



2013 Technical Assistance Webinar for Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Program

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NWD Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Overview

- Purpose
- Program goals
- Legislative intent
- Eligibility
- Review criteria and special considerations
- Budget considerations
- Required documents and reporting requirements
- Questions and answers

Purpose

- To increase access to health care by supporting innovative educational pipeline programs and achieve a diverse and culturally aligned workforce
- To identify and develop workforce strategies that incorporate social determinants of health and facilitate recruitment and retention of disadvantaged groups and racial and ethnic minorities

Program Goals

- Increase nurse education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds through student stipends, scholarships, and opportunities for mentorship
- Achieve a culturally-aligned and competent workforce that is reflective of the populations served
- Encourage innovative pipeline programs that recruit, retain, graduate, and support progression through registered nursing programs

Legislation

Title VIII Section 821 of the Public Health Service Act; 42 U.S.C. 296m, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148

Legislative Intent

- Create and expand nursing education opportunities for those from disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic minorities and underrepresented groups to become registered nurses
- Support and develop system-level, collaborative efforts that produce innovative projects to respond to the public's need for a culturally-aligned diverse nursing workforce

NWD Eligibility

- Accredited schools of nursing
- Academic health centers
- Nursing centers
- State or local governments
- Faith-based and community-based organizations

Accrediting Agencies 2013

- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- United States Department of Education approval agency
 - Kansas Board of Nursing
 - Maryland Board of Nursing
 - Missouri Board of Nursing
 - Montana Board of Nursing
 - North Dakota Board of Nursing
 - New York Board of Nursing
 - Division of Accreditation of American College of Nurse Midwives
 - Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs

Application and Submission Information

- Submit application electronically via grants.gov
- Ensure applicant and subcontractors have updated Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information with Systems for Award Management (SAM) - <https://www.sam.gov>
- Ensure uploaded files do not exceed 65 pages
- Be aware of staff salary limit that must not exceed a rate in excess of Executive II level



Application and Submission Information (cont'd)

- Ensure that the Project Director is a licensed Registered Nurse
- Ensure that established and adequate procurement systems are developed and monitored for all contracts and sub-recipients
- Submit only one application per eligible applicant

Review Criteria

- **Criterion 1:** Need = 15 points
- **Criterion 2:** Response = 25 points
- **Criterion 3:** Evaluative Measures = 20 points
- **Criterion 4:** Impact = 15 points
- **Criterion 5:** Resources / Capabilities = 20 points
- **Criterion 6:** Support Requested = 5 points

Special Considerations

- Be aware of budget justification items for each of the project periods
- Ensure that equipment purchases meet all the requirements outlined in the announcement

NWD Funding Preferences

- **Statutory Funding Preference**
 - **Substantially benefits rural areas**
 - **Substantially benefits medically underserved populations**
 - **Help meet Public Health Nursing needs in state and local health departments**



Budget Considerations

Required Attachment Documents

- Accreditation documentation
- Position descriptions
- Organizational chart
- Institutional diversity statement
- Letters of agreement and/or description of proposed/existing contracts (as applicable)
- Letters of support (as applicable)

Reporting Requirements

- Comply with audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133 that can be found at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default
- Submit quarterly Federal Financial Report (FFR) Cash transaction reports via payment management system
- Submit status reports
 - Federal Financial Report (SF-425)
 - Progress Report
 - Performance Report
 - Final Report



NWD Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted electronically
by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 8, 2013



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Helpful Online Resources

- HRSA Division of Nursing <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing>
- Tips for writing strong grant applications <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/granttips.html>
- Applications focusing on underserved populations <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/technicalassistance/index.html>
- SAM registration status <http://www.sam.gov>



Questions?



Thank You!

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