

applicants should take care to ensure that all criteria are fully addressed in the applications. Grant applications will be reviewed as follows:

1. *Goals, Objectives, and Potential Usefulness of the Analyses* (25 points). The potential usefulness of the objectives and how the anticipated results of the proposed project will fill critical gaps in knowledge around welfare related outcomes that cannot be answered with existing data. Applications will be judged on the quality and policy relevance of the proposed research questions, appropriateness of study populations, and the usefulness of the analyses.

2. *Quality and Soundness of Research Design* (35 points). The appropriateness, soundness, and cost-effectiveness of the proposed research design, including data gathering techniques, selection of existing data sets, definition of study populations, statistical techniques and type of results that are anticipated. In particular, the applicant should address the following, as described under the section on Application Preparation.

(a) The applicant must describe the existing survey and/or linked administrative data effort around welfare outcomes or the low-income population on which the proposed enhancements will build, including a description of why the current effort cannot fully answer the research questions posed above.

(b) The applicant should describe in detail the data enhancement being proposed with respect to welfare outcomes research, how it would build on the existing data collection efforts to answer the research questions proposed in the application, and how such enhancements to data collection would be implemented. There is a preference for enhancements to survey data, but enhancements to linked administrative data that are significant and innovative will be considered.

(c) The applicant should also describe their proposed data analysis, including the proposed tabulations and table shells and the planned organization of the final report. Applicant should plan to include in their final results a tabulation showing the basic characteristics of sample members who were not included in the final analysis, including any available outcome measures, and should discuss any implications regarding the representativeness of their data.

(d) To the extent that the analysis uses data on individuals from multiple, separate sources, such as administrative databases from several State agencies, the reviewers will also evaluate whether the applicant has adequately discussed

measures taken to maintain confidentiality.

3. *Qualifications of Personnel and Organizational Capability*. (20 points). The qualifications of the project personnel for conducting the proposed research as evidenced by professional training and experience, and the capacity of the organization to provide the infrastructure and support necessary for the project. This should include providing resumes or curriculum vitae for key staff members and demonstrating access to data, computer hardware to store the data and software to analyze the data, as described above under Application Preparation.

4. *Ability of the Work Plan and Budget to Successfully Achieve the Project's Objectives*. (20 points). Reviewers will examine (a) if the work plan and budget are reasonable and sufficient to ensure timely completion of the study; (b) whether the application demonstrates an adequate level of understanding regarding the practical problems of conducting such a project; (c) the use of any additional funding and the role that ASPE funds would play in the total project; (d) whether the applicant has shown how results will be disseminated and resulting data will be made available to ASPE and qualified researchers. The preparation and documentation of a public use data file, or other efforts to make the resulting data publically available should be accounted for in the project budget.

Disposition of Applications

1. *Approval, disapproval, or deferral*. On the basis of the review of the application, the Assistant Secretary will either (a) approve the application as a whole or in part; (b) disapprove the application; or (c) defer action on the application for such reasons as lack of funds or a need for further review.

2. *Notification of disposition*. The Grant Officer will notify the applicants of the disposition of their applications. If approved, a signed notification of the award will be sent to the business office named in the ASPE checklist.

3. *The Assistant Secretary's Discretion*. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as to obligate the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation to make any awards whatsoever. Awards are contingent on the needs of the policy and research communities as identified by the Department at any point in time, and on the quality of the applications that are received.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93-239.

Components of a Complete Application

A complete application consists of the following items in this order:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424);

2. Budget Information—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424A);

3. Assurances—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424B);

4. Table of Contents;

5. Budget Justification for Section B Budget Categories;

6. Proof of Non-profit Status, if appropriate;

7. Copy of the applicant's Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if necessary;

8. Project Narrative Statement, organized in five sections, addressing the following topics (limited to twenty (25) single-spaced pages):

(a) Abstract,

(b) Goals, Objectives and Usefulness of the Project,

(c) Research Design,

(d) Background of the Personnel and Organizational Capabilities and

(e) Work plan (timetable);

9. Any appendices or attachments;

10. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace;

11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, or other Responsibility Matters;

12. Certification and, if necessary, Disclosure Regarding Lobbying;

13. Supplement to Section II—Key Personnel;

14. Application for Federal Assistance Checklist.

Dated: April 10, 2000.

Ann M. Segal,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for Policy Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation all authorities under Section 2108(c) of Title XXI of the Social Security Act, titled "Federal Evaluation of State Children's Health Insurance Program," as amended hereafter. These authorities shall be implemented in consultation with the Health Care Financing Administration, the Health Resources and Services

Administration, and other relevant components within the Department.

These delegations shall be exercised under the Department's existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations. In addition, I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by you or your subordinates that involved the exercise of the authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This delegation is effective immediately.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 00089]

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Center Cooperative Agreement; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2000 funds for a cooperative agreement program to fund a Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Center (PRC) at the University of Kentucky. CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2010," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the focus area of Educational and Community-Based Programs. For the conference copy of "Healthy People 2010", visit the internet site <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>. The purpose of the program is to support health promotion and disease prevention research that focuses on the major causes of death and disability and promote health practices that lead to more effective State and local programs.

Note: Background and CDC program objectives are provided in Attachment 1.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the University of Kentucky, School of Medicine. No other applications are solicited.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$525,000 is available in FY 2000 to fund a Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Center in Kentucky. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 2000, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Direct Assistance

You may request Federal personnel, equipment, or supplies as direct assistance, in lieu of a portion of financial assistance (see Application Content).

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities under 2. (CDC Activities).

1. Recipient Activities

a. Select a research theme that will serve as a focus for Prevention Research activities for Appalachia.

b. Develop the administrative structure and recruit staff to implement a Prevention Research Center plan.

c. Conduct and evaluate a demonstration project in health promotion and disease prevention or preventive health services, within a defined community or special population. The project must reflect the needs of the community within the applicant's jurisdiction and show evidence of having used an appropriate planning process in determining project selection. Consistent with the discussion in the Background and CDC Program Objectives (See Attachment 1), the project should specify how the research project will heighten public health practice and advance research translation.

d. Establish an advisory committee to provide input on the major program activities. Membership may include but is not limited to a variety of local health-care providers, health and education agency officials, community leaders and organizers, and representatives of local businesses, churches, voluntary organizations, and consumers.

e. Establish collaborative activities with appropriate organizations, individuals, and State and local health departments.

f. Conduct applied community-based training in research methods to foster community involvement and build community capacity for participatory research. If appropriate, this training may include a distance-learning-based format.

g. Establish the capacity to implement and evaluate multi disciplinary, professional training programs in prevention research.

h. Establish a plan to ensure translation of results to appropriate constituencies.

2. CDC Activities

a. Collaborate as appropriate with the recipient in all stages of the project.

b. Provide programmatic and technical assistance.

c. Participate in improving program performance through consultation based on information and activities of other projects.

d. Provide scientific collaboration with grantee as necessary to meet program goals and objectives.

e. At the request of the applicant, assist with developing the curriculum, training, or conducting other specific necessary activities.

E. Application Content

Application

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. The application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out the program plan. The narrative must not exceed 90 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and 12" font, excluding appendixes and PHS Form 398. Appendixes must not exceed 25 pages and must be hard copy documents (*i.e.*, no audiovisual materials, posters, etc.).

1. Research Theme

Identify a research theme and describe activities designed to focus on the theme that will result in innovative approaches to prevention research. Clearly identify the need of the partner community in Appalachia, and describe the PRC's experience working with communities on the identified research theme. The applicant may wish to refer to products from the Task Force Community Preventive Services when considering their research theme. (For detailed information, visit the *Guide to Community Preventive Services* on the Web at <http://web.health.gov/communityguide>). Examples of research themes from current Research Prevention Centers include: