

F. Funds Available

The Secretary is required to make available not less than 80% of amounts appropriated for section 303 to make formula grants to States and not less than 10% of amounts appropriated for Section 303 to make formula grants to Native American Tribes, Tribal organizations, and non-profit private organizations approved by a Native American Tribe.

Family violence grants to the States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are based on population. Each grant shall be not less than 1% of the amounts appropriated for grants under section 303(a) or \$200,000, whichever is the lesser amount. State allocations are listed at the end of this announcement and have been computed based on the formula in section 304 of the Act.

For the purpose of this allotment, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau are not included in the definition of "States" and will each receive grants of not less than one-eighth of 1% percent of the amounts appropriated. On October 1, 1994, Palau became independent and a Compact of Free Association between the United States and Palau came into effect. This change in the political status of Palau has the following affect on the status of Palau's allocation:

In FY 95, Palau will receive 100% of its allocation. Beginning in FY 96, its share will be reduced as follows:

FY 96—not to exceed 75% of the total amount appropriated for such programs in FY 95;

FY 97—not to exceed 50% of the total amount appropriated for such programs in FY 95;

FY 98—not to exceed 25% of the total amount appropriated for such programs in FY 95;

Public Law 103-333, the FY 1995 Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, made \$32,648,000 available for carrying out the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. Of this amount \$2,500,000 will be allocated to State Domestic Violence Coalitions to coordinate services with local domestic violence programs and to encourage appropriate responses to domestic violence within the State. The distribution of funds for the State Domestic Violence Coalitions will be made in a separate announcement.

Of the remaining \$30,148,000, the Department will make \$24,118,400 available for grants to States and Territories, \$3,014,800 available for grants to Native American Tribes or Tribal organizations, and \$1,507,400

available to the National Resource Center and the Special Issue Resource Centers.

The balance of approximately \$1.5 million of FY 1995 family violence funds will be used to support technical assistance projects, research, and public education activities.

G. Requirements for FY 1995 and FYs 1996-2000

Additional application requirements for FY 1995 family violence prevention and services grants have been established pursuant to the passage of the Crime Bill on September 13, 1994. Sections I and J below explain the new requirements. States that have submitted applications for FY 95 in accordance with last year's requirements for a November 15 deadline will have to submit only additional information in response to a program instruction.

We strongly recommend that States and Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations keep a copy of this **Federal Register** notice for future reference. The requirements set forth in this announcement also will apply to State and Native American family violence program grants for FY 1996 through FY 2000. Information regarding any changes in available funds, State/Tribal allocations, administrative, and reporting requirements will be provided by program announcement in the **Federal Register** or program instruction.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title:

- (1) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
- (2) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
- (3) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
- (4) \$72,500,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
- (5) \$72,500,000 for fiscal year 2000.

H. Expenditure Periods

The family violence prevention funds for FY 1995 through FY 2000 may be used for expenditures on and after October 1 of each fiscal year for which they are granted, and will be available for expenditure through September 30 of the following fiscal year, i. e., FY 1995 funds may be expended from October 1, 1994 thru September 30, 1996.

Reallotted funds are available for expenditure until the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year that the funds became available for reallotment. FY 1995 grant funds which are made available to the States through reallotment, under section 304(d)(1), must be expended by the States no later than September 30, 1996.

I. Reporting Requirements.

The Crime Bill added a new reporting requirement for States in section 303(a)(4). It requires that upon completion of the activities specified in the State applications funded by a grant under this announcement, the State grantee shall file a performance report with the Department. The performance report shall describe the activities carried out and include an assessment of the effectiveness of those activities in achieving the purposes of the grant. A section of this performance report shall be completed by each grantee or subgrantee that performed the direct services contemplated in the State's application.

Performance reports are due on an annual basis beginning in FY 1995. The first performance report is due December 29, 1995. The Department shall suspend funding for an approved application if any applicant fails to submit an annual performance report or if the funds are expended for purposes other than those set forth under this announcement. Federal funds may be used only to supplement, not supplant, State funds.

All State and Native American Tribal grantees are reminded that annual program reports and annual Financial Status Reports (Standard Form 269) are due 90 days after the end of each Federal fiscal year. First reports are due on December 29, of each year. Final reports are due 90 days after the end of the expenditure period, i.e., December 29.

J. State Application Requirements

The Crime Bill added new application requirements in section 303(a)(2)(C) of the Act. Please note paragraph (2) below, requires additional documentation in the plan as to how the State will address the needs of the underserved populations, including populations that are underserved because of ethnic, racial, cultural, language diversity or geographic isolation. In paragraph (6) below, we are also requiring a description of the direct services contemplated, and in what manner and by whom the direct services will be delivered. This information will help us assess the performance data which will have to be submitted by grantees to section 303(a)(4) of the Act.

We have cited each requirement to the specific section of the law.

The Secretary will approve any application that meets the requirements of the Act and this announcement will not disapprove any such application except after reasonable notice of the Secretary's intention to disapprove has