The Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is a Federal grant program that provides financial support to individuals pursuing advanced education and training in health disciplines. The program is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on behalf of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department. The program is designed to address the shortage of suitably trained professionals to meet the needs of underserved communities and populations with mental and/or substance abuse disorders.

**Background**

Section 303 of the Public Health Service Act assigns to the Secretary, acting through the SAMHSA, the responsibility for the clinical training of mental health professionals. SAMHSA is 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 substance abuse disorders. SAMHSA considers the lack of suitably trained professionals to be a major cause of the lack of access for ethnic minority communities to appropriate mental health and substance abuse services. Accordingly, SAMHSA has the responsibility for providing support to facilitate the entry of 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 SAMHSA (and previously at the National Institute of Mental Health) has addressed this gap primarily by attempting to increase the number of professionals who wish to dedicate themselves to serving ethnic minority populations with mental and addictive disorders.

**Authority/Justification**

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Minority Fellowship Program**

**AGENCY:** Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), DHHS.

**ACTIONS:** Notice of planned award for renewal of clinical training grants under the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) to the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

**SUMMARY:** SAMHSA plans to award renewal MFP grants to the ANA, APA, and CSWE to help facilitate the entry of ethnic minority students into mental health and/or substance abuse careers and increase the number of nurses, psychiatrists, and social workers trained to teach, administer, and provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority groups. The project period is anticipated to be 3 years. The first year will be funded for up to $400,000 for each award.

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

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

**Renewal applications** may be submitted only by the ANA, APA, and CSWE. These professional organizations have unique access to those students entering their respective profession. The fields of nursing, psychiatry, and social work have been nationally recognized for decades as part of the four core behavioral health disciplines included in the MFP (along with psychology). Nursing, psychiatry, and social work provide part of an essential core of services for individuals with serious mental illness and also less severe mental disorders. The ANA and APA are the largest national professional organizations in the country for nursing and psychiatry, respectively. The ANA and APA and their affiliates have activities in all major areas of national policies affecting nursing and psychiatry as professions, including education and training. In the field of social work, the CSWE is the leading national organization which is focused just on the education and training of social workers. All three organizations, the ANA, APA, and CSWE, along with their affiliates, have direct involvement in curriculum development, school accreditation, and pre/post-doctoral training. The ANA, APA, and CSWE have had decades of experience in working directly with university training programs. Because of the above unique characteristics and long experience, the ANA, APA, and CSWE were chosen more than 20 years ago as the exclusive representatives for the field of nursing, psychiatry, and social work. During that time, the ANA, APA, and CSWE have administered their MFP programs exceptionally well. In addition, the ANA, APA, and CSWE have recruited excellent students, assured that all program requirements were satisfied, and effectively monitored the progress of fellows during and after the fellowship period. These MFP grantees continue in their unique position to represent these core mental health and substance abuse disciplines exceptionally well, and eligibility has been restricted to the ANA, APA, and CSWE, accordingly.

Therefore, because the APA’s, ANA’s and CSWE’s grant support will end in FY 1999, SAMHSA is providing additional support for up to 3 years via renewal grant awards.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4432–N–16]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.


FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565, these telephone numbers are not toll-free, or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless.

Today’s Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.


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