MCH Federal Set-Aside Competitive Research and Training Grants Anticipated Deadline, Award, Funding, and Project Period Information, by Category; FY 1995

Category	Application deadline	Estimated number of awards	Estimated amounts available	Project period
Grants in the following areas:  1. Research	Cycle 1: 3/1/95* Cycle 2: 8/1/95*		\$1.0 million	up to 5 years.
Long Term Training:     2.1. Pediatric Pulmonary Centers		up to 9 up to 30 up to 8	\$1.5 million \$18 million \$400,000	up to 5 years. up to 5 years. 1–3 years.

<sup>\*</sup> Approximately one-half of the available funds are allocated to each cycle. Applications approved but not funded in one cycle are automatically carried forward to the next.

Applications will be considered to have met 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 should request a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service, or obtain a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Late applications or those sent to an address other than specified in the ADDRESS section will be returned to the applicant.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for technical or programmatic information should be directed to the contact persons identified below for each category covered by this notice. Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to: Dorothy M. Kelley, Acting Grants Management Officer (GMO), Maternal and Child Health Bureau, at the address specified in the ADDRESS section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To facilitate the use of this announcement, information in this section has been organized, as outlined in the Table of Contents below, into a discussion of: Program Background, Special Concerns, Overall Review Criteria, SPRANS Program, and Eligible Applicants. In addition, for each research and training funding category or subcategory, information is presented under the following headings:

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## 1. Program Background and Objectives

Under Section 502 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, 12.75 percent of amounts appropriated for the MCH Block Grant in excess of \$600 million are set aside by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for special Community Integrated Service Systems projects under Section 501(a)(3) of the Act. Of the remainder of the total appropriation, 15 percent of the funds are to be retained by the Secretary to support (through grants, contracts, or otherwise) special projects of regional and national significance, research, and training with respect to maternal and child health and children with special health care needs (including early intervention training and services development); for genetic disease testing, counseling, and information development and dissemination programs; for grants (including funding for comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic treatment centers) relating to hemophilia without regard to age; and for the screening of newborns for sickle cell anemia, and other genetic disorders and follow-up services. The MCH SPRANS set-aside was established in 1981. Support for projects covered by this announcement will come from the SPRANS set-aside. Availability of FY 1995 funds for MCH research and training grants is being announced

separately from other SPRANS grants this year in order to reduce confusion to potential applicants from announcement of grants in very large numbers of SPRANS categories and subcategories. The research and training grants covered in this notice are intended to improve the health status of mothers and children.

Research programs focus on the development of new knowledge for application in health care promotion and prevention efforts directed at pregnant women, women of childbearing age, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs and their families. Findings are expected to have potential for application in health care delivery programs for mothers and children.

Training programs focus on development of professionals for leadership roles, in combination with advanced professional preparation. Training is intended to accomplish the dual objectives of developing high levels of clinical competence and developing leadership attributes which extend beyond clinical acumen and skills. To achieve the latter objective, emphasis is placed on those curriculum and practicum areas which relate to: populations as well as individuals; systems of care as well as specific services; community-based services as well as institution-based; program administration in addition to clinical expertise; public policy in addition to practice policy; and research in addition to putting new knowledge into practice. In addition, leadership training emphasizes cultural and linguistic competence in serving the end user; trainees, however, are not end users. With an understanding of and appreciation for these broader issues and aspects of health care, professionals are more adequately prepared to deliver care and to provide leadership in advancing the field to better serve mothers and children.