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AMOUNT AND DURATION OF GRANT

AWARDS: Individual grant awards under this notice will be limited to a total amount of \$300,000 (direct and indirect costs) per year. Applications for smaller amounts are encouraged. Applicants may propose project periods for up to three years, but the duration of projects is contingent upon the availability of funds. It is expected that the average grant award will be approximately \$180,000 for the first year. However, applicants are advised that continued funding of grants beyond the one year period covered by this announcement is contingent upon the appropriation of funds for the program and assessment of grantee performance. No project will be supported for more than three years.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications for the program must be received by the close of business on March 15, 1996. Completed applications must be sent to The Grants Management Officer, c/o Global Exchange, Inc., 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 400, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants must obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service in lieu of a postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Late applications will be returned to the sender.

The standard application form and general instructions for completing applications (Form PHS-5161-1, OMB #0937-0189) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget. To receive an application kit, contact The Grants Management Office, c/o Global Exchange, Inc., 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 400, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or, in the contiguous U.S., call 1-800/784-0345. Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Compact of Free Association Jurisdictions of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia should call 301/656-3100 COLLECT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information or technical assistance regarding business, budget, or financial issues should be directed to the Office of Grants Management, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources

and Services Administration, 4350 East West Highway, 11th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, 301/594-4260.

Requests for technical or programmatic information on this announcement should be directed to Eileen Holloran, Office of Rural Health Policy, Room 9-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-0835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Eligible Applicants

The grant recipient must be a nonprofit or public entity which meets one of the three requirements stated below.

(1) The applicant's central administrative headquarters where the grant will be managed is not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. A list of the cities and counties that are designated as Metropolitan Statistical Areas is included in the application kit. If your organization's central administrative headquarters is located in one of these areas, you are not eligible for the program unless you meet one of the other two criteria listed below.

(2) Some Metropolitan Statistical Areas on the list are extremely large. We have divided these areas into rural and urban census tracts. Appendix I provides a list of these Metropolitan Statistical Areas and the rural census tracts in each area. If your central administrative headquarters is located within one of these census tracts, you are eligible for the program.

(IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS CRITERION, YOU MUST LIST YOUR COUNTY AND CENSUS TRACT UNDER ITEM #8 ON THE FACE PAGE OF THE APPLICATION OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED. If you do not know your census tract, Appendix II provides the telephone numbers for regional offices of the Census Bureau. You should call the appropriate office to determine your census tract.)

(3) Your organization is constituted exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers in rural areas and is supported under Section 329 of the Public Health Service Act. These organizations are eligible regardless of the urban or rural location of their administrative headquarters.

In addition to meeting one of the above criteria, the applicant must be capable of receiving the grant funds directly and must have the capability to manage the project. This means that the applicant organization must be able to exercise administrative and program

direction over the grant project; must be responsible for hiring and managing the project staff; must have the administrative and accounting capabilities to manage the grant funds; and must have some permanent staff at the time a grant award is made. Further, the applicant organization must have an Employer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service at the time of the grant award and other proof of organizational viability that may be requested by the Grants Management Office.

Applicants from the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territories of the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Compact of Free Association Jurisdictions of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply.

Applications from organizations that do not meet one of the three requirements described above will not be reviewed.

Current Rural Health Services Outreach grantees who are in the last year of their projects may not reapply for funds to support the same project. Any new proposal they submit must have a different focus from the project that is currently being funded.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the program is to support projects that demonstrate new and innovative models of outreach and health care services delivery in rural areas that lack basic health services. Grants will be awarded either for the direct provision of health services to rural populations that are not currently receiving them, or to enable access to and utilization of existing services.

Applicants may propose projects to address the needs of a wide range of rural population groups, including the poor, the elderly, the disabled, pregnant women, infants, adolescents, rural minority populations, and rural populations with special health care needs. Projects should be responsive to the special cultural and linguistic needs of specific populations.

A central goal of the demonstration program is to develop new and innovative models for more effective integration and coordination of health services in rural areas. It is hoped that some of these models will prove significant in solving rural health problems throughout the country. In order to better integrate the provision of health services in rural areas, participation in the program requires