

program announcements. This program announcement does not contain information collection requirements beyond those approved for grant applications under OMB Control Number 0348-0043.

D. Notification Under Executive Order 12372

This program is covered under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, American Samoa and Palau have elected to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these 19 jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applications for projects to be administered by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Otherwise, applicants must contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them to the prospective application and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as early as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline date to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations. Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which they intend to trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule.

When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they must be addressed to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary

Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447.

A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory is included as Part VI, Appendix G, of this announcement.

Availability of Forms and Other Materials

A copy of the forms required to be submitted as part of each application for a runaway and homeless youth grant, and instructions for completing the application, are provided in Part VI, Appendix I. The Basic Center Program Performance Standards as well as descriptions of the National Runaway Switchboard and the National Clearinghouse on Runaway and Homeless Youth are presented in Part VI, Appendices A, B and C. Addresses of the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) to which applicants must submit review copies of their proposals are listed in Part VI, Appendix G.

Legislation referenced in Part I, section B, of this announcement may be found in major public libraries and at the ACF Regional Offices listed in Part VI, Appendix E, at the end of this announcement.

Additional copies of this announcement may be obtained from the ACF Regional Offices or by calling the telephone number listed at the beginning of this announcement. Further general information may be obtained from the Training and Technical Assistance Providers listed in Part VI, Appendix F.

F. Application Consideration

All applications which are complete and conform to the requirements of this program announcement will be subject to a competitive review and evaluation process against the specific criteria outlined in Part II of this announcement and the specific Minimum Requirements for Project Design contained in Part III of this announcement. This review will be conducted in Washington, DC, by teams of non-Federal experts knowledgeable in the areas of youth development and human service programs. Applications for Basic Center Program grants will be reviewed competitively only with other applications from the same State. Applications for Drug Abuse Prevention Program grants will be reviewed as part of a national competition.

Non-Federal experts will review the applications based on the Evaluation Criteria listed in Part II of this announcement and the specific Minimum Requirements for Project Design contained in Part III of this announcement, and will assign a score

to each application. Both Central and Regional office staff will conduct administrative reviews of the applications and the results of the competitive reviews and will select those applications to be recommended for funding to the Commissioner, ACYF.

The Commissioner will make the final selection of the applicants to be funded. As required by runaway and homeless youth legislation, priority for funding will be given to agencies with demonstrated experience in providing direct services to runaway and homeless youth. However, current grantees ending three-year funding periods, and applying as new applicants for funds under this program announcement, are reminded that when the current project periods end so does the funding agency's obligation for future awards. Criterion 3, Approach, requires applicants to specifically discuss how their projects will be maintained after termination of Federal support.

In addition to scores assigned by non-Federal reviewers and Regional Office Reviewers, consideration will be given to adequate geographic distribution of services, and the Commissioner may show preference for applications proposing services in areas that would not otherwise be served. The Commissioner also may elect to consider applicants' past performance in providing services to runaway and homeless youth and also may elect not to fund any applicants having known management, fiscal, reporting (as under the RHYMIS), or other problems which make it unlikely that they would be able to provide effective services.

Grant awards for Basic Center Program and Drug Abuse Prevention Program Grants will be made by September 30, 1995. Successful applicants will be notified through the issuance of a Financial Assistance Award which will set forth the amount of funds granted, the terms and conditions of the grant, the effective date of the grant, the budget period for which initial support will be given, the non-Federal share to be provided, and the total project period for which support is contemplated. Organizations whose applications will not be funded will be notified of that decision in writing by the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Every effort will be made to notify all unsuccessful applicants as soon as possible after final decisions are made, including grantees whose three-year project periods end in FY 1995.

Applicants applying for more than one runaway and homeless youth grant (Basic Center Program (BCP), Drug Abuse Prevention Program (DAPP))