

geographic area (e.g., the responsible local health agency may apply as a single applicant or in consortium). The list of organizational partners should include at least one with demonstrated substantial expertise in epidemiologic research, evaluation, economics, and quantitative policy analysis. In addition, collaboration with health care providers, especially managed care organizations, will be of significant importance. The interests of the community organizations should be incorporated into the development of this cooperative agreement.

Availability of Funds

Federal financial assistance totalling approximately \$600,000 is available in FY 1995 to fund up to three awards in support of core activities. Awardees will be expected to secure additional funding from other sources (public and private sector support). It is expected that the award(s) will be made on or about April 1, 1995, and will extend for a 12-month budget period. Projects may be approved for a period of up to 5 years, renewable on an annual basis. Federal funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and availability of funds. Funds for specific program project activities may be added to the awards in subsequent years upon availability.

Grant awards cannot supplant existing funding for epidemiologic research in urban areas. Eligible applicants are encouraged to secure additional funds from other sources, including consortia agreements, as necessary, to meet the requirements of the program and strengthen the overall application.

Purpose

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist the recipient in the development of an urban "population laboratory" which utilizes the combined resources of the recipient, other local organizations, the local community, and CDC. The goal is to promote collaborative epidemiologic and prevention effectiveness research on the most serious health threats facing urban residents; and thereby, developing information for public health planning and for improving the health of citizens. A key aim of this center will be to identify opportunities related to the inner city. The Center will be beneficial to CDC by unifying the process of community planning.

The specific objectives of the population laboratory are as follows:

A. To assess the availability and capacity of existing prevention programs offered by State and local health agencies; public and private health care providers; and other community or lay organizations.

B. To foster the development of collaborative relationships among the population laboratory, CDC, and the State and local health departments for the purpose of focusing the expertise of academic institutions and community based organizations on high priority urban health problems.

C. To develop and implement organizational and sociological intervention studies to optimize effectiveness in prevention programs by involving the community in planning, program design, and related public health activities.

D. To develop a multidisciplinary approach to prevention programs and to develop, test, evaluate, and disseminate model programs to enhance health promotion and disease and injury prevention in various settings and populations.

Program Requirements

Applications that do not meet the following requirements will be considered non-responsive. Applicants must:

- Provide evidence of working relationships with partner organizations and community leaders which allow evaluation and implementation of any proposed intervention activities.
- Provide evidence of supplemental technical and financial assistance from other "partner organizations."
- Provide evidence of expertise in research related to urban and minority health issues or a planned process for developing such expertise in a short timeframe.
- Provide evidence/plans for core activities, demonstration projects, collaborations/collaborative projects with State/local health departments and academic institutions.

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under A, (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under B, (CDC Activities).

A. Recipient Activities

1. Establish and operate a demonstration population laboratory for epidemiologic, social science, behavioral science, and prevention effectiveness research.

a. Establish the population laboratory in a defined population in a geographically defined urban area.

b. Establish an Executive Board composed of representatives from the community as well as public health, academic, health care community leaders and private partners to provide advice and guidance to the Urban Center Project Director, as needed. The recipient will obtain participation and input from community-based organizations in the proposed geographic area.

2. Propose and conduct multidisciplinary research dedicated to improving the health and well-being of urban populations. Address research topics of typical urban health problems (e.g., HIV transmission and AIDS, tuberculosis, violence, lead poisoning, immunization, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease).

3. Manage, analyze, and interpret data from population laboratory projects, and publish and disseminate important public health information stemming from population laboratory projects.

4. Monitor and evaluate scientific and operational accomplishments of the population laboratory and progress in achieving the purpose and overall goals of this program.

5. Document findings in the scientific literature.

6. Evaluate specific interventions (programs) to address typical urban health problems researched in #2 of Recipient activities.

7. Foster the development of prevention programs that are not categorical but that cut across health issues that affect common populations. Coordinate activities with CDC's Prevention Centers program.

B. CDC Activities

1. Assign a CDC scientist on-site to function as liaison, provide technical assistance, and facilitate collaboration of population laboratory staff with CDC staff. The assignee will provide cross-cutting coordination for all CDC Centers, Institute, and Offices (CIO) programmatic activities which are relevant to the Urban Center(s) activities, especially activities undertaken by CDC's Prevention Centers program.

2. Provide consultation and scientific and technical assistance in designing and conducting individual population laboratory projects.

3. Participate in analysis and interpretation of data from population laboratory projects. Participate in the dissemination of findings and information stemming from population laboratory projects.

4. Monitor and evaluate scientific and operational accomplishments of the population laboratory and progress in