

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes each. Written comments may be submitted in advance in addition to the oral comments. Comments should be faxed to Sheila P. Merriweather at the Office of Minority Health at least two business days prior to the meeting.

**DATES:** The Advisory Committee on Minority Health will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, July 10, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The public comment period will be held on Wednesday, July 10.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel and Towers, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sheila P. Merriweather, Office of Minority Health, Rockwall Building, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: 301-443-9923, Fax: 301-443-8280.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-02-07]

#### Fiscal Year 2002 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging announces that under the Pension Information and Counseling Program, it will hold a competition to fund grant awards for two (2) to three (3) projects at a federal share of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year for a project period of up to three (3) years.

*Purpose of grant awards:* The purpose of these projects is to establish, expand or improve Pension Information and Counseling Projects to ensure that older persons eligible for pension benefits have the requisite knowledge, information and counseling to fully exercise their rights and entitlements.

*Eligibility for grant awards and other requirements:* Eligibility for grant awards is open to public and/or non-profit agencies, faith-based and community-based organizations with a proven record of providing services

related to the retirement of older persons, services to Native Americans, or specific pension counseling. Grantees are required to provide a 25% non-federal match.

**DATES:** The deadline date for the submission of applications is August 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits are available by writing to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Consumer Choice and Protection, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/619-1058 or on line at <http://www.aoa.gov/t4>.

Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Grants Management at the same address. Instructions for electronic mailing of grant applications are available at <http://www.aoa.gov/egrants>.

Dated: May 30, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02175]

#### Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (AR): Validation of National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) Breakpoints for Human Pathogens of Public Health Importance; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of a fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a grant program for Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (AR): Validation of National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) Breakpoints for Human Pathogens of Public Health Importance. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of the program is to provide assistance for applied research aimed at prevention and control of the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance in the United States. This program will focus on validation of NCCLS breakpoints for human pathogens of public health importance. This program's design will implement Part 1 of the Public Health Action Plan

to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance, Domestic Issues. Visit the Internet site: [www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/actionplan/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/actionplan/index.htm) for more information on the Action Plan.

This research includes three components that will provide information needed to prevent and control AR: (1) Validating existing interpretive criteria for pathogens of public health importance; (2) developing new interpretive criteria for pathogens of public health importance using existing NCCLS methods and quality control; and (3) developing new interpretive criteria and new antimicrobial susceptibility testing methods for pathogens of public health importance using existing NCCLS methods and quality control as a starting point for novel test development.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for Infectious Diseases: (1) Reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance; (2) protect Americans from priority infectious diseases; and (3) apply scientific findings to prevent and control infectious diseases.

##### B. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

##### C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, technical schools, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, State and local governments 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, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

**Note:** Title two of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.