

**ACTION:** Notice of Supplemental Award.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA announces the award of supplemental grants under the Zika Response and Preparedness Act to the territorial health departments of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and U.S. Virgin Islands to address the unmet needs of women, children, and families who are or may be affected by Zika virus (ZIKV) infection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Intended Recipient of the Award:* Territorial health departments of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Amount of Non-Competitive Awards:* Approximately \$1,050,000.

*CFDA Number:* 93.110.

*Authority:* Zika Response and Preparedness Act (Pub. L. 114–223) and Section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701(a)(2)).

*Justification:* The current spread of ZIKV poses a significant threat to public health, including the health of women, children, and families who are affected by ZIKV infection. ZIKV infection during pregnancy can cause serious birth defects, especially affecting the neurological system of the infant.

Funding for these awards is available under the Zika Response and

Preparedness Act through Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) funds.

The needs of infants and children affected by ZIKV are complex. Families, health care providers, and public health professionals will be required to work together to assure that community-based, comprehensive, high quality health and social services are available to these children. The support system must address the medical needs of these children, such as regularly screening children who may not be symptomatic at birth; coordinate care through a medical home; finance care needed by children and families; link to community-based services; partner with families; and eventually address transition to adult services. Following HRSA’s December 2016 grant awards to the territorial health departments of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and U.S. Virgin Islands, recipients continued to identify pregnant women and infants with lab evidence of ZIKV infection that led them to refine their response to ZIKV. HRSA’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) received information from the territorial health departments of unmet needs in their response to ZIKV through monitoring

site visits, regular communication, and prior approval requests. Needs identified by recipients included additional equipment, personnel, and transportation services. With further analysis of other federal funding and the current epidemiologic data, MCHB confirmed additional funding is essential to ensure access to services and a comprehensive medical home for women, children, and families who are or may be affected by ZIKV infection. Disease burden and the significant increase in pregnant women and children with lab evidence of ZIKV infection in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands was also considered as a factor in determining the allocation of funds to the territories to address unmet needs. The period of performance of the supplemental award will be September 2017 through December 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Grantee/organization name	Territory	FY 2017 supplemental awards
Puerto Rico Health Department .....	Puerto Rico .....	\$52,850
American Samoa Health Department .....	American Samoa .....	423,142
U.S. Virgin Islands Health Department .....	U.S. Virgin Islands .....	574,008

Dated: August 18, 2017.

**George Sigounas,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Program Deeming Applications for Health Center Volunteer Health Professionals, OMB No. 0906–XXXX, New**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR must be received no later than September 25, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, including the ICR Title, to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202–395–5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call (301) 443–1984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference, in compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Program Deeming Applications for Health Center Volunteer Health Professionals OMB No. 0906–XXXX—New.

*Abstract:* Section 224(q) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 233(q)), as amended, authorizes the “deeming” of certain individuals as PHS employees for the purposes of receiving Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) coverage. Section 224(q) relates to volunteer health professionals (VHPs) of Health Center Program grantees that have been deemed as PHS employees. The Health Center FTCA Program is administered by HRSA’s Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC). Sponsoring health centers are required

by law to submit deeming applications in the specified form and manner on behalf of named individuals for review and approval, resulting in a “deeming determination” that includes associated FTCA coverage for these individuals.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Deeming applications must address certain specified criteria required by law in order for deeming determinations to be issued, and FTCA application forms are critical to BPHC’s deeming determination process. These forms provide BPHC with the information essential for application evaluation and determination of whether an individual meets the requirements for deemed PHS employee status for the purposes of FTCA

coverage. Because the 21st Century Cures Act extended FTCA coverage to VHPs, BPHC will add new FTCA application forms for use by health centers applying to sponsor volunteers to become volunteer health professionals with associated FTCA coverage for their activities within the scope of deemed employment on behalf of the health center.

*Likely Respondents:* Respondents include Health Center Program funds recipients seeking deemed PHS employee status on behalf of their sponsored individuals for purposes of FTCA coverage.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain,

disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
FTCA Health Center Volunteer Health Professional Program Application .....	1375	3	4125	2	8250
Total .....	1375	.....	4125	.....	8250

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Amy McNulty,**  
Acting Director, Division of the Executive Secretariat.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Institute of Allergy And Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial

property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel NIAID Peer Review Meeting.

*Date:* September 18-19, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* The William F. Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, MD 20854.

*Contact Person:* Julio Aliberti, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, DEA/NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC-9823, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-761-7322, [alibertijc@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:alibertijc@niaid.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01).

*Date:* September 27, 2017.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Raymond R. Schleaf, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room 3E61, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Bethesda, MD 20892-9823, (240) 669-5019, [schleafrr@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:schleafrr@niaid.nih.gov).

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Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Natasha Copeland,**  
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings**

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*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel SEER Program.