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Dated: October 17, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,  
Administrator.

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**Funding Notice for Grant Programs Funded Under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act for Fiscal Year 1996**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1996 grants funded under the authority of title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Nurse Education and Practice Improvement Amendments of 1992, title II of Public Law 102-408, Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, dated October 13, 1992. These grant programs include: Nursing Special Projects (section 820) Advanced Nurse Education Programs (section 821) Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (section 827) Professional Nurse Traineeships (section 830) Grants for Nurse Anesthetist (section 831)

No competitive grant cycles are planned in FY 1996 for the Nurse Practitioner/Nurse-Midwifery Programs

or for the Nurse Anesthetist Education Program.

This program announcement is subject to reauthorization of this legislative authority and to the appropriation of funds. Applicants are advised that this program announcement is a contingency action being taken to assure that should authority and funds become available for this purpose, awards can be made in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the program as well as to provide for even distribution of funds throughout the fiscal year. At this time, given a continuing resolution and the absence of FY 1996 appropriations for title VIII programs, the amount of available funding for these specific grant programs cannot be estimated.

Additional details concerning the administration of these programs have been published in the Federal Register at 59 FR 37764, dated July 25, 1994. You are encouraged to refer to this notice which includes the funding preferences and priorities for each of the programs.

The purpose and eligibility for the grant programs announced in this funding notice are listed below:

***Nursing Special Projects***

**Purpose:** Section 820(a) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to make grants for the purpose of assisting schools in increasing the number of students enrolled in programs of professional nursing.

Section 820(b) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to make grants for the establishment or expansion of nursing practice arrangements in noninstitutional settings to demonstrate methods to improve access to primary health care in medically underserved communities.

Section 820(c) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to make grants for the purpose of providing continuing education for nurses serving in medically underserved communities.

Section 820(d) of the PHS Act authorizes the Secretary to make grants for the purpose of providing fellowships to individuals who are employed by nursing facilities or home health agencies as nursing paraprofessionals.

The request for initial support may not exceed 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants for projects under section 820(a) are public and nonprofit private schools of nursing with programs of education in professional nursing. To receive support under 820(a) the school must agree to make available non-Federal contributions in an amount that is at least 10 percent of the project costs for the first fiscal year, at least 25 percent

of the project costs for the second fiscal year, at least 50 percent of the project costs for the third fiscal year, and at least 75 percent of the project costs for the fourth or fifth fiscal years.

Eligible applicants for projects under section 820(b) are public and nonprofit private schools of nursing. To receive support under 820(b) the program proposed must be operated and staffed by the faculty and students of the school and must be designed to provide at least 25 percent of the students of the school with a structured clinical experience in primary health care.

Eligible applicants for projects under section 820(c) are public and nonprofit private entities.

Eligible applicants for projects under section 820(d) are public and nonprofit private entities that operate accredited programs of education in professional nursing, or State-board approved programs of practical or vocational nursing. To receive support under 820(d), the applicant must agree that, in providing fellowships, preference will be given to eligible individuals who (A) are economically disadvantaged individuals, particularly such individuals who are members of a minority group that is underrepresented among registered nurses; or (B) are employed by a nursing facility that will assist in paying the costs or expenses. The applicant must also agree that the fellowships provided will pay all or part of the costs of (A) the tuition, books, and fees of the program of nursing with respect to which the fellowship is provided; and (B) reasonable living expenses of the individual during the period for which the fellowship is provided.

***Advanced Nurse Education Programs***

**Purpose:** Section 821 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes assistance to meet the costs of projects to: (1) Plan, develop and operate new programs, or (2) significantly expand existing programs leading to advanced degrees that prepare nurses to serve as nurse educators or public health nurses, or in other clinical nurse specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education. The period of Federal support should not exceed 3 years.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to receive a grant, a school must be a public or nonprofit private collegiate school of nursing and be located in a state.

***Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds***

**Purpose:** Section 827 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes grants to

increase opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue a nursing education. Students who may have an associate degree in nursing would be eligible to receive funding under this section if they are financially, educationally or culturally disadvantaged.

For purposes of Grants for Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, "an individual from a disadvantaged background" is one who: (1) Comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a school of nursing; or (2) comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and multiplied by a factor to be determined by the Secretary for adaptation to this program (42 CFR 57.2904).

The following income figures determine what constitutes a low income family for purposes of Grants for Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds for FY 1996.

Size of parents' family <sup>1</sup>	Income level <sup>2</sup>
1 .....	\$10,000
2 .....	12,900
3 .....	15,400
4 .....	19,700
5 .....	23,200
6 or more .....	26,100

<sup>1</sup> Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1994, rounded to \$100.

Grants may be awarded to eligible applicants to meet the costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds:

1. By identifying, recruiting and selecting such individuals;
2. By facilitating the entry of such individuals into schools of nursing;
3. By providing counseling or other services designed to assist such individuals to complete successfully their nursing education;
4. By providing, for a period prior to the entry of such individuals into the regular course of education at a school of nursing, preliminary education designed to assist them to complete successfully such regular course of education;
5. By paying such stipends as the Secretary may determine for such

individuals for any period of nursing education;

6. By publicizing, especially to licensed vocational or practical nurses, existing sources of financial aid available to persons enrolled in schools of nursing or who are undertaking training necessary to qualify them to enroll in such schools; and

7. By providing training, information or advice to the faculty of such schools with respect to encouraging such individuals to complete the programs of nursing education in which the individuals are enrolled.

The period of Federal support should not exceed 3 years.

Eligibility: Public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities are eligible for grant support.

*Professional Nurse Traineeships*

Purpose: Section 830 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes the Secretary to award grants to meet the cost of traineeships for individuals in advanced-degree programs in order to educate the individuals to serve in and prepare for practice as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse educators, public health nurses, or in other clinical nursing specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education. Federal support must be requested annually.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit entities which provide (1) advanced-degree programs to educate individuals as nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, nurse educators, public health nurses or as other clinical nursing specialists; or (2) nurse-midwifery certificate programs that conform to guidelines established by the Secretary under section 822(b).

Applicants must agree that:

- (a) In providing traineeships, the applicant will give preference to individuals who are residents of health professional shortage areas designated under section 332 of the Act;
- (b) The applicant will not provide a traineeship to an individual enrolled in a master's of nursing program unless the individual has completed basic nursing preparation, as determined by the applicant; and
- (c) Traineeships provided with the grant will pay all or part of the costs of the tuition, books, and fees of the program of nursing with respect to which the traineeship is provided and reasonable living expenses of the individual during the period for which the traineeship is provided.

*Grants for Nurse Anesthetists*

Purpose: Section 831 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes the Secretary to award grants to (1) cover the costs of traineeships for licensed registered nurses to become nurse anesthetists (traineeships); (2) cover the costs of projects to develop and operate, maintain or expand programs for the education of nurse anesthetists (education programs)—There Will Be No Competing Cycle in FY 1996 for the Education Program; and (3) provide financial assistance to certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) who are faculty members in accredited programs to enable such nurse anesthetists to obtain advanced education relevant to their teaching functions (faculty fellowships). For traineeship or faculty fellowship grants, applicants must compete for Federal support annually.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for Grants for Nurse Anesthetists are public or private nonprofit institutions which provide registered nurses with full-time nurse anesthetist training and are accredited by an entity or entities designated by the Secretary of Education.

*National Health Objectives for the Year 2000*

The Public Health Service urges applicants to submit work plans that address specific objectives of Healthy People 2000. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (Telephone 202-783-3238).

*Education and Service Linkage*

As part of its long-range planning, HRSA will be targeting its efforts to strengthening linkages between U.S. Public Health Service education programs and programs which provide comprehensive primary care services to the underserved.

*Smoke-Free Workplace*

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

### Application Availability

Application materials are available on the World Wide Web at address: <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/hrsa/>. Click on the file name you want to download to your computer. It will be saved as a self-extracting WordPerfect 5.1 file.

Applications can also be obtained from the Bureau of Health Professions (BHP) Electronic Bulletin Board. Use your computer and modem to call (301) 443-5913. Set your modem parameters to 2400 baud, parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1. Set your terminal emulation to ANSI or VT-100. After November 1, 1995, the BHP BBS will be able to accept phone speeds up to 28,000 bps.

You may also access the BHP Bulletin Board through the FedWorld Bulletin Board. Dial (703) 321-3339. If you have not used FedWorld before, then at the initial prompt, type NEW instead of your user ID. At the prompts, establish your first and last name, then your password. At the <Q> quit to prompt <N> scroll, RETURN to continue prompt, press the ENTER key.

At the There is mail in your mailbox, RETURN to continue prompt, press the ENTER key. The system will take you to the FedWorld mail menu. At the Please select an option from above and press <return>: prompt, enter U. This will take you to the Utilities and FedWorld Modules Menu.

At the Please select an option from above and press <return>: prompt, enter D. This will take you to the Gateway System Menu.

At the Please select an option from above and press <return>: prompt, enter D for Connect to Govt Sys/Database. At the Select a System # to connect, ? for entire Gateway list, or X to exit prompt, enter 111. You will then see the Establishing connection to BHP-BBS(HHS) \* \* \* message. Within 15 seconds, the system will log you into the BHP BBS.

If you need further help with the FedWorld gateway system, please contact their technical support on (703)

487-4608 weekdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Once you have accessed the BHP Bulletin Board, you will be asked for your first and last name. It will also ask you to choose a password. *Remember Your Password!* The first time you logon you "register" by answering a number of other questions. The next time you logon, BHP's Bulletin Board will know you.

Press (F) for the (F)iles Menu and (L) to (L)ist Files. Press (L) again to see a list of numbered file areas. To see a list of files in any area, type the number corresponding to that area. Competitive application materials for grant programs administered by the Bureau of Health Professions are located in the File Area item "B" titled Grants Announcements.

To (R)ead a file or (D)ownload a file, you need to know its exact name as listed on BHP's Bulletin Board. Press (R) to (R)ead a file and type the name of the file. Press (D) to (D)ownload a file to your computer. You need to know how your communications software accomplishes downloading.

When you have completed your tour of BHP's Bulletin Board for this session, press (G) for (G)oodbye and press <enter>.

For assistance in accessing the system or for any technical questions about BHP's Bulletin Board, please call Mr. Larry DiGiulio, Systems Operator for BHP BBS at (301) 443-2850 or "ldigiuli@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov".

Questions regarding grants policy and business management issues should be directed to Mrs. Brenda Selser, Chief, Residency and Advanced Grants Sections (b selser@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov) or Ms. Wilma Johnson, Acting Chief, Centers and Formula Grants Section (wjohnson@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov), Grants Management Branch, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. If you are unable to obtain the application materials from the BHP Bulletin Board, you may obtain application materials in

the mail by sending a written request to the Grants Management Branch at the address above. Written requests may also be sent via FAX (301) 443-6343 or via the internet addresses listed above. Completed applications should be returned to the Grants Management Branch at the above address. Please see Table 1 for specific name and phone number for each grant program.

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9-36, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Please see Table 1 for specific names and phone numbers for each grant program.

### Application Forms

The standard application form PHS 6025-1, HRSA Competing Training Grant Application, General Instructions and supplement for these grant programs have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB Clearance Number is 0915-0060.

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820, Nursing Special Projects—93.359 .....	Ms. Wilma Johnson (301) 443-6880.	Ms. Elaine Cohen (301) 443-6193.	12/15/95
821, Advanced Nurse Education—93.299 .....	Ms. Brenda Selser (301) 443-6960.	Dr. Thomas P. Phillips (301) 443-6333.	02/01/96
827, Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds—93.178.	Ms. Wilma Johnson (301) 443-6880.	Ms. Helen Lotsikas (301) 443-5763.	12/15/95
830, Professional Nurse Traineeships—93.358 .....	Ms. Wilma Johnson (301) 443-6880.	Ms. Marcia Starbecker (301) 443-6193.	12/15/95

TABLE 1—Continued

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831, <sup>1</sup> Nurse Anesthetist Programs—93.124, 93.916, 93.907 .....	Ms. Wilma Johnson (301) 443-6880.	Ms. Marcia Starbecker (301) 443-6193.	12/15/95

<sup>1</sup>No competing cycle in FY 1996 for Nurse Anesthetist Education Programs.

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Dated: October 17, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,  
Administrator.

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**National Institutes of Health**

**National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 29, 1995.

*Time:* 5 p.m.

*Place:* Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Angela L. Redlingshafer, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-1367.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 31, 1995.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* Parklawn Building, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Shirley H. Maltz, Parklawn Building, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-3936.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 1, 1995.

*Time:* 10 a.m.

*Place:* Parklawn Building, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Shirley H. Maltz, Parklawn Building, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-3936.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 2, 1995.

*Time:* 10:45 a.m.

*Place:* Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Phyllis D. Artis, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-6470.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c) (4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

Dated: October 16, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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**National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Amended Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of a change in the October 27, 1995 meeting of the Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Programs Advisory Committee, which was published in the Federal Register on October 5, 1995, 60 FR 52199.

The committee was to have convened at 8:00 a.m. on October 27 in Building 31C, Conference Room 6, 900 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. The meeting has been changed to a telephone conference call, and will be held from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST, in Building 31C, Room 3C05.

The entire meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available.

Dated: October 17, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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**National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors**

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Aging (NIA), October 24-25, 1995, to be held at the Gerontology Research Center, Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting will be open to the public from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; and again from 1:45 until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24. On Wednesday, October 25, the meeting will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.; and again from 1:30 until adjournment. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public on October 24, from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.; from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.; and again from 4:30 until recess. On October 25, the meeting will be closed from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Aging, NIH, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Ms. June McCann, Committee Management Officer, NIA, Gateway Building, Room 2C218, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301/496-9322), will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members upon request.

Dr. Dan L. Longo, Scientific Director, NIA, Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224, will furnish substantive program information.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Scientific Director in advance of the meeting.

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