

—Local initiatives that are community-based, family-centered, comprehensive and culturally relevant and improve access to health services for infants, children, adolescents, or CSHCN.

—Initiatives which show evidence of a capability to meet cost participation goals by securing funds for the second and sequential years of the project.

In the interest of equitable geographic distribution, special consideration for funding will be given to projects from States without a currently funded project in this category. These States are cited in the application guidance.

- Grants/Amounts: About \$500,000 will be available to support up to 10 new Healthy Tomorrows projects, at an average of \$50,000 per award per year. The project period is 5 years.

- Contact: For programmatic or technical information, contact Latricia Robertson, M.S.N., M.P.H., telephone: 301 443-3163.

4.2. Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative agreements will be awarded in 4 categories: Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Cultural Competency Systems Implementation; Partnership for Information and Communication; Childhood Injury Prevention; and Out-Of-Home Child Care Health And Safety.

It is anticipated that substantial Federal programmatic involvement will be required in these cooperative agreements. This means that after award, awarding office staff provide technical assistance and guidance to, or coordinate and participate in, certain programmatic activities of award recipients beyond their normal stewardship responsibilities in the administration of grants. Federal involvement may include, but is not limited to, planning, guidance, coordination and participation in programmatic activities. Periodic meetings, conferences, and/or communications with the award recipient are held to review mutually agreed upon goals and objectives and to assess progress. Additional details on the scope of Federal programmatic involvement in cooperative agreements, consistent with HRSA grants administration policy, will be included in the application guidance for these cooperative agreements.

4.2.1. Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Cultural Competency Systems Implementation

- Application Deadline: April 28, 1995.

- Purpose: To promote the design, implementation, and testing of

culturally competent service systems to assist State and local Title V and other related programs to furnish services for culturally diverse CSHCN and their families. Specifically, to:

- Promote networking and information exchange among CSHCN/MCH programs at all levels that advances their ability to assure that services to culturally diverse families having children with special health needs are integrated into such programs in a culturally competent manner.

- Foster linkages between such programs and: (a) culturally diverse consumers and families of children with special health care needs; and (b) other public/private agencies or groups at the Federal, State and local levels, including those providing primary health care and services, that will enhance the development of culturally competent systems of care which are family-centered and at the community level.

- Provide training, technical assistance, and consultation to the above mentioned programs to advance the "state of the art" in the areas of: (a) staff/agency assessment and training; (b) development and implementation of culturally competent policies, procedures and practices; and (c) identification of resources for training and program implementation.

- Support evaluation of existing training materials and evaluation tools, develop and test new materials for adoption by CSHCN programs, and identify model approaches.

- Disseminate training materials, principles, and model approaches for CSHCN and related programs.

Preference for funding will be given to public or private non-profit organizations having prior experience with CSHCN/MCH systems of care at the Federal, State and local levels, and in the areas described above, especially those which can demonstrate:

- Measurable, positive outcomes in operationalizing cultural competence in programs.

- Expertise in providing appropriate training and technical assistance packages in a timely manner.

- Establishment of linkages with related programs having cultural competency initiatives and expertise.

- Cooperative Agreement/Amounts: Up to \$250,000 will be available to support one new cultural competency systems implementation cooperative agreement focusing on the provision of comprehensive care to CSHCN and their families. The project period is 5 years.

- Contact: For programmatic and technical information contact Ms. Diana Denboba, telephone 301-443-2370.

4.2.2. Partnership for Information and Communication

- Application Deadline: May 10, 1995.

- Purpose: To facilitate dissemination of new maternal and child health-related information to policy and decision makers in a format most useful to them and provide those individuals with a means of communicating issues directly to each other and to MCHB.

This is a continuous Bureau activity with a single priority—to enhance communication between the MCHB and governmental, professional and private organizations representing leaders and policy makers concerned with issues related to maternal and child health. Organizations currently receiving support as part of this cooperative agreement represent State governors and their staffs; county health policymakers, municipal health policymakers, as well as national membership organizations representing groups or constituencies listed below.

To ensure continuity, membership for the organizations participating in PIC is rotated so that not all project periods coincide. For this year, only national membership organizations representing the following groups will be considered for funding:

- State Title V programs.

- State legislators.

- Private business, particularly self-insured businesses.

- Philanthropic organizations.

- Parent organizations.

- Cooperative Agreement/Amounts: Up to 5 cooperative agreements totalling \$1.2 million in FY 1995 will be awarded in this category. Award amounts will vary with the level of proposed grantee participation, as described in the application guidance. Awards will be made for a project period of up to 5 years.

- Contact: For programmatic or technical information, contact David Heppel, M.D., telephone: 301 443-2250.

4.2.3. Childhood Injury Prevention

- Application Deadline: March 31, 1995.

- Purpose: The Children's Safety Network was established in FY 1990 to provide technical assistance to States and communities in injury prevention and to consult with States and localities, develop and distribute publications, organize conferences, and conduct training. MCHB is interested in continuing this capacity.

- Priorities: During FY 1995, awards will be made for a resource center focused on each of the following four special injury prevention topics: