DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Intent To Award Affordable Care Act Funding, Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC–RFA–DP10–1014

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides notice of CDC’s intent to fund continuation cooperative agreement applications under REACH CORE, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health National Blueprint (REACH) for the fiscal year 2011.

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Fiscal Year Funds: 2011.
Anticipated Award Date: September 30, 2011.
Budget Period: 12 months.
Project Period: 12 months.

Application Selection Process:
Grantees have been selected based on methodology published in the REACH CORE Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

Applications were funded in order by score and rank determined by previously held review panel. In addition, as was referenced in the REACH CORE FOA, funding decisions were made to ensure:
- Geographic diversity across the United States.
- Inclusion of each racial/ethnic group that is specified in CDC–RFA–DP10–1014 is represented.
- Inclusions of each health priority area that are specified in CDC–RFA–DP10–1014 are represented.
- Representation of communities with evident health disparities.
- Communities who currently lack access to health priority area-related resources and/or with high levels of poverty are represented as documented in the application.

CDC will add the following Authority to that which is reflected in the published Funding Opportunity: Section 4002 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148).

DATES: The effective date for this action is September 2, 2011 and remains in effect until the expiration of the one (1) year project period of the PPACA funded applications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). PPACA is designed to improve and expand the scope of health care coverage for Americans. Cost savings through disease prevention is an important element of this legislation and PPACA has established a Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) for this purpose. Specifically, the legislation states in Section 4002 that the PPHF is to “provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs”. PPACA and the Prevention and Public Health Fund make improving public health a priority with investments to improve public health.

The PPHF states that the Secretary shall transfer amounts in the Fund to accounts within the Department of Health and Human Services to increase funding, over the fiscal year 2008 level, for programs authorized by the public Health Services Act, for prevention, wellness and public health activities including prevention research and health screenings, such as the Community Transformation Grant Program, the Education and Outreach Campaign for Preventative Benefits, and Immunization Programs.

REACH CORE and PPACA legislation affords an important opportunity to advance public health across the lifespan and to reduce health disparities by supporting an intensive community approach to chronic disease prevention and control. Therefore, awarding cooperative agreements with PPACA funds under PPHF to existing grantees to carry out REACH objectives is consistent with the purpose of PPHF, as stated above, to provide for the expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs. Further, the Secretary allocated funds to CDC, pursuant to the PPHF, for the types of activities that the REACH initiatives are designed to carry out.

Therefore, the REACH program activities CDC proposes to fund with PPACA appropriations are authorized by the amendment to the Public Health Services Act which authorized the Prevention and Wellness Program as embodied in CDC–RFA–DP07–707.

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Notice of Intent To Award Affordable Care Act Funding, Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC–RFA–DP09–905

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides notice of CDC’s intent to fund continuation cooperative agreement applications under the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health National Blueprint (REACH) for the fiscal year 2009.