

and Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations) to undocumented aliens.

Payments will be made quarterly and may be made based on advance estimates with retrospective adjustments. The Secretary must establish a process no later than September 1, 2004, for eligible providers to request payments. The process must include measures to ensure that the payments are not inappropriate, fraudulent, or excessive.

CMS will hold this special open door listening session to gather your input related to the implementation of this new provision and to allow interested parties to hear and be heard by other members of the healthcare industry.

The primary topics for consideration are: how to obtain reliable information on the amount or volume of emergency services provided to undocumented aliens; how to ensure that the methods or procedures used to implement this provision do not impose requirements on providers that are inconsistent with their EMTALA obligations; and, how to reliably approximate or determine individual hospitals', physicians' or ambulance providers' un-reimbursed costs on providing emergency care for undocumented aliens without imposing costly and burdensome reporting and record keeping requirements.

II. Participation

We ask that all interested persons who wish to present their information prepare to speak within a restricted time limit that will depend upon the number of requests we receive by close of business Wednesday, March 24th, 2004 (see RSVP information below). Telephone call-in participants will be given an opportunity to speak as well, and if necessary will be under similar time limitations.

CMS additionally requests that interested parties please prepare their comments or input in written form and submit this information to the same (RSVP) e-mail address as listed below. If not possible at the time of RSVP, we request that you bring a hard copy of your written material for collection at the meeting in Baltimore. There are two ways to participate, by phone or in-person.

To participate by phone:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID: 614131

Persons participating by phone are not required to RSVP.

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880 and for Internet Relay services click here <http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/which/>

index.html. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

To participate in-person at the CMS Baltimore Site, an RSVP is required.

To register, please RSVP (by close of business Wednesday, March 24, 2004) via e-mail to Section1011@cms.hhs.gov if you plan to attend. Please include the word "Registration" in the subject line of your message, send us your name along with the name of your organization and contact information, and indicate whether or not you plan to speak.

Please arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. Photo identification is required at security points.

ADDRESSES: CMS Single Site Building, Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Map & Directions: <http://cmsnet.cms.hhs.gov/hpages/ocsq/cmsdirections-north.htm>.

ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687; Conf. ID #614131

"Encore" is a recording of this call that can be accessed by dialing 1-800-642-1687 and entering the Conf. ID beginning on *March 30, 2004*. The recording expires after 4 days. For Forum Schedule updates, Listserv registration and Frequently Asked Questions please visit our Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoor/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Morey, (410) 786-4487, e-mail address Section1011@cms.hhs.gov (include the word "Question" in the subject line of your message) or by fax (410) 786-9963.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Children and Families

Notice of Intent To Establish an Advisory Committee on Head Start Accountability and Educational Performance Measures

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is being published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services intends to establish an Advisory Committee on Head Start Accountability and Educational Performance Measures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Plutro, Head Start Bureau, at (202) 205-8573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65 and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has determined that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Head Start Accountability and Educational Performance Measures (the "Committee") is in the public interest in connection with supporting the school readiness of low-income children and overall effectiveness and purpose of the Federal Head Start program.

The purpose of the Committee is to help assess the progress in developing and implementing the Head Start National Reporting System (NRS) and provide recommendations for integrating the NRS with other on-going assessments of the effectiveness of the program. The Committee will work in coordination with the existing Technical Work Group (TWG) which helped develop the NRS, and make recommendations for how the NRS can be included in the broader assessment frame found in the Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES), the national Head Start Impact Study, Head Start's Performance Based Outcome System, and the ongoing evaluation of the Early Head Start program.

The Committee shall consist of not more than ten (10) members including the Chair and Co-Chair. Appointments shall be made by the Secretary from authorities knowledgeable and expert in the fields of childhood development and psychometrics, assessment of child progress and evaluation of program service delivery. The Department will give close attention to equitable geographic distribution and to minority and female representation in making appointments to the Committee so long as the effectiveness of the Committee is not impaired.

The Committee shall meet three times unless, after consultation with the Chair or Co-Chair, the Secretary determines that additional meetings are necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Committee. All meetings shall be at the call of the

Chair or Co-Chair. An official of the Federal Government shall be present at all meetings. Meetings shall be open to the public. Advance notice of all meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records of proceedings shall be kept in accordance with all applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Head Start Accountability and Educational Performance Measures shall terminate on February 27, 2006.

Dated: March 11, 2004.

Wade F. Horn,

Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program

Federal Agency Name:

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services.

Funding Opportunity Title:

Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program.

Announcement Type: Competitive Grant—Initial.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2004-EJ-0002.

CFDA Number: 93.647.

DATES: May 18, 2004.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) announces that competing applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities and the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. 107-116, Title II. Pursuant to this announcement, OCS will award funds to experienced intermediary organizations to deliver training and technical assistance to small faith-based and community organizations. Intermediaries will assist these organizations to increase their effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services, expand their

organizations, diversify their funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need. In addition, recipients of awards under this announcement must issue sub-awards to a number of qualified faith-based and community organizations for a variety of capacity-building purposes.

A. Background

Faith-based and community organizations have a long history of providing an array of important services to people in need in the United States. These organizations possess unique strengths that the government cannot duplicate. As a result, they are well positioned to assist individuals and families with the most pressing needs, such as the homeless, prisoners reentering the community, children of prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, elders in need, and families in transition from welfare to work. In addition, faith-based and community organizations provide marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages.

In recognition of this history and ability, President Bush believes it is in the public's interest to broaden Federal efforts to work with faith-based and community organizations and has made improving funding opportunities for such organizations a priority. CCF is a key part of the effort to enhance and expand the participation of faith-based and community groups serving those in need. Intermediary organizations awarded funds under this announcement will serve as partners to both the Federal government and to the faith-based and community organizations that they assist. The intermediaries will represent a diverse set of affiliations, and will assist community-level organizations that have a range of service goals, target populations, affiliations, and beliefs.

B. Program Purpose and Objectives

The goal of CCF is to assist faith-based and community organizations to increase their effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services, expand their organizations, diversify their funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need. This will be accomplished through the funding of experienced intermediary organizations in well-defined geographic locations with a proven track record of providing technical assistance to smaller faith-based and community organizations in their communities. These intermediary organizations will serve as a bridge

between the Federal government and the faith-based and community organizations that this program is designed to assist.

Intermediary organizations will provide two services within their communities:

1. Technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations; and
2. Financial support—through sub-awards—to some subset of the faith-based and community organizations in their communities.

Technical Assistance

ACF seeks intermediary organizations with demonstrated expertise and a proven track record in working with and providing technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations in a variety of areas. Technical assistance activities funded under CCF are to be conducted at no cost to interested faith-based and community organizations. Applicants must have demonstrated experience in the delivery of capacity-building assistance to smaller organizations in several of the following areas: strategic planning, financial management, board development, fund-development, and outcome measurement. Additionally, there is a range of other needs that may appropriately be provided by the intermediary organizations awarded funds under this announcement. The following list is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive.

- Legal assistance in various areas such as the process of incorporation or obtaining tax-exempt status;
- Needs assessments to identify internal areas needing improvement or areas in which to develop or expand community services to address service gaps;
- Development of internal operating controls and procedures related to all aspects of business management;
- Facilitation of networks, service coordination, and resource sharing among organizations;
- Incorporation of "best practices" in priority social service areas;
- Expanding outreach and client screening, intake or tracking methods;
- Volunteer management;
- Human resources.

In addition, intermediaries must be established organizations with well-developed connections to and working relationships with faith-based and community organizations in well-defined geographic locations. Typically, these intermediary organizations will be located in the same communities as the faith-based and community organizations that they serve.