

MCH FEDERAL SET-ASIDE COMPETITIVE GRANT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS ANTICIPATED DEADLINES, AWARDS, FUNDING, AND PROJECT PERIODS, BY CATEGORY
[FY 1995]

Funding source category	Application deadline	Estimated number of awards	Estimated amounts available	Project period
(1) Grants in the following areas:				
1.1 Genetic services	4/25/95	Up to 20	\$3.5 million	Up to 3 years.
1.2 Special MCH Improvement Projects (MCHIP) of regional and national significance in the following areas:				
1.2.1 Maternal, infant, child, and adolescent health	4/25/95	10-12	1 million	Up to 5 years.
1.2.2 School health program	5/10/95	8	1.5 million	3-5 years.
1.2.3 Data utilization	6/15/95	5	500,000	3 years.
1.2.4 Healthy tomorrows partnership for children	4/14/95	Up to 10	500,000	5 years.
(2) Cooperative agreements (MCHIPs) in the following areas:				
2.1 CSHCN cultural competency systems implementation	4/28/95	1	250,000	5 years.
2.2 Partnership for information and communication (PIC)	5/10/95	4	1.2 million	Up to 5 years.
2.3 Childhood injury prevention	3/31/95	4	600,000	3-5 years.
2.4 Out-of-home child care health and safety	4/27/95	1	350,000	Up to 5 years.

Applications will be considered to have met the deadline if they are either: (1) Received on or before the deadline date, or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants should request 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 or those sent to an address other than specified in the ADDRESSES section will be returned to the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for technical or programmatic information should be directed to: Audrey H. Nora, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, Room 18-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Requests for category-specific technical information should be directed to the contact persons identified below for each category covered by this notice. Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to: Acting Grants Management Officer (GMO), Maternal and Child Health Bureau, at the address specified in the ADDRESSES section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To facilitate the use of this announcement, information in this section has been organized, as outlined in the Table of Contents below, into a discussion of: Program Background, Special Concerns, Overall Review Criteria, SPRANS Program, and Eligible Applicants. In addition, for each specific SPRANS funding category and subcategory covered by this notice, information is presented under the following headings:

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1. Program Background and Objectives

Under Section 502 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, 12.75 percent of amounts appropriated for the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant in excess of \$600 million are set aside by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for special Community Integrated Service Systems projects under Section 501(a)(3) of the Act. Of the remainder of the total appropriation,

15 percent of the funds are to be retained by the Secretary to support (through grants, contracts, or otherwise) special projects of regional and national significance, research, and training with respect to maternal and child health and children with special health care needs (including early intervention training and services development); for genetic disease testing, counseling, and information development and dissemination programs; for grants (including funding for comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic treatment centers) relating to hemophilia without regard to age; and for the screening of newborns for sickle cell anemia, and other genetic disorders and follow-up services. The MCH SPRANS set-aside was established in 1981. Support for projects covered by this announcement will come from the SPRANS set-aside. To reduce confusion to potential applicants from announcement of grants in very large numbers of SPRANS categories and subcategories, announcement of availability of FY 1995 funds for MCH research and training categories is being published separately this year.

2. Special Concerns

In its administration of the MCH Services Block Grant, the MCHB places special emphasis on improving service delivery to women and children from racial and ethnic minority populations who have had limited access to accessible care. This means that SPRANS projects are expected to serve and appropriately involve in project activities individuals from the populations to be served, unless there are compelling programmatic or other justifications for not doing so. The MCHB's intent is to ensure that project interventions are responsive to the