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The following subcategories have been identified for competition in FY 1995 under the MCH long term training program:

4.2.1. Pediatric Pulmonary Centers

- Application Deadline: April 3, 1995.
- Purpose: To support the development, enhancement, or improvement of community-based care for children with chronic respiratory diseases and their families in a wide geographic area by providing interdisciplinary training of a range of professional personnel and by working with State and local health agencies and providers—public, private, or voluntary. The centers are expected to be models of excellence in training, service and research related to chronic respiratory diseases in infants and children.
- Special Qualifications: Applicant qualifications include meeting the special requirements for Training Programs in Pediatric Pulmonology of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee.
- Grants/Amounts: About \$1.5 million will be available to support up to 6 new or competing renewal projects in this subcategory. Grant awards average \$250,000 for one year. Project periods are up to five years.
- Contact: For programmatic and technical information, contact Elizabeth Brannon, M.S., R.D., telephone 301 443–2190
- 4.2.2. MCH Interdisciplinary Leadership Education/Training in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities
- Application Deadline: April 3, 1995.
- Purpose: To support and strengthen MCH programs through long term training of a wide range of health professionals at the graduate and postgraduate levels, with a special focus on family-centered, community-based care. The programs are designed to develop leadership personnel to provide for comprehensive health, including health promotion and disease prevention, and related services to children (infants through adolescents) with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental delays, developmental disabilities, mental retardation, or multiple systems disabilities, through interdisciplinary clinical training, and through provision of continuing education, technical assistance and consultation.
- Special Qualifications: Universities with an accredited medical school

- which has defined working relationships/agreements with academic (i.e., degree granting) schools or departments providing graduate training in all requisite core disciplines identified in the program elements and requirements for this category. Such agreements may be either with components of the applicant institution or with one or more other institutions of higher learning through formal affiliation agreements. Although multiple institutions and programs may, and are encouraged to participate, the application must be submitted by the university at which the major medical and other health profession schools/ departments are located. All training components must have their primary locus in, or proximal to, the applicant institution.
- Grants/Amounts: Approximately \$18 million will be available to support up to 30 new or competing renewal projects in this subcategory. Grant award amounts will vary depending upon budget requirements. Project periods are up to 5 years.
- Contact: For programmatic and technical information, contact Elizabeth Brannon, M.S., R.D., telephone 301 443–2190.

4.3. Continuing Education

- Application Deadline: July 3, 1995.
- Purpose: To support and strengthen MCH programs and improve MCH systems of care through short term, non-degree related training of health professionals and others providing health and related services for mothers and children; workshops; seminars; institutes; and other related activities intended to develop or improve standards, practices, curriculum or delivery of health care for the MCH population. Continuing Education grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning.
- Priorities: Priority for funding in this category will be given to continuing education projects in the following areas:
- —Emergency Medical Services for Children.
- —Violence Prevention in Schools.
- —Core Public Health.
- Grants/Amounts: Approximately \$400,000 will be available to support up to 8 new or competing renewal continuing education training projects. Project periods range from 1 to 3 years.
- Contact: For programmatic or technical information, contact Stephanie Bryn, M.P.H., telephone: 301 443–2190.

The categories, priorities, special considerations and preferences

described above are not being proposed for public comment this year. In July 1993, following publication of the Department's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to revise the MCH special project grant regulations at 42 CFR 51a, the public was invited for a 60-day period to submit comments regarding all aspects of the SPRANS application and review process. Public comments regarding SPRANS priorities received during the comment period were considered in developing this announcement. In responding to those comments, the Department noted the practical limits on Secretarial discretion in establishing SPRANS categories and priorities owing to the extensive prescription in both the statute and annual Congressional directives.

Comments on this SPRANS notice which members of the public wish to make are welcome at any time and may be submitted to: Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, at the address listed in the ADDRESS section.

Suggestions will be considered when priorities are developed for the next solicitation.

5. Eligible Applicants

In general, MCH training grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning. Research grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning and public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in research in maternal and child health or programs for CSHCN. As noted above, applicants for certain grant categories or subcategories are expected to have additional qualifications.

6. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937–0195). Under these requirements, the community-based nongovernmental applicant must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS). The PHSIS is intended to provide information to State and local health officials to keep them apprised of proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental applicants are required to submit the following information to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date: