

surveillance and related activities along the Texas-Mexico border, focusing on infectious diseases and conditions that are important in the region.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB-G). No other applications are solicited. Eligibility is limited to UTMB-G because fiscal year 2001 Federal appropriations specifically directs CDC to award this applicant funds to conduct a project to monitor infectious diseases along the Texas-Mexico border.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code, Chapter 26, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$961,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund the award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about August 1, 2001, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of one year. The funding estimate may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements can be found on the CDC home page Internet address—<http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on “Funding” then “Grants and Cooperative Agreements.”

To obtain business management technical assistance, contact: Merlin Williams, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: (770) 488-2765, Email address: mqw6@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Greg Jones, M.P.A., Office of the Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop C-12, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: (404) 639-4180, Email address: gjj1@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Future Vaccines, Subcommittee on Immunization Coverage, and Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety and Communication Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Federal advisory committee meetings.

Name: National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC).

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.–2:15 p.m., June 5, 2001.

8:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m., June 6, 2001.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey Building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card should plan to arrive at the building each day either between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Entrance to the meeting at other times during the day cannot be assured.

Purpose: This committee advises and makes recommendations to the Director of the National Vaccine Program on matters related to the Program responsibilities.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include: a report from the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) and the Interagency Vaccine Workgroup; a report from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health; Pediatric and Adult Immunization Standards Action: Approval; discussions on Autism and Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR); Vaccine Safety and Communication Subcommittee report; Immunization Coverage Subcommittee report; Future Vaccines Subcommittee report; update on the Vaccine Supply Workgroup; an update on the Pandemic Plan; a report on the Polio Laboratory Containment Workgroup; reports from Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines/Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Vaccine Related Biological Products Advisory Committee/Food and Drug Administration, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices/National Immunization Program/National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Name: Subcommittee on Future Vaccines.

Time and Date: 2:15 p.m.–5 p.m., June 5, 2001.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 305A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee develops policy options and guides national activities that lead to accelerated development, licensure, and the best use of new vaccines in the simplest possible immunization schedules.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include plans for the September 5–6, meeting on rotavirus and intussusception; position paper based on the CMV Workshop; Stability of the vaccine supply—where do new vaccines fit in; and a discussion of topic for 2002 Workshop.

Name: Subcommittee on Immunization Coverage.

Time and Date: 2:15 p.m.–5 p.m., June 5, 2001.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 325A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee will identify and propose solutions that provide a multifaceted and holistic approach to reducing barriers that result in low immunization coverage for children.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include discussions on Immunization Among Prison Populations; A report on the Introduction of New Vaccines Workgroup; discussions on Influenza Supply Issues; an update on the Mandatory Immunization Guidelines Workgroup; discussion of Td/DTaP Supply Issues; an IOM Report: Calling the Shots; an update on Registry Issues and Unmet Needs Priority Setting.

Name: Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety and Communication.

Time and Date: 2 p.m.–5 p.m., June 5, 2001.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee reviews issues relevant to vaccine safety and adverse reactions to vaccines.

Matters to be Discussed: Review of the agenda; review of National Infant Immunization Week; discussion on strengthening the vaccine supply; follow-up to the “Workshop on Vaccine Communications”; review of the IOM report on MMR Vaccine and Autism, discussion of the process for suggesting and selecting immunization safety issues for review by the IOM in 2002; public comment on immunization safety issues for review in 2002; and committee discussion.

Special Note: The Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety and Communications will provide a forum for input from the public regarding potential issues and topics for review in 2002 by the IOM’s Immunization Safety Review Committee. This will be the first opportunity for the public to provide comments on the hypotheses that are being considered for future review.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Gloria Sagar, Committee Management Specialist, NVPO, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road,

NE, M/S D-66, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/687-6672.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF-CCB-2201-04]

Child Care Policy Research Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications for Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects, Child Care Research Scholars, and State Child Care Data and Research Capacity Projects.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this program announcement is to announce the availability of \$3.7 million in fiscal year 2001 funds for child care research, demonstration, and evaluation activities. Grants will be funded in the following three priority areas: (1) Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects; (2) Child Care Research Scholars; and (3) State Child Care Data and Research Capacity Projects. Universities and colleges, public agencies, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations agreeing to waive their fees are invited to submit applications for Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects. Accredited universities and colleges may submit a Child Care Research Scholar application on behalf of a doctoral student conducting dissertation research on a child care policy topic. Child Care and Development Fund Lead Agencies seeking to improve their capacity for data analysis and policy-relevant research are invited to submit applications for the State Child Care Data and Research Capacity Projects.

Projects funded under each of the priority areas are expected to address critical questions with implications for children and families, especially low-income working families and families transitioning off welfare. In addition, projects will contribute to a comprehensive research agenda designed to increase the capacity for child care research at the national, State, and local levels and promote better linkages among research, policy, practice, and outcomes for children and families.

Statutory authority: The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 as amended (CCDBG Act); section 418 of the Social Security Act; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (P.L. 106-554).

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is June 28, 2001. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

Note: The full announcement, including all the Standard Federal Forms can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb> or by contacting ACYF's Operations Center at 1-800-351-2293. For each priority area, the required Standard Federal Forms are identified under "Project Description and Application Requirements."

Notice of Intent to Submit Application: If you intend to submit an application, please contact ACYF's Operations Center at 1-800-351-2293 with the number and title of this announcement; your organization's name and address; and your contact person's name, phone number, fax number, and Email address. The information will be used to determine the number of expert reviewers need to evaluate applications and to update the mailing list for program announcements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the application process contact ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, Phone: 800-351-2293. For program information contact Dr. Ivelisse Martinez-Beck, Policy Fellow, Administration for Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 2046, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Phone: 202-690-7885, Fax: 202-690-5600, Email: imartinezbeck@acf.dhhs.gov. or Dr. Patricia L. Divine, Program Specialist, Administration for Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 2046, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Phone: 202-690-6705, Fax: 202-690-5600, Email: pdvine@acf.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Priority Area 1: Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects

A. Number of Awards

Approximately 7-10 grants will be awarded during fiscal Year 2001, for an initial budget period of twelve months, subject to the availability of funds and results of the evaluation process.

B. Project Duration, Funding Levels and Budget Periods

This priority area is soliciting applications for project periods up to three years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period, although project periods may be for three years. Application for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period, but within the three year project period, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government. Significant findings by the end of the first budget period will be necessary to demonstrate satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee.

Funding for Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects will range between \$150,000 and \$250,000 for the first budget period and up to \$200,000 per year (12 months) in subsequent periods.

C. Federal State

To maximize the Federal investment in Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects and in the interest of project sustainability, a financial commitment by the applicant organization (or other participating entities) is required. The Grantee must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost is the sum of the Federal share and the non-Federal share. Therefore, a project requesting \$250,000 for the first budget period must include a match of at least \$62,500. A project receiving the maximum total of \$650,000 for the three-year project period must include a match of at least \$162,500 for the three-year project period. Applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. However, the non-Federal share may also be in-kind contributions of staff time, employee benefits, facilities, utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or other forms of project support. Grantees will be held accountable for the commitment of non-Federal resources and failure to provide the required amount will result in