

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Notice of Grant Award with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary, for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) announces the award of a grant in the amount of \$782,000 for the period of April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001 to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in support of the SIUE Institute for Urban Research. This project was earmarked in the FY 2001 Policy Research Appropriation.

For more information contact Mrs. Adrienne D.B. Little, Grant Management Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 405F, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

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Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation****Notice Inviting Applications for Enhancements of Welfare Outcomes Research for Fiscal Year 2000**

AGENCY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications from States and large counties that propose to enhance current research and monitoring efforts regarding key outcomes related to welfare reform.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) announces the availability of funds and invites States and large counties to propose enhancements to existing welfare outcome data collection efforts. ASPE anticipates that approximately four to six States or large counties will receive funding. ASPE is interested in funding only those applicants who propose enhancements that fill knowledge gaps that can not be filled by their existing data collection

efforts. These knowledge gaps could pertain to populations who have had direct contact with the welfare system as well as other low-income populations that may be indirectly affected by welfare reform. Enhancements may focus on issues such as sample size, data collection period, content and depth of data, as well as validity and representativeness of data. Eligible applicants may include both States and counties that have previously received grants from ASPE to study welfare outcomes, as well as those who have not received funding from ASPE previously.

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for submitting abstracts under this announcement is June 1, 2000.

MAILING ADDRESS: Application instructions and forms should be requested from and submitted to: Adrienne Little, Grants Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 690-8794. Requests for forms and administrative questions will be accepted and responded to up to ten (10) working days prior to the closing date.

Copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may also be obtained electronically at the ASPE World Wide Web Page: <http://aspe.hhs.gov>, under the title "Funding." You may fax your request to the attention of the Grants Officer at (202) 690-6518. Applications may not be faxed or submitted electronically.

The printed **Federal Register** notice is the only official program announcement. Although reasonable efforts are taken to assure that the files on the ASPE World Wide Web Page containing electronic copies of this program announcement are accurate and complete, they are provided for information only. The applicant bears sole responsibility to assure that the copy downloaded and/or printed from any other source is accurate and complete.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant administrative questions should be directed to the Grants Officer at the address or phone number listed above. Technical/program questions should be directed to Kelleen Kaye, DHHS, ASPE, Room 404E, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201. Telephone: (202) 401-6634. Questions may be faxed to (202) 690-6562 or e-mailed to kkaye@osaspe.dhhs.gov. Technical questions will be accepted

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Part I***Legislative Authority*

This announcement is authorized by Section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310) and awards will be made from funds appropriated under the Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, 2000, by section 1000(a)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106-113).

Eligible Applicants

For studies of populations having direct contact with the TANF system, ASPE will consider applications only from State agencies that administer TANF programs, and county agencies that administer TANF programs and have total populations greater than 500,000. Additionally, for studies of welfare related outcomes among the low-income population more generally, other State agencies may apply and are encouraged to coordinate and/or consult with the TANF administrative agencies in preparing their proposal and undertaking their research. Consortia of States and counties are also encouraged to apply, as long as their combined total populations exceed 500,000 and a single agency is identified as the lead to handle grant funds and sub-granting. Public or private nonprofit organizations, including universities and other institutions of higher education, may collaborate with States in submitting an application, but the principal grantee will be the State or county. Private for-profit organizations may also apply jointly with States, with the recognition that grant funds may not be paid as profit to any recipient of a grant or subgrant. Eligible applications must build on existing survey data collection or administrative data linking capacity around welfare related outcomes and must propose significant enhancements beyond current efforts. Eligible applicants may include both States and counties that have previously received grants from ASPE to study welfare outcomes, as well as those who have not received funding from ASPE previously.

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Part 92 defines a State as: "Any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of a State exclusive of local governments. The term does not include