

objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a PHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement directly addresses national objectives related to the priority areas of Family Planning and Educational and Community-Based Programs. Changes in the teen sexual behaviors will also have a positive impact on the achievement of HIV Infection and Sexually Transmitted Diseases national objectives. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section **Where To Obtain Additional Information.**)

Authority

This program is authorized under Section 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(2)]. Applicable program regulations are found in 42 CFR Part 51b—Project Grants for Preventive Health Services.

Smoke-Free Workplace

PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, which prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by "Hub" organizations which are local public and nonprofit private social service, professional, or voluntary organizations that serve youth; and among others may include local affiliates of national organizations, hospitals, or local health, education, social service, mental health, or other local public service agencies, including local councils of Indian Tribes.

Eligible "Hub" organizations must have the following characteristics:

1. Serve communities (1) of at least 200,000 people and have (2) teen birth rates that are at least 50 percent above the national average of 62.1 births per 1,000 women 15-19 years of age—that is, communities that have birth rates of 93 births per 1000 among women who are 15-19 years of age, or higher. These data must be documented by a letter from the local health department that is attached with the Executive Summary section of the application.

2. The eligible "Hub" organization must be the lead organization for an existing teen pregnancy prevention community coalition of three or more private nonprofit and/or local public

organizations. The applicant must provide copies of formal agreements that document a history of collaboration to provide services, assistance, and opportunities to teens who live, study, and/or work in the community for the purpose of preventing initial and repeat pregnancies. (Copies of the formal agreements must be attached with the Executive Summary.)

3. A community is a specific area within which the "hub" organization and its partners will focus their efforts to help prevent teen pregnancies. This area must be defined by one or more contiguous neighborhoods, school districts, zip codes, or census tracts. The definition and/or description of the community must be provided with the Executive Summary section.

4. Eligibility characteristics must be clearly specified in the Executive Summary section of the application.

Availability of Funds

\$3.25 million to \$4.5 million is available in FY 1995 to fund approximately 12 demonstration projects for the development of Community Coalition Partnerships. It is expected that the average award will be \$270,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000. It is expected the awards will begin on or about September 30, 1995, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 2 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

Funds may be used to facilitate the strengthening and expansion of existing partnership coalitions; the planning and coordination of coalition program activities; and the documentation and evaluation of progress. This may include paying for staff time. Funds may not be used for facilities, direct services, or research.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds. CDC anticipates a new, competitive program announcement for the availability of funds during FY 1997 to support the implementation of community coalition partnership programs for the prevention of teen pregnancy.

Purpose

These cooperative agreement awards are to support the efforts of "hub" organizations to enhance their capacity to strengthen and evaluate the effectiveness of coalition partnership programs; and, to develop "Community Action Plans" for the implementation of comprehensive community programs for the prevention of initial and repeat teen pregnancies and related problems.

Program Requirements

"Hub" organizations should seek to involve all relevant organizations in the community to work in partnership to prevent teen pregnancies. The community coalition partnership program should seek to reach the greatest proportion of teens within the community, giving emphasis to those teens who are in high risk situations. "Hub" organizations are encouraged, to the extent that it is feasible and desirable within their communities, to establish linkages, and to work in concert with existing community-based efforts funded by the Federal government or others to prevent HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and first and repeat pregnancies among teenagers, as a means to strengthen the program to prevent teen pregnancy.

"Hub" organizations will work with current and/or new partner organizations to enhance the effectiveness of their teen pregnancy prevention efforts, and to increase the number of teens reached. Programs will involve teens in community service, job skills development, and other opportunities that build their self-esteem, self-sufficiency, and belief in themselves and their futures. In so doing, programs should strive to provide teens who are not yet sexually experienced with a strong incentive to remain abstinent, and teens who are sexually experienced with a strong incentive to delay pregnancies and childbearing until they are ready and able to assume the role and responsibilities of parents. For those teens who are sexually active, programs will promote the consistent and effective use of appropriate contraceptives, and will facilitate family planning counseling and services.

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

A. Recipient Activities

The "hub" organization will coordinate the efforts of coalition members and facilitate the development of partnerships among members in support of the community teen pregnancy prevention program. During the first year, each "hub" organization, will work with partner organizations and involve teens in a meaningful way, to:

1. Plan for the implementation of the general approach described above by:
 - a. Conducting a needs assessment to determine (1) the numbers and rates of