

2. Make available other information and technical assistance from government sources, as appropriate.

3. Provide liaison with other government agencies, as appropriate.

4. Provide technical assistance on individual analytic and research projects, including those conducted by sub-grantees, as appropriate.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will undergo an initial peer review evaluation according to the following criteria:

1. The likelihood that new knowledge gained will subsequently contribute to improvement of the ability of the scientific community to identify and meet the data needs of the future. Factors to be considered include: uniqueness of the project objectives and their consistency with program priorities; and the generalizability of the project findings. (25 points)

2. Understanding the technical and substantive issues and the research priorities the project proposes to address; clarity, feasibility, and practicality of the goals and objectives of the project as well as the plan to meet them. (20 points)

3. Soundness, practicality, and feasibility of the technical approach to the work, including how the tasks are to be carried out, anticipated problems and proposed solutions; conformance with accepted scientific standards, principles and techniques; and the feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed evaluation plan and mechanism. (20 points)

4. Substantial involvement of community-based organizations and indigenous populations in the research project; links to existing research networks and infrastructures at the local, State and/or national level. (20 points)

5. Capabilities of the proposed investigators, including qualifications, relevant experience in the content and execution of the proposed project, and adequacy of project management to keep project on track and on schedule. (15 points)

A second-level program review will be conducted by senior Federal staff on applications referred from the initial review. All referred applications will be evaluated on an individual basis according to the criteria below:

1. The results of the objective review.

2. Balance in addressing the various racial and ethnic groups and geographic areas.

3. Non-duplication of currently-supported research activities.

4. Generalizability and comparability of research results.

5. Match with available technical assistance.

6. Impact on program budget. Awards will be made based on merit and priority score ranking by the peer review, program review by senior Federal staff, and the availability of funds.

Executive Order 12372 Review

This program is not subject to the Executive Order 12372 review.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Other Requirements

Paperwork Reduction Act

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Human Subjects

If the proposed project involves research on human subjects, the applicant must comply with the Department of Health and Human Services' Regulations, 45 CFR Part 46, regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurance must be provided to demonstrate that the project will be subject to initial and continuing review by an appropriate institutional review committee. In addition to other applicable committees, Indian Health Services (IHS) institutional review committees also must review the project if any component of IHS will be involved or will support the research. If any American Indian community is involved, its tribal government must also approve that portion of the project applicable to it. The applicant will be responsible for providing assurance in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and form provided in the application kit.

Letters of Intent

Although it is not a prerequisite to apply, potential applicants are encouraged to submit a non-binding letter of intent to the Grants Management Officer (whose address is given in the section titled "Application Submission and Deadline"). It should be postmarked on or before August 15,

1995. The letter should include a brief summary of the research proposal and the names and addresses of the principal investigators. This letter does not influence review or funding decisions. Rather, it enables CDC to effectively plan for the review.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and five copies of the application PHS form 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) or PHS form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Henry S. Cassell, III, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-16, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, on or before August 31, 1995. (Note: local governments may use PHS form 5161-1; however, PHS form 398 is preferred. If using PHS form 5161-1, submit an original and two copies to the address stated above.)

1. *Deadline:* Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the objective review group.

(Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. *Late Applications:* Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.(a) or 1.(b) above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered in the current competition and will be returned to the applicant.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

A complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package and business management assistance may be obtained from: David Elswick, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, telephone (404)842-6521.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Audrey L. Burwell, Grants Coordinator, National Center for Health Statistics, Room 1100, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301)436-