

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99121]

Environmental Community Based Organization Capacity Building Grant; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a grant program to assist community based organizations (CBO) to educate communities about energy-related health activities conducted near Department of Energy (DOE) sites. The purpose of this program is to conduct workshops, community meetings, collaborate with communities and develop material which may be used to educate communities about energy-related public health activities. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Environmental Health.

B. Eligible Applicants

The solicitation is open to non-profit community-based organizations with a documented history of providing energy-related environmental health education/training to communities located near DOE nuclear weapons facilities sites.

Note: Pub. L. 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$200,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund up to 4 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$50,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this grant the recipient activities may include:

1. Prepare educational materials related to energy-related public health activities around DOE sites; and

2. Conduct community workshops and public meetings to provide information on the health effects of nuclear and chemical elements on the community.

3. Collaborate with the community to improve community understanding of energy-related health activities.

E. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 20 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced font.

F. Submission and Deadline

Application:

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are in the application kit. On or before July 15, 1999, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in "Where to Obtain Additional Information".

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

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants must 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: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (a) or (b) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

1. The extent to which the applicant documents a history of providing education and training on energy-related issues to communities near DOE sites. (25%)

2. The extent to which the proposal addresses a plan for collaborating with the community to enhance the communities' understanding of energy-related health issues. (50%)

3. The qualifications and commitment of the applicant; allocations of time and effort of staff devoted to the project; the

qualifications of the primary and support staff; and the adequacy of existing and proposed facilities and resources for conducting project activities. (25%)

4. **Budget:** The proposed budget on the basis of its reasonableness, concise and clear justification, and consistency with the intended use of grant funds. (Not Scored)

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Progress reports annually, no more than 30 days after the end of the budget period;

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and,

3. Final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in "Where to Obtain Additional Information."

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I in the application kit.

AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2000

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR-14 Accounting System Requirements

AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317 of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. section 241(a) and 247(b)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

You can download this proposal and application forms from the internet at: <http://www.cdc.gov> double click on "funding".

To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888 472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical

assistance may be obtained from: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99121, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, NE, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341 telephone (770) 488-2721, Email address vxw1@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Mr. Art Robinson, Public Health Educator, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Chamblee, Georgia 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-7040, E-mail address: ajr3@cdc.gov

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[Program Announcement 99132]

**Notice of Availability of Funds;
Varicella Surveillance and
Epidemiologic Studies**

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program to conduct surveillance and case investigations for varicella disease (chickenpox). This program will supplement existing local, State and national surveillance efforts and will facilitate research on impact of varicella vaccine on disease. Funds will be provided to conduct active surveillance and epidemiologic studies to monitor disease trends related to vaccine coverage. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area 20, Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of this program is:

1. To maintain a surveillance system to accurately monitor trends in varicella incidence by age group.
2. To monitor varicella vaccine coverage by age group.
3. To develop, implement, and evaluate strategies for the prevention and control of varicella.
4. To conduct other applied epidemiological research related to varicella disease and varicella vaccine.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to official State and local public health agencies or their bona fide agents including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

C. Availability of Funds

1. Approximately \$665,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund two to three awards. The average award will be about \$200,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$250,000. It is expected that awards will begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds. Funds awarded under this cooperative agreement cannot be used to supplant existing state expenditures in this area.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting the activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed under (1.) Recipient Activities and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under (2.) CDC Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Establish, maintain, and evaluate a surveillance system with the capacity to monitor varicella disease trends by age group in a well-defined population. To ensure statistical validity, these surveillance areas must have populations of at least 300,000 to provide a sufficient number of varicella cases each year as varicella incidence declines with increasing use of the vaccine in children.

b. Perform case investigations and collect, analyze, and disseminate information using this information.

c. Collect and verify with health care providers the immunization status of all reported cases of breakthrough disease, including age of vaccination and other vaccines administered simultaneously or within 30 days.

d. Collect and report information on vaccine coverage by age group (age groups <1 year, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8-9

years, 10-12 years, 13-14 years, 15-19 years and >20 years).

e. Develop, implement and evaluate varicella prevention and control strategies including outbreak control.

f. Conduct applied epidemiological research. Examples of such projects include but are not limited to the following: evaluation of risk factors for vaccine failure; evaluation of completeness of reporting by age group; risk factors for severe varicella disease and hospitalization; studies of vaccine effectiveness; reliability of physician diagnosis of breakthrough disease and reliability of parental history of varicella among children less than 10 years.

g. Provide laboratory specimens such as disease-causing isolates to appropriate organizations (which may include CDC) for laboratory evaluation needed for varicella surveillance or as part of epidemiological studies, e.g. virus strain identification, confirmation of breakthrough disease, and molecular epidemiological studies.

h. Manage, analyze and interpret data and present and publish important public health findings.

i. Participate in planning meetings to coordinate varicella surveillance project activities.

j. Function as part of a network of varicella surveillance sites.

3. CDC Activities

a. Provide consultation, scientific and technical assistance in general operation of the project and in the design and conduct of applied research projects.

b. Provide assistance to recipients regarding development and implementation of all surveillance activities, data collection methods including a standard case investigation form, and analysis of data.

c. Assist in the development and implementation of a standard data management process, including development of computer programs for data entry and interim analyses.

d. Assist in monitoring and evaluating scientific and operational accomplishments of the varicella surveillance project and progress in achieving the purpose and overall goals of this program.

e. Participate in analysis and interpretation of data and in presentation and publication of findings.

E. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. The program narrative should include the following sections: background, objectives,