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Grant Opportunities

Availability of Funds Announced in the CDC/ATSDR Federal Assistance Funding Book (Federal Register - 10/07/03)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce the availability of funds in the CDC/ATSDR Federal Assistance Funding Book for FY 2004. The purpose of the Funding Book is to provide the general public with a single source of program and application information related to CDC's and ATSDR's competitive financial assistance offerings. The following is a partial list of grant topics, including deadlines and contact information, from the Funding Book. For a full list please see the October 7, 2003 Federal Register or go to <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/FAFB.htm>.

- *A Program to Build Capacity to Develop, Implement, and Evaluate Health Education and Health Promotion Activities in Tribal Communities*; Application Availability Date: 5/01/04; Application deadline: 7/1/04; Contact Teresa Nastoff at (404) 498-0530.
- *Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective*; Application Availability Date: 12/1/03; Application deadline: 3/1/04; Contact Kathryn Sunnarborg at (404) 498-1451.
- *Public Health Conference Support Cooperative Agreement-Program for HIV Prevention*; Application Availability Date: 2/25/04; Application deadline: LOI due 1/12/04; Contact Victoria Saho at (404) 639-5211.

Health Professions Preparatory, Pregraduate and Indian Health Professions Scholarship Programs (Federal Register - 10/23/03)

- Program: The Indian Health Service announces the availability of scholarships for the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Programs for FY 2004. These grant programs are intended to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter the health professions and to assure the availability of Indian health professions to serve Indians.
- Eligibility: The Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship awards are made to American Indians or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school education or high school equivalency and who have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-professional general education course or curriculum. The Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship awards are made to



American Indians or Alaska Natives who have been accepted for enrollment or are enrolled in an accredited pregraduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in pre-medicine or pre-dentistry. The Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) may be awarded only to an individual who is a member of a federally recognized tribe and must be enrolled in an appropriately accredited school and pursuing course of study in a health profession.

- Amount:** Both part-time and full-time scholarship awards will be made. Approximately 200 awards, 100 of which are continuing, will be made under the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Programs. The awards are for 10 months in duration and the average award to a full-time student is approximately \$20,000. Approximately 340 awards, 179 of which are continuing, will be made under the Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) Program. The awards are for 12 months in duration and the average award to a full-time student is for approximately \$23,500.
- Deadline:** The application deadline for both new and continuing applicants is February 28, 2004.
- Contact:** For the Aberdeen Area, application packets may be obtained by calling or writing Ms. Alice LaFontaine, Scholarship Coordinator, Aberdeen Area IHS, Federal Building, Room 309, 115 4th Avenue SW, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: (605) 226-7553.

To access the Federal Register on the web go to the following address:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont03.html

Other Funding Opportunities

2003/2004 Equal Access Initiative Computer Grants Program National Minority AIDS Council and National Institutes of Health, Office of AIDS Research

- Program:** The Equal Access Initiative is intended to address the lack of resources and skills needed to use the Internet effectively by furnishing computer hardware and Internet access to 100 minority community-based organizations.
- Eligibility:** Participation in the Computer Grants Program is restricted to community-based organizations holding current 501(c)(3) status. In addition, participants must not have previously participated in the computer program; be committed to developing and/or expanding treatment and prevent education programming for their clients; already have, or plan to, establish Internet access in some form; and agree to participate in a comprehensive evaluation of the Computer Grants Program by NMAC after one year.
- Amount:** 100 community based organizations will be selected on a nonrenewable basis to participate. Each participant will receive a complete desktop computer system, \$100 to purchase additional software or system upgrades, 24-hour telephone support for one year, \$300 for dedicated telephone line service specifically for Internet access, Internet access for one year, and a \$500 grant for Internet training course.
- Deadline:** 5:00pm EST on Monday, December 1, 2003.
- Contact:** For more information contact the Computer Grants Coordinator at the National Minority AIDS Council, 1931 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-4432. Phone: (202) 486-6622 x355.

Community Partnerships for Older Adults The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- Program:** The Community Partnerships for Older Adults program fosters efforts of local public-private partnerships to improve long term care and supportive systems for older adults. The program challenges communities to build on their experience, share and learn from other communities, and help to shape state and national policy as they develop and implement solutions for the future.



- Eligibility:** Diversity is a guiding principle of this initiative. The program seeks applications from existing community partnerships or collaborative groups with broad and diverse memberships from communities throughout the United States. An applicant must demonstrate that a core group of community leaders has been working together as a partnership for at least two years.
- Amount:** 18-month awards of up to \$150,000. Up to 17 development awards will be funded in 2004. Twelve development grantees will be awarded implementation grants of up to \$750,000 each on a competitive basis.
- Deadline:** Letters of Intent are due January 9, 2004 (3:00pm EST). All letters of intent must be submitted online at <http://www.partnershipsforolderadults.org>.
- Contact:** Additional information may be obtained by contacting Laura Lowenthal Bly at (207) 228-8374 or email at communitypartnerships@usm.maine.edu.

Upcoming Events

Rural Health Dialogues

The Center for Rural Health at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, is hosting a series of health related community meetings on the four North Dakota Indian Reservations. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

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| November 17, 2003 | - | Fort Berthold Indian Reservation
1:00pm - 4 Bears Casino & Lodge Arikara Room |
| November 18, 2003 | - | Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation
9:00am - Skydancer Hotel & Casino Conference Rooms A&B |
| November 18, 2003 | - | Spirit Lake Indian Reservation
1:00pm - Spirit Lake Casino & Resort Ballroom B |

The meetings are intended to provide participants with an overview of the programs and services offered by the Center for Rural Health, as well as to hear about current or emerging issues that rural health care providers face.

For additional information or to register contact Francine McDonald at (701) 777-4043.

AoA Tribal Listening Sessions

The Administration on Aging is hosting three Tribal Listening Sessions. The Tribal Listening Sessions will give American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal representatives, Native Hawaiian representatives, Title VI Directors, and AI/AN elders an opportunity to discuss Native American elder issues. The Tribal Listening Sessions are from 1 to 4 pm on the following dates and locations:

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| October 29, 2003 | - | Reno/Sparks, Nevada |
| February 25, 2004 | - | Phoenix, Arizona |
| April 28, 2004 | - | Rapid City, South Dakota |

Anyone interested in testifying must pre-register to obtain a time slot. To accommodate as many speakers and diverse opinions as possible, each person will have a maximum of 10 minutes. AoA will accept a copy of written remarks at the time of the Tribal Listening Session.

For further information and to register contact Kaufman and Associates at (509) 747-4994.

