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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Fiscal Year 2000 Discretionary Announcement for Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships Grants: Availability of Funds and Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

Statutory Authority: The Head Start Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.* CFDA: 93.600.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Head Start Bureau announces the availability of \$1,000,000 in funds for one Priority Area: Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP). This priority area will support efforts to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start programs serving Hispanic children and their families by developing models of academic training and forming partnerships between the Higher Education Institutions and local Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of application is July 12, 2000 at 5 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone).

Note: Applications should be submitted to the ACYF Operations Center at: HS-HEHSP, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300 Arlington, Virginia 22209. However, in order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement with application guidelines, which is available through the addresses listed below.

ADDRESSES: Applications, including all necessary forms can be downloaded from the Head Start web site at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb. The web site also contains a listing of all Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Hard copies of the application may be obtained by writing

or calling the Operations Center or sending an e-mail to hsr@lcnnet.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22209 or (1-800) 351-2293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Priority Area: Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP).

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of Higher Education.

Project Duration: The Announcement for this Priority Area is soliciting applications for project periods of four years and with one-year budget period.

Federal Share of Project Costs. The maximum Federal share for each project is not to exceed \$150,000 per year and is inclusive of indirect costs.

Matching Requirements: Although there are no matching requirements, applicants are encouraged to provide non-Federal contributions to the project.

Anticipated Number of Projects To Be Funded: It is anticipated that seven projects will be funded.

Criteria for Priority Area: Head Start Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP).

Reviewers will consider the following factors when assigning points.

Criterion 1. Objectives and Need for Assistance: (20 Points)

The extent to which the application identifies relevant physical, economic, social, financial, institutional or other problems requiring a grant; demonstrates the need for assistance; and states the principal and subordinate objectives of the project.

Criterion 2. Results or Benefits Expected: (10 Points)

The extent to which the application identifies the results and benefits to be derived; describes the anticipated contribution to policy, practice, theory and/or research, specific benefits should be described for both the Higher Education Institution and Head Start/Migrant Head Start/Early Head Start partners.

Criterion 3. Approach: (40 Points)

The extent to which the application outlines an acceptable plan of action pertaining to the scope of the project which details how the proposed work will be accomplished, including a timeline; list of each organization, consultants, including the evaluator, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution; and assures the adequacy of time devoted to the project by key staff. The key staff should be

knowledgeable of Head Start, Migrant Head Start and Early Head Start. The applicant must fully describe the approach and/or methodology and delineate the relationship of each task to the accomplishment of the proposed objectives. There should be evidence that the planned approach reflects sufficient input from and partnership with Head Start/Migrant Head Start/Early Head Start and the Higher Education Institution.

Criterion 4. Staff and Position Data: (20 Points)

The extent of the demonstrated capacity of the applicant organization, key leaders, managers and project personnel to:

(1) Provide high quality, relevant, and responsive training to Head Start staff;

(2) Assure participating project staff are competent to plan and deliver appropriate course material to Head Start trainees that is culturally relevant;

(3) Manage the implementation of the training grant in an effective and timely manner; and

(4) Manage successful partnership that involve sharing resources, staffing, and facilities.

Criterion 5. Budget and Budget Justification (10 Points)

The extent to which the project's costs are reasonable and appropriate in view of the activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes. Provide a line item detail for the costs of attendance of two representatives of the project (one from the Higher Education Institution and one from the participating Head Start partner) to attend a two-day meeting in Washington, DC. It is the expectation that applicants should limit budget projections to those costs necessary to build institutional capacity for and execute training and career development partnerships with participating Head Start grantees.

Required Notification of the State Single Point of Contact

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and 45 CFR part 100, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Program and Activities. Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposal Federal assistance under covered programs.

* All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New

York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, American Samoa and Palau have elected to participate in the Exchange Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these twenty-four jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official

State process recommendations which may trigger the accommodation or explain rule.

When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: William Wilson, Head Start Bureau, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447, Attn: Head Start-Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships. A list of the Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for each State and Territory can be found on the following web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

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Notice of Availability of Financial Assistance for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, HHS.

ACTION: This notice announces the availability of financial assistance for FY 2000 Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (BCP), FY 2001 Transitional Living Program (TLP), FY 2000 Street Outreach Program (SOP), and the FY 2000 Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Projects (SCDP).

This Notice announces the availability of the official FY 2000 Program Announcement. The official announcement must be used to apply for grant funding under the competitive grant areas and is available by calling or writing the ACYF Operations Center (address below) or by downloading the announcement from the FYSB website at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/FYSB> under Policy and Funding Announcements.

Legislative Authority: Grants for Runaway and Homeless Youth programs are authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHY Act) as amended by PL 106-71.

Deadlines

The deadlines for *receipt* of applications for new grants under this announcement are as follows:

CFDA#	Programs	Deadline dates	Deadline times
93.623	Basic Center Program	July 3, 2000	4:30 p.m. (EDT).
93.557	Street Outreach Program	July 3, 2000	4:30 p.m. (EDT).
93.550	Transitional Living Program	July 7, 2000	4:30 p.m. (EDT).
93.623	State Collaboration. Demonstration Projects	August 3, 2000	4:30 p.m. (EDT).

Mailing and Delivery Instructions: Applications must be in hard copy. Mailed applications and applications hand delivered by applicants, applicant couriers, overnight/express mail couriers or any other method of hand delivery shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline, at the following address: ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, telephone: 1-800-351-2293, email: FYSB@lcgnet.com.

Applications may be hand delivered to the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (EDT), Monday through Friday (excluding Federal Holidays).

Applicants are responsible for mailing and delivering applications well in advance of deadlines to ensure that the

applications are received on time. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. (EDT) on the deadline date will be classified as late. Postmarks and other similar documents do not establish receipt of an application.

ACF will not accept applications delivered by fax or e-mail regardless of date or time of submission and receipt.

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria stated above and are not received by the deadline date and time are considered late applications. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

Extension of Deadline: ACF may extend an application deadline for applicants affected by acts of God such as floods and hurricanes, or when there

is widespread disruption of the mails. A determination to waive or extend deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Grant awards for FY 2000 funds will be made by September 30, 2000 for the Basic Center and Street Outreach Program. Transitional Living Program grant awards for FY 2001 will be made after September 30, 2000. Grant awards for the Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Projects will be made by September 30, 2000, based on the availability of funds. If funds are not available for the State Collaboration Projects on September 30, 2000, we anticipate that successful applicants will be awarded funding during the second quarter of FY 2001 (January, February, and March, 2001).