristics and long experience, NIMH, the original funding agency, chose APA as the exclusive representative for the field of psychology. For over 20 years, the APA has administered the MFP exceptionally well, recruited excellent students, assured that all program requirements

were satisfied, and effectively monitored the progress of fellows during and after the fellowship period. The MFP grantee continues in its unique position to represent this core mental health discipline and eligibility for continuation funding has been restricted to it accordingly.

Therefore, because the APA's grant support will end in FY 1997, CMHS is providing additional support for up to 3 years via a renewal grant award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions concerning the CMHS MFP may be directed to Paul Wohlford, Ph.D., Human Resources Planning and Development Branch, CMHS, Room 15C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 443-4257.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents