

of Free Association (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau).

Approximately 15–20 awards will be made, ranging from approximately \$15,000 to \$200,000, for up to three-year project periods and one-year budget periods. The average award will be approximately \$75,000.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting health priorities. The Pacific Basin Health Initiative will contribute toward meeting the Healthy People 2000 objectives cited for: clinical preventive services, environmental health, maternal and infant health, nutrition, oral health, diabetes and chronic disabling conditions, and health data collection. 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, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone 202-783-3238).

Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities in which education, library, day care, regular and routine health care and early childhood development services are provided to children. Smoking must also be prohibited in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated or maintained with Federal funds.

DUE DATE: Applications are due by July 1, 1995. Applications will be considered as having met the deadline if they are: (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 obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service or obtain a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Late applications will not be considered for funding and will be returned to the applicant.

ADDRESSES FOR APPLICATION KITS: Application kits and additional guidance (Form PHS 5161-1 with revised face sheet DHHS form 424, as approved by the OMB under control number 0937-0189) may be obtained from, and completed applications sent to: Bureau of Primary Health Care, c/o Houston Associates, Inc., 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. The telephone number

is (800) 523-2192. The FAX number is (800) 523-2193. Ms. Harriet Green, Acting Branch Chief, Grants Management Office can also assist with grants policy and business management issues. The telephone number is (301) 594-4242. The FAX number is (301) 594-4073. Her Internet address is: hgreen@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general program information and technical assistance, contact: Tom Coughlin, Chief, Special Initiatives, Policy and Evaluation Branch, Division of Programs for Special Populations, Bureau of Primary Health Care, 4350 East-West Highway, 9th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, Telephone (301) 594-4450, fax (301) 594-2470. Prospective applicants are encouraged to send or FAX a letter of intent before May 31, 1995. This will allow program staff the opportunity to offer technical assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The six jurisdictions have different levels of economic/social development and varying capacities to meet the primary health care needs of their rapidly expanding populations, but they share characteristics of many developing nations, such as: Poor health status indicators including high infant mortality rates, rapidly expanding populations, a large portion of the health care budget spent on off-island referrals, a shortage of health care professionals, and high rates of poverty.

Based on these basic needs, the Pacific Basin Health Initiative is designed to support infrastructure development and capacity building for comprehensive primary health care delivery and preventive services in the six jurisdictions. It is the intention of the program to increase the jurisdictions' long-term self-sufficiency by investing in human resource and administrative development.

Through collaboration with the health departments in the Pacific jurisdictions, the Bureau of Primary Health Care is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives as defined by the individual Pacific jurisdictions. The Bureau intends to fund activities that best meet the program goals, originate within the jurisdiction(s), and align with the areas of concern outlined by each of the jurisdictions' Health Departments. A listing of the Health Department contacts and the areas of concern outlined by the six jurisdictions will be provided in the application package.

Program Areas of Emphasis

In addition to the areas of concern outlined by the jurisdictions, the Bureau has identified the following three areas of emphasis:

(1) Build local capacity to develop, improve upon and operationalize appropriate models for the delivery of comprehensive primary health care and prevention services—including strengthening of human resource components. This area of emphasis focuses on developing long-term, internal planning capacity and projects that demonstrate feasible and sustainable models of delivery.

(2) *Integrate information systems* among various health sectors within each jurisdiction.

(3) Promote services to remote islands and underserved communities.

Eligible Applicants

An eligible applicant is a public or private nonprofit entity within the jurisdictions or any U.S. state.

Restrictions

Applications may not exceed 50 pages including the cover sheet and appendices for new applicants and 55 pages for previously funded applicants (to include end-of-the year project reports). Grant funds may not be used to supplant locally funded public programs. Grant funds may not be used to pay for major construction or for the acquisition of major pieces of equipment. However, a very limited amount of grant funds may be requested for alterations, renovations and equipment purchases (less than \$25,000).

Applicants who propose projects that were primarily funded by PHS or other governmental agencies (such as laboratory capacity and epidemiology/CDC; sanitation/EPA) must specify why the funding from these agencies is insufficient or why this Initiative better serves the purposes of the project.

Criteria for Evaluation

Eligible applicants will be evaluated based upon the following:

Need

- The extent to which the applicant documents need for proposed services in the community or jurisdiction(s) based upon:

(1) A thorough description of demographic and health status indicators of the populations to be served as they relate to primary health care; (2) an identification of gaps within the existing health care system; and (3) an assessment of barriers within the