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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Extramural Grants for Biomechanics Injury Research; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces that grant applications are being accepted for Injury Prevention and Control Research Grants (RO1s) for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

This program addresses the priority areas of Violent and Abusive Behavior and Unintentional Injuries.

The purpose of this program is to:

1. Support injury prevention and control research on priority issues as delineated in: Healthy People 2000; Injury Control in the 1990's: A National Plan for Action; Injury in America; Injury Prevention: Meeting the Challenge; and Cost of Injury: A Report to the Congress.

2. Encourage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines such as engineering, medicine, health care, public health, health care research,

behavioral and social sciences, and others, to undertake research to prevent and control injuries.

3. Expand the development and evaluation of current or new intervention methods and strategies for preventing and controlling injuries.

4. Build the scientific base for the prevention and control of injuries and deaths.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

Applicant requirements:

1. A principal investigator who has conducted research, published the findings in peer-reviewed journals, and has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the proposed project.

2. Demonstrated experience (on the applicant's project team) in conducting, evaluating, and publishing injury control research in peer-reviewed journals.

3. Effective and well-defined working relationships within the performing organization and with outside entities that will ensure implementation of the proposed activities.

4. The ability to carry out an injury control research project.

5. The overall match between the applicant's proposed theme and research objectives and the program interests as described under the heading "Programmatic Interests."

Note: Pub. L. 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1 million is available for FY 1999 injury research grants that address biomechanics. Approximately 3-5 awards will be made. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 1999 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three-years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

The maximum funding level per year will not exceed \$300,000 (including both direct and indirect costs). Applications that exceed the funding

cap will be excluded from the competition and returned to the applicant.

Note: Grant funds will not be made available to support the provision of direct care. Eligible applicants may enter into contracts, including consortia agreements (as set forth in the PHS Grants Policy Statement, dated April 1, 1994), as necessary to meet the requirements of the program and strengthen the overall application.

Programmatic Interests:

There is programmatic interest in advancing the biomechanical understanding of traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries (TBI/SCI), thoracic and abdominal injuries resulting from blunt impact, and injuries occurring to the extremities and joints. There is also interest in the biomechanical evaluation of intervention concepts and strategies (e.g., multi-use recreational helmets, mouth and face protection devices for athletes, energy-absorbing playground surfaces, hip pads, motor vehicle side impact and rollover countermeasures, etc.). There is special interest in defining human tolerance limits for injury; the development of biofidelic models to elucidate injury physiology and pharmacologic, surgical, rehabilitation, and other interventions; improvements in injury assessment technology; understanding impact injury mechanisms; and quantifying injury-related biomechanical responses for critical areas of the human body (e.g., brain and vertebral injury with spinal cord involvement). While extending and adapting results and conclusions of the above efforts to the entire population is both desirable and sought, additional consideration will be given to proposals that emphasize research especially applicable to young children, females, and/or the elderly.

D. Application Content

Applicants should follow the PHS-398 (Rev. 5/95) application and Errata sheet, and should include the following information:

1. The project's focus that justifies the research needs and describes the scientific basis for the research, the expected outcome, and the relevance of the findings to reduce injury morbidity, mortality, disability, and economic losses. This focus should be based on recommendations in Healthy People 2000; Injury in America; Injury Prevention: Meeting the Challenge; and Cost of Injury and should seek creative approaches that will contribute to a national program for injury control.

2. Specific, measurable, and time-framed objectives.

3. A detailed plan describing the methods by which the objectives will be achieved and evaluated, including their sequence. A comprehensive evaluation plan is an essential component of the application.

4. A description of the grant's principal investigator's role and responsibilities.

5. A description of all the project staff regardless of their funding source. It should include their title, qualifications, experience, percentage of time each will devote to the project, as well as that portion of their salary to be paid by the grant.

6. A description of those activities related to, but not supported by the grant.

7. A description of the involvement of other entities that will relate to the proposed project, if applicable. It should include commitments of support and a clear statement of their roles.

8. A detailed first year's budget for the grant with future annual projections, if relevant. Awards will be made for a project period of up to three years.

An applicant organization has the option of having specific salary and fringe benefit amounts for individuals omitted from the copies of the application which are made available to outside reviewing groups. To exercise this option: on the original and five copies of the application, the applicant must use asterisks to indicate those individuals for whom salaries and fringe benefits are not shown; the subtotals must still be shown. In addition, the applicant must submit an additional copy of page four of Form PHS-398, completed in full, with the asterisks replaced by the salaries and fringe benefits. This budget page will be reserved for internal staff use only.

F. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) (adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS 398). Forms are in the application kit. On or before April 15, 1999, submit the application to: Anne Foglesong, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99050, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received at the above address on or before the deadline date; or sent on or before the deadline date, and received in time for the review process. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or

obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Please take special notice as elements of this section have changed since the last announcement. A more complete description of the grant award selection process policy can be obtained by calling the phone number found under Where to Obtain Additional Information in the application kit.

Upon receipt, applications will be reviewed by CDC staff for completeness and responsiveness as outlined under the Eligible Applicants, subtitle Applicant Requirements (Items 1-5). Incomplete applications and applications that are not responsive will be returned to the applicant without further consideration. It is especially important that the applicant's abstract reflects the project's focus, because the abstract will be used to help determine the responsiveness of the proposal.

Applications which are complete and responsive will be subjected to a preliminary evaluation (triage) by a peer review committee, the Injury Research Grant Review Committee (IRGRC), to determine if the application is of sufficient technical and scientific merit to warrant further review by the IRGRC; CDC will withdraw from further consideration applications judged to be noncompetitive and promptly notify the principal investigator/program director and the official signing for the applicant organization. Those applications judged to be competitive will be further evaluated by a dual review process.

Awards will be determined by the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) based on priority scores assigned to applications by the primary review committee, recommendations by the secondary review committee, consultation with NCIPC senior staff, and the availability of funds.

1. The primary review will be a peer review conducted by the IRGRC. All proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit by a committee of no less than three reviewers with appropriate expertise using current National Institutes of Health (NIH) criteria to evaluate the methods and scientific quality of the proposal. Factors to be considered will include:

a. The specific aims of the research project, i.e., the broad long-term objectives, the intended accomplishment of the specific research proposal, and the hypothesis to be tested.

b. The background of the proposal, i.e., the basis for the present proposal, the critical evaluation of existing knowledge, and specific identification of the injury control knowledge gaps which the proposal is intended to fill.

c. The significance and originality from a scientific or technical standpoint of the specific aims of the proposed research, including the adequacy of the theoretical and conceptual framework for the research.

d. The progress of preliminary studies (optional) pertinent to the application.

e. The adequacy of the proposed research design, approaches, and methodology to carry out the research, including quality assurance procedures, plan for data management, and statistical analysis plan.

f. The extent to which the research findings will lead to feasible, cost-effective injury interventions.

g. The extent to which the evaluation plan will allow the measurement of progress toward the achievement of the stated objectives.

h. Qualifications, adequacy, and appropriateness of personnel to accomplish the proposed activities.

i. The degree of commitment and cooperation of other interested parties (as evidenced by letters detailing the nature and extent of the involvement).

j. Gender and minority issues—Are plans to include both sexes and minorities and their subgroups adequately developed (as appropriate for the scientific goals of the project)? Are strategies included for the recruitment and retention of human subjects?

k. Human Subjects—Are the procedures proposed adequate for the protection of human subjects and are they fully documented? Are all procedures in compliance with applicable published regulations?

l. The reasonableness of the proposed budget to the proposed research and demonstration program.

m. Adequacy of existing and proposed facilities and resources.

2. The secondary review will be conducted by the Science and Program Review Work Group (SPRWG) from the Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control (ACIPC). At the SPRWG's request, Federal ex officio members may be invited to attend the secondary review. The Federal ex officio members will be responsible for identifying proposals in overlapping areas of research interest so that unwarranted duplication in federally-funded research can be avoided. At the SPRWG's request, NCIPC Division Associate Directors (ADS) for science may be invited to attend the secondary

review to assure that research priorities of the announcement are understood and to provide background regarding current research activities. The SPRWG may reach over better ranked proposals in order to assure maximal impact and balance of proposed research. The factors to be considered will include:

a. The results of the primary review including the proposal's priority score as the primary factor in the selection process.

b. The match between the proposal and the program announcement's programmatic interests and funding preferences.

c. The relevance and balance of proposed research relative to the NCIPC programs and priorities.

d. The significance of the proposed activities in relation to the priorities and objectives stated in Healthy People 2000, Injury in America, Injury Prevention, Meeting the Challenge, and Cost of Injury.

e. Budgetary considerations.

Only SPRWG members will vote on funding recommendations. These recommendations will be carried to the entire ACIPC in the form of a report. The ACIPC may vote to approve, disapprove, or modify the recommendations for funding. These recommendations will then be presented to the NCIPC Director for final decision.

3. Continuation awards made after FY 1999, but within the project period, will be made on the basis of the availability of funds and the following criteria:

a. The accomplishments reflected in the progress report of the continuation application indicate that the applicant is meeting previously stated objectives or milestones contained in the project's annual workplan and satisfactory progress demonstrated through presentations at work-in-progress monitoring workshops.

b. The objectives for the new budget period are realistic, specific, and measurable.

c. The methods described will clearly lead to achievement of these objectives.

d. The evaluation plan will allow management to monitor whether the methods are effective.

e. The budget request is clearly explained, adequately justified, reasonable and consistent with the intended use of grant funds.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with an original plus two copies of:

1. Progress reports (annual);

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and

3. Final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Anne Foglesong, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-4146.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each see Addendum 1, in the application kit.

AR-1—Human Subjects Requirements

AR-2 Requirements for Inclusion of

Women and Racial and Ethnic

Minorities in Research

AR-9—Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR-10—Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11—Healthy People 2000

AR-12—Lobbying Restrictions

AR-13—Prohibition on Use of CDC funds for Certain Gun Control Activities

AR-20—Conference Activities within Grants/Cooperative Agreement

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 391(a) and 393(a) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. 280b(a), and 280b-1(a)], as amended. The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Please refer to Program Announcement Number 99050 when requesting information. To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Anne Foglesong, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-2724, Email Address: anf3@cdc.gov.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project:

Title: (1) TANF HIGH Performance Bonus Report, (2) Emergency TANF Data Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0180.

Description: Public Law 104-193 (The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) established the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. It also included provisions for rewarding States that attain the highest levels of success in achieving the legislative goals of that program. The purpose of this collection is to obtain data upon which to base the computations for measuring State performance in meeting those goals and for allocating the bonus grant funds appropriated under the law. States will not be required to submit this information unless they elect to compete for the bonus grants. Respondents, therefore, may include any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. We are requesting extension of this currently approved information collection through November 30, 2000.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Estimates: