

**ADDRESSES:** Application materials (PHS Form 5161-1 with revised face sheet DHHS Form 424, as approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0937-0189) may be obtained from the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Office of Grants Management, Nancy Benson, (301) 594-4260, 4350 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814. Ms. Benson is available for further information regarding application submission procedures and to provide assistance on business management issues. Completed applications should be mailed to: Grants Management Officer, BPHC, c/o Houston Associates, Inc., 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 240, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general program information, contact Mr. Antonio Duran, Director, or Helen Kavanagh, Migrant Health Branch, Division of Community and Migrant Health, BPHC, Health Resources and Services Administration, (301) 594-4303, 4350 East-West Highway, 7th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

There are 106 MHCs which provide comprehensive primary health care to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in their home base or as they work along one of the three migrant streams. The technical and nonfinancial assistance will be arranged for or provided within available resources by four separate grantees in response to MHC requests for: (1) vision screening and treatment services, (2) bilingual seasonal outreach staff, (3) peer counselor training and outreach, and (4) outreach staff specializing in identifying children and youth who fall through the "cracks" of health care services.

Legislation governing these activities can be found at section 329 of the PHS Act. Paragraph (1)(B) of section 329(a) requires that a migrant health center provide "as may be appropriate for particular centers, supplemental health services necessary for the adequate support of primary health services," and paragraph (1)(G) requires that a migrant health center provide "information on the availability and proper use of health services and services which promote and facilitate optimal use of health services, including if a substantial number of the individuals in the population served by a center are of limited English-speaking ability, the services of appropriate personnel fluent in the language spoken by a

predominant number of such individuals".

**Number and Amount of Awards**

Each individual and/or organization is limited to submitting a maximum of one grant proposal for any one of the four activities mentioned. A maximum of 4 separate grants will be awarded for: optometric technical assistance for MHCs nationwide (approximately \$45,000); the recruitment, training and placement of outreach allied health and health professionals with MHCs on the East Coast (approximately \$800,000); the development, implementation and promotion of farmworker peer counselor programs at MHCs nationwide (approximately \$225,000); and the enhancement of farmworker outreach health care services targeting infants, children and youth at MHCs in Florida, in addition, to State and local strategic planning (approximately \$320,000).

**Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are public and private nonprofit entities with culturally competent and diverse staff which have demonstrated experience, as appropriate to the requested grant, in optometric technical assistance for MHCs; farmworker outreach; the recruitment, training and placement of health and allied health professionals at MHCs; or in farmworker peer counselor recruitment, training and placement.

**Criteria for Evaluation**

Regulations governing these awards provide that the Secretary will award funds to applicants which, in her judgment, will best promote the purposes of the statute, taking into consideration (a) the cost effectiveness of the application, and (b) the number of centers and entities to be served by the applicant. 42 CFR 56.704. In addition to these two criteria, the Secretary, in considering what will best promote the purposes of the statute, will consider:

- (1) The extent to which the applicant's program activity demonstrates and addresses the particular needs of the migrant and seasonal farmworkers and migrant health centers;
- (2) The degree to which the applicant addresses the overall goals and objectives of one of the aforementioned activities;
- (3) The appropriateness and adequacy of the methodology which describes how the activity will be evaluated, along with relevant timeliness;
- (4) The information contained in annual progress reports (for existing grantees only);

(5) The extent to which the project plan describes activities in measurable terms;

(6) The extent of the organization's prior related and applicable experience (to be documented by a short synopsis of work completed for each Federal and non-Federal grant received, contact person(s) and phone number(s)); and

(7) The degree to which the fiscal and administrative management systems, and the budget are well organized, detailed, justified and consistent with the project plan.

All applications for the technical and nonfinancial assistance to MHCs will be reviewed competitively by a PHS Objective Review Committee.

**Other Award Information**

The grants awarded under this notice are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 or the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

In the OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, the Migrant Health Center program is Number 93.129.

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**Health Resources Services Administration**

**Availability of Funds for Grants To Build Primary Health Care Capacity in the Pacific Basin**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, PHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of approximately \$1.3 million in fiscal year (FY) 1995 for competing applications for the Pacific Basin Health Initiative. This Initiative supports the development of primary health care infrastructure in the Pacific Basin, and funds will be awarded under the authority of section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. The overall goal of the program is to achieve the effective delivery of comprehensive primary health care services and to encourage community responsibility for health promotion and disease prevention. The six Pacific jurisdictions affected by this initiative are the three flag territories (the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Guam), and the three sovereign nations whose relationships with the U.S. are governed by Compacts