

Staff Background and Organizational Experience

1. As priority for funding will be given to agencies and organizations that have documented experience in establishing and operating centers that provide direct services to runaway and homeless youth, applicant must include a brief description of the organization and its experience in providing services to this client population.

2. Applicant must include a description of current and proposed staff skills and knowledge regarding runaway and homeless youth and indicate how staff will be utilized in achieving the goals and objectives of the program. Information on proposed staff training and brief resumes or job descriptions may be included.

3. Applicant must describe procedures for maintaining confidentiality of records on the youth and families served. Procedures must insure that no information on the youth and families is disclosed without the consent of the individual youth, parent or legal guardian. Disclosures without consent can be made to another agency compiling statistical records if individual identities are not provided or to a government agency involved in the disposition of criminal charges against an individual runaway or homeless youth.

4. Applicant must describe how the project has established or will establish formal service linkages with other social service, law enforcement, educational, housing, vocational, welfare, legal service, drug treatment and health care agencies in order to ensure appropriate referrals for the project clients when needed.

5. Applicant must describe how community and other support will be secured to continue the project at the conclusion of the Federal grant period.

Budget Appropriateness

1. Applicant must discuss and justify the costs of the proposed project in terms of numbers of youth and families to be served, types and quantities of services to be provided, and the anticipated outcomes for the youth and families.

2. The applicant must describe the fiscal control and accounting procedures that will be used to ensure prudent use, proper disbursement, and accurate accounting of funds received under this program announcement.

Duration of Project: This announcement solicits applications for Basic Center projects of up to three years duration (36-month project periods). Initial grant awards, made on

a competitive basis, will be for one-year (12-month) budget periods.

Applications for continuation grants beyond the one-year budget periods, but within the 36-month project periods, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: Priority will be given to applicants which apply for less than \$200,000 per year. The maximum Federal share for a 3-year project period is \$600,000.

Applicant Share of Project Costs: Basic Center grantees must provide a non-Federal share or match of at least ten percent of the Federal funds awarded. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. Therefore, a three-year project requesting \$300,000 in Federal funds (based on an award of \$100,000 per 12-month budget period) must include a match of at least \$30,000 (= \$10,000 per budget period).

B. Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (DAPP)

Eligible Applicants: Any State, unit of local government (or combination of units of local government), public or non-profit private agency, organization, institution, or other non-profit entity is eligible to apply for these funds. Federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for DAPP grants. Non-Federally recognized Indian Tribes and urban Indian organizations are also eligible to apply for grants as private, non-profit agencies.

Grantees (including subgrantees) with current DAPP grants with 12 or more months remaining in their project periods may not apply for new DAPP grants under this announcement. Applicants may refer to Part VI, Appendix D.2. for a listing of current grantees which are ineligible to apply for grants under this priority area. No more than one grant per legal entity (organization) will be awarded under this priority area. Organizations submitting more than one application for DAPP funds must understand that only one application will be considered for funding.

Legislation authorizing each of the Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs requires that priority for funding be given to agencies with experience in providing direct services to runaway and homeless youth. In line

with this requirement, applicants which have three (3) or more years of continuous effort serving runaway and homeless youth in one or more areas set forth in Section 312 of the Act are eligible to receive an additional five (5) points in this criterion. Applications claiming credit for this preference must include a statement of no more than one page documenting the relevant experience. Empirical or applied research experience is not considered direct service.

Program Purpose, Goals and Objectives: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families will award approximately 45 new grants to support services within a community to maintain, improve and/or expand drug abuse prevention, early intervention, and reduction of drug dependency services to runaway and homeless youth and their families. Applications are solicited under this priority area to carry out direct service projects designed to address the issue of drug abuse among runaway and homeless youth in the applicant's community as required by the goals and objectives set forth in the legislation and specified in Part I, section C.2. of this announcement.

Activities that may be maintained, improved and/or expanded through a DAPP grant include but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Improving networking and service coordination to increase the availability of services to runaway and homeless youth;

2. Expanding outreach activities, particularly street-based outreach programs;

3. Providing individual, family, group, and/or peer prevention and intervention counseling related to alcohol and other drug use;

4. Strengthening intake and assessment procedures for substance abuse at runaway and homeless youth shelters;

5. Coordinating services with drug treatment facilities and making referrals to treatment that are geared to the runaway and homeless youth population;

6. Providing aftercare and follow-up services to runaway and homeless youth with substance abuse problems who have received shelter and/or non-residential services;

7. Increasing staff knowledge and skills related to working with runaway and homeless youth with substance abuse problems by improving or accessing training opportunities;

8. Improving programming to address the unique cultural needs and concerns of minority runaway and homeless youth;