Paperwork Reduction Act

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

The deadline dates for receipt of applications for each of these grant programs are shown in Table 1. Applications will be considered to be “on time” if they are either:

(1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or

(2) Sent on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant. In addition, applications which exceed the page limitation and/or do not follow format instructions will not be accepted for processing and will be returned to the applicant.

These programs are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100) and are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.


Ciro V. Sumaya, Administrator.

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Funding Notice for General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 1996

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics grant programs for fiscal year (FY) 1996 under the authority of section 748, title VII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), as amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102–408, dated October 13, 1992. These grant programs include:

Grants for Faculty Development in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics (section 748, PHS Act)

Grants for Residency Training in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics (section 748, PHS Act)

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, they can be awarded 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 VII programs, the amount of available funding for these specific grant programs cannot be estimated.

The purpose and eligibility for each of these programs are listed below.

Grants for Faculty Development in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics

Purpose

Section 748 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes Federal assistance to schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine, public or private nonprofit hospitals or other public or private nonprofit entities for planning, developing and operating programs for the training of physicians who plan to teach in general internal medicine or general pediatrics training programs. These grants are intended to promote the development of faculty skills in physicians who are currently teaching or who plan teaching careers in general internal medicine or general pediatrics training programs. These grants also provide financial assistance in meeting the cost of supporting physicians who are trainees in such programs.

In addition, section 748 authorizes the award of grants to support general internal medicine or general pediatrics residency training programs and a separate grant program exists for this purpose.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are accredited schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine, public and private nonprofit hospitals, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

To receive support, applicants must meet the requirements of final regulations as specified in 42 CFR part 57, subpart FF and section 791(b) of the PHS Act. The period of Federal support will not exceed 3 years.

Funding factors for this program remain unchanged. Additional details concerning the administration of this program have been published in the Federal Register at 58 FR 51257, dated September 30, 1993, 59 FR 18140, dated April 15, 1994 and 60 FR 2976, dated January 12, 1995.

Grants for Residency Training in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics

Purpose

Section 748 authorizes the award of grants for planning, developing, operating or participating in approved residency training programs which emphasize the training for the practice of general internal medicine or general pediatrics. In addition, section 748 authorizes assistance in meeting the cost of supporting residents who are in need thereof, who are participants in any such program, and who plan to specialize or work in the practice of general internal medicine or general pediatrics. A separate grant program is in effect for the faculty development component of this provision.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are accredited schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine, public and private nonprofit hospitals, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

To receive support, programs must meet the requirements of regulations as set forth in 42 CFR part 57, subpart FF, and section 791(b) of the PHS Act. The period of Federal support will not exceed 3 years.

Funding factors for this program remain unchanged. Additional details concerning the administration of these programs have been published in the Federal Register at 58 FR 51838, dated October 5, 1993, 59 FR 19731, dated April 25, 1994, and 60 FR 2976, dated January 12, 1995.
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. 017-001-00474-1) 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 202-783-3236).

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 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 (BHPr) Electronic Bulletin Board. Use your computer and modern to call (301) 443-5913. Set your modern 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 BHPr BBS will be able to accept phone speeds up to 28,000 bps.

You may also access the BHPr 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 BHPr-BBS(HHS). . . . message. Within 15 seconds, the system will log you into the BHPr 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 BHPr 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, BHPr’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 BHPr’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 BHPr’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 BHPr’s Bulletin Board, please call Mr. Larry DiGiulio, Systems Operator for BHPr 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 (bselser@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 BHPr 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 address listed above. Completed applications should be returned to the Grants Management Branch at the above address.

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact the Division of Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-20, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Please see Table 1 for specific names and phone numbers for each grant program.

Paperwork Reduction Act

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.
Deadline Dates
The deadline date for receipt of applications for each of these grant programs is shown in Table 1. Applications will be considered to be "on time" if they are either:
(1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or
(2) Sent on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant. In addition, applications which exceed the page limitation and/or do not follow format instructions will not be accepted for processing and will be returned to the applicant.

These grant programs are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100). Also, these grant programs are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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 Nursing 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 program 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