DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Non-Competitive One-Year Extension With Funds for Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37) Current Grantees

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA will be issuing a non-competitive one-year extension with funds for the Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program awards to the current grantees (included in attached chart), in amounts between $299,000 and $1.5 million over the one-year extension project period. The level of support is at the same annual rate that was authorized in fiscal year (FY) 2012. The Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program supports projects that seek to prevent, monitor, and treat pulmonary and respiratory diseases in active and inactive miners. This extension with funds will allow the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) to reassess the priorities and scope of the program. The extension will also allow for greater pre-application technical assistance and opportunity to ensure funding levels can adequately address target population needs in various parts of the country.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Grantees of record and intended award amounts are included below.

Amount of the Award(s): Each of the current grantees will receive support at the same annual rate that was authorized in FY 2012: between $299,000 and $1.5 million.

CFDA Number: 93.965.


Period of Additional Funding: 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014.

Authority: Sec. 427(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended, (30 U.S.C. 937)

Justification: HRSA is extending funding for the Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program grants by one year for the following reasons: recent information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH) indicates that the prevalence of coal workers’ pneumoconiosis (CWP), also known as black lung disease, is rising. In fact, a recent study of 2,000 coal miners from Utah to Pennsylvania showed five times as many miners have CWP than ten years ago. Many miners are developing severe CWP before 50 years of age, and there is some evidence that this is being manifested as premature mortality. In addition, data from the U.S. Department of Labor show the number of federal black lung benefits claims has increased, suggesting that the disease is also leading to increased significant, long-term disability.

This extension will allow the ORHP to consult providers, experts, and federal partners to thoroughly reassess the priorities and scope of the current program, while taking into account regulatory requirements. It will also provide an opportunity to ensure funding levels as well as program resources are most effectively coordinated with other federal efforts to address growing target population needs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadia Ibrahim, MA, LGSW, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 5A–05, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or email nibrahim@hrsa.gov.


Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator.

Attachment

Intended Recipients

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2013 through 6/30/2014.
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#### National Institutes of Health

**Extension of Public Comment Period for Request for Information on the FY 2013–2018 Strategic Plan for the Office of Disease Prevention**

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Disease Prevention (ODP), National Institutes of Health (NIH), is amending the due date for responses to its Request for Information (RFI), published in Vol. 78, Issue 49, of the Federal Register on March 13, 2013. The due date has been extended from April 14, 2013, to April 30, 2013, to allow more time for review. Comments must be submitted electronically using the web-based form available at [http://prevention.nih.gov/aboutus/strategic_plan/rfi.aspx](http://prevention.nih.gov/aboutus/strategic_plan/rfi.aspx).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct all inquiries to Wilma Peterman Cross, M.S., Senior Public Health Advisor, Office of Disease Prevention, National Institutes of Health; phone, 301–496–1508; email, prevention@mail.nih.gov.

Dated: April 8, 2013.

Francis S. Collins,  
Director, National Institutes of Health.

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#### National Institutes of Health

**Center for Scientific Review ; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings. The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Alcohol and Reward.

**Date:** May 8–9, 2013.
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.
**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Richard A Currie, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1108, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–6594, currieri@csr.nih.gov.

Dated: April 8, 2013.

Melanie J. Gray,  
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting**

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