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GENERAL MEMORANDUM 10-001

ANA Seeks Comments on Proposed Program Policies and Procedure

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) issued the attached FEDERAL REGISTER notice seeking comments on proposed changes to program policies and procedures for the FY 2010 grants cycle overseen by the agency. The ANA proposes to issue five "Funding Opportunity Announcements" or FOAs (formerly referred to as Program Announcements) instead of the previous nine FOAs. The agency anticipates that combining programs would increase project proposal flexibility (thereby reducing the number of applications being excluded from competition). Changes would also be made to the project periods and funding minimums and maximums.

For FY 2010, FOAs would be issued for: Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS); SEDS–Special Initiative; Language Preservation; Language–Esther Martinez Initiative (Language-EMI); and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement.

We summarize the proposed FY 2010 FOA changes below.

All Applications. Except for the Language-EMI, the allowable project periods will be 12-, 24-, and 36-month periods. The Language-EMI project period must be 36 months as required by statute.

Also, all applications will require documentation of approval for submission by the applicant's official governing body. For tribally-authorized entities submitting an application, the documentation of approval must be from the tribal governing body. Unlike previous years, the required "documentation" need not be a tribal resolution. For applications by entities other than tribes or Alaska Native villages, documentation certifying that the governing body is representative of the community to be served must be included. Failure to include the required documentation would result in the application not being considered.

Program-Specific Changes for FY 2010. The consolidation of nine grant opportunities to five FOAs is as follows:

- *Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS).* The SEDS and SEDS-SI interest areas would continue to be governance and economic and social development but also would include the initiatives previously allowed under the Family Preservation Assessment and Family Preservation Implementation grants. The proposed SEDS funding range is \$150,000 to \$500,000 per budget period.
- *Social and Economic Development Strategies-Special Initiative (SEDS-SI).* In addition to the above, SEDS-SI would replace the Alaska-specific announcement and instead allow proposals from tribes and organizations from all ANA

geographic areas "with limited capacity and smaller project scopes." The proposed SEDS-SI funding range is \$50,000 to \$149,000 per budget period.

- *Language Preservation.* This program would combine the project areas allowed under the following formerly separate programs: Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Assessment, Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Planning, and Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Implementation. This consolidation would expand the allowable activities to cover language assessment, language program planning and implementation, teacher training, as well as curriculum and teaching materials development. The proposed Language Preservation funding range is \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.
- *Language-EMI.* The project proposals under this program would be limited to language survival schools, language nests, and language restoration programs per the Esther Martinez Act. The proposed Language-EMI funding range is \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.
- *Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (ERE).* The ERE focus will continue to be environmental regulatory programs for tribes and Alaska Native villages. The proposed ERE funding range is \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.

The attached notice details other proposed changes, such as the proposed reduction in evaluation criteria, and changes in weighted scores for the criteria. Comments on the proposed changes are due within 30 days of publication of the notice (by January 28, 2010).

If we may be of further assistance regarding the ANA notice, please contact us at the information below.

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MEASURES RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL CORE SET OF CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE QUALITY FOR VOLUNTARY REPORTING BY MEDICAID AND CHIP PROGRAMS, MEASURE LABELS BY LEGISLATIVE CATEGORY—Continued

Measure number	Legislative measure topic/Subtopic/Current measure label
ADHD	
20	Follow-up care for children prescribed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication (Continuation and Maintenance Phase) [NQF #108].
Mental Health	
21	Follow up after hospitalization for mental illness.
Diabetes	
22	Annual hemoglobin A1C testing (all children and adolescents diagnosed with diabetes).
FAMILY EXPERIENCES OF CARE	
23	CAHPS® Health Plan Survey 4.0, Child Version including Medicaid and Children with Chronic Conditions supplemental items.
AVAILABILITY	
24	Children and adolescents' access to primary care practitioners (PCP), by age and total.

Comments on the measures themselves are encouraged to:

- Specify which of the measures are being addressed with each comment.
- Explain views and reasoning clearly.

In addition, comments are invited on the AHRQ and CMS plans to enhance the initial, recommended core measure set so that they can be collected most efficiently and accurately across all Medicaid and CHIP programs, providers, and enrollees.

We strongly encourage comments to be as succinct as possible (250 words or less recommended, with additional supporting data allowed).

III. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection and recordkeeping requirements. Consequently, it need not be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35).

IV. Regulatory Impact Analysis

As this notice does not meet the significance criteria of Executive Order 12866, it was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: Section XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 13206 through 9a)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)

Dated: December 22, 2009.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; Novel Technologies in Newborn Screening.

Date: January 14, 2010.

Time: 2 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate concept review.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Rockville, MD 20852. (Telephone Conference Call)

Contact Person: Sathasiva B. Kandasamy, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Division of Scientific Review, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Bethesda, MD 20892-9304. (301) 435-6680, skandasa@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 18, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures

AGENCY: Administration for Native Americans (ANA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment on the Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (NAPA), as amended, the Administration for Native Americans is

required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules, general statements of policy, and rules of agency procedure or practice, and to give notice of the final adoption of such changes at least 30 days before the changes become effective. In accordance with notice requirements of NAPA, ANA herein describes its proposed interpretive rules, general statements of policy, and rules of agency procedure or practice as they relate to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) for the following programs: Social and Economic Development Strategies (hereinafter referred to as SEDS), Social and Economic Development Strategies—Special Initiative (hereinafter referred to as SEDS-SI), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance (hereinafter referred to as Language Preservation), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance—Esther Martinez Initiative (hereinafter referred to as Language-EMI), and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (hereinafter referred to as ERE). This notice also provides additional information about ANA's plan for administering the programs.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of comments is 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments in response to this notice should be addressed to Caroline Gary, Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., *Mail Stop:* Aerospace 2-West, Washington, DC 20447. Delays may occur in mail delivery to Federal offices; therefore, a copy of comments should be faxed to (202) 690-7441. Comments will be available for inspection by members of the public at the Administration for Native Americans, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Gary, Deputy Commissioner, (877) 922-9262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 814 of NAPA, as amended, requires ANA to provide notice of its proposed interpretive rules, general statements of policy, and rules of agency organization, procedure or practice. The proposed clarifications, modifications, and new text will appear in the five FY 2010 FOAs: SEDS, SEDS-SI, Language Preservation, Language-EMI, and ERE. This notice serves to fulfill this requirement.

I. Funding Opportunity Announcements. In previous years, ANA and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) referred to

a grant funding announcement as a "Program Announcement." ACF and ANA now refer to these same grant funding announcements as "Funding Opportunity Announcements." In FY 2010, ANA will reduce the number of FOAs from nine (in FY 2009) to five. In doing so, ANA will allow greater flexibility in the project proposals to better meet the needs of Tribes and organizations. In FY 2009, each FOA had program areas of interest and funding parameters, which required applicants to differentiate between the FOAs in order to propose activities and objectives that could be awarded. If an applicant submitted its proposal under the wrong FOA or proposed activities that were outside of those allowed under the FOA, the applicant would be excluded from the competition. By combining programs, ANA has allowed for greater flexibility in project proposals. ANA expects that this will result in fewer applications being excluded from the grant competitions.

In FY 2010, SEDS and SEDS-SI will include program areas of interest for project proposals that address governance and economic and social development. In addition, SEDS and SEDS-SI will also incorporate the special initiatives formerly under the Family Preservation Assessment and Family Preservation Implementation announcements.

In FY 2010, SEDS-SI will replace SEDS-Alaska and extend the former program area to include proposals from Tribes and organizations with limited capacity and smaller project scopes throughout ANA's geographic service areas. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) of NAPA, as amended.)

The FY 2010 Language Preservation FOA will include program areas of interest formerly included in Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Assessment, Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Planning, and Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Implementation. Therefore, the program areas of interest for Language Preservation will include assessing the current status of the language, planning and implementing language programs, training teachers, and creating curriculum and teaching materials.

The FY 2010 Language-EMI FOA will only include project proposals for language survival schools, language nests, and restoration programs, as identified in the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006.

(Legal authority: Section 803(a) and 803C of NAPA, as amended, 42 U.S.C.

2991b and § 2991b-3 and Pub. L. 109-394.)

The FY 2010 ERE FOA will continue to address environmental regulatory programs for Tribes and Native Alaskan Villages.

(Legal authority: Section 803(a) and (d) of NAPA, as amended.)

A. Award Information: In FY 2010, ANA will revise the length of project periods, funding floors, and funding ceilings to allow applicants greater flexibility in planning their projects. All FOAs, except Language-EMI, will allow 12-, 24-, and 36-month project periods. Language-EMI funding will only be awarded for 36-month projects, as per the requirements of the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006, Public Law 109-394.

The funding ranges will be as follows: SEDS—\$150,000 to \$500,000 per budget period.

SEDS-SI—\$50,000 to \$149,999 per budget period.

Language Preservation—\$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.

Language-EMI—\$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.

ERE—\$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period.

B. Disqualification Factors: ANA will revise for clarification two factors that are specific to applications submitted for ANA funding. Applications that are submitted without this documentation will be considered non-responsive to the FOA and will not be considered for competition.

This first factor applies to all applicants for ANA funding. ANA will require documentation that demonstrates that the official governing body of the applicant approves the submission to ANA for the current grant competition. In addition, Tribally authorized components must also have documentation from the Tribal governing body demonstrating approval of the application submission. This requirement is broader and less restrictive than the Tribal resolution requirement in previous years.

The second factor applies only to applicants that are *not* Tribes or Native Alaska Villages. This factor requires documentation demonstrating that the majority of the governing body is representative of the community to be served.

(Legal authority: Section 803(a) and 814 of NAPA, as amended.)

C. Definitions: ANA added definitions for terms used in the FOA. A new definition is included for *Federal Share*. In addition, the Language-EMI FOA includes a definition for *Language Restoration Program*.

(Legal authority: Section 803(b) and 814 of NAPA, as amended and 42 U.S.C. 2991b-3(b)(7)(C).)

Federal Share: Financial assistance provided by ANA in the amount of 80 percent of the approved costs of the project. The Commissioner may approve assistance in excess of such percentage if such action is in furtherance of the purposes of NAPA.

Language Restoration Program: An educational program that operates at least one Native American language program for the community in which it serves; provides training programs for teachers of Native American languages; develops instructional materials for the programs; works towards a goal of increasing language proficiency and fluency in at least one Native American language; and provides instruction in at least one Native American language.

D. ANA Application Evaluation Criteria: ANA will revise the evaluation criteria throughout all FOAs to simplify what information is being requested from applicants and to allow greater flexibility in applicants' proposals. The evaluation criteria will be revised to include clear explanations as to how ANA will assess the information provided in the applications.

(Legal authority: Section 803(c) of NAPA, as amended.)

i. *Titles and Assigned Weight:* In FY 2010, ANA will reduce the number of evaluation criteria from six to four and adjust the weighted scores to focus on those elements that are important to project success and project monitoring. Weighted sub criteria scores are identified for *Criterion 2* only. ANA is proposing generic titles for the criterion to eliminate confusion between the titles of the project content categories and the evaluation criteria.

For FY 2010, the criteria will be weighted as follows:

- Criterion 1—20 points;
- Criterion 2—50 points;
- Sub criterion—Project Strategy and Objective Work Plan (OWP)—40 points
- Sub criterion—Contingency Planning and Sustainability—10 points
- Criterion 3—15 points; and
- Criterion 4—15 points.

ii. *ANA Evaluation Criteria:* ANA will simplify what is being evaluated to focus on elements of the proposed project that are important for project success or to monitoring progress. Included here is a summary of each criterion. Each FOA will more fully describe the evaluation criteria.

(a) *Criterion 1:* Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated on the applicant's connection and commitment to the target community and the need for assistance, as demonstrated by the

stated problem. The applicant will be asked to identify a problem statement and project goal.

(b) *Criterion 2:* Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated on the strength of the project approach and the applicant's capacity to implement the project. The applicant will be asked to describe the project strategy, provide the OWP, identify challenges and contingency planning, and demonstrate sustainability of the project.

(c) *Criterion 3:* Under this criterion, the application will be evaluated on the three identified impact indicators, the target numbers and the tracking mechanisms. Two impact indicators, namely partnerships and leveraged resources, are standard for all applications. ANA requests that applicants identify a third impact indicator, which will be used to track how well the project addressed the problem statement. ANA will request baseline data, which is the existing situation at the time of the application, a target situation at the end of the project period, and a target for three years after the end of the project period.

(d) *Criterion 4:* Under this criterion, the application will be evaluated on the strength of the budget and how well it supports successful completion of the project objectives. ANA will request that the applicant present a line-item budget and budget justification for each budget period. The budget justification should tie the budget to the project strategy and should demonstrate the cost effectiveness of the budget.

II. *Panel Review Process.* In accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Grants Policy Statement, revised in January 2007, applicants may receive a summary of the panel review comments after funding decisions have been made. The comment summaries will assist applicants in compiling improved applications for future funding competitions.

(Legal authority: Section 814 of NAPA, as amended.)

Dated: December 22, 2009.

Caroline Gary,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2009-0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, 1660-0002; Disaster Assistance Registration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection; OMB No. 1660-0002; FEMA Form 009-0-1 (Replaces 90-69), Application/Registration for Disaster Assistance; FEMA Form 009-0-2 (Replaces 90-69A), Solicitud/Registro Para Asistencia De Resastre; FEMA Form 009-0-3 (Replaces 90-69B), Declaration and Release; FEMA Form 009-0-4 (Replaces 90-69C), Declaración Y Autorización; FEMA Form 009-0-5 (Replaces 90-69D), Receipt for Government Property; FEMA Form 009-0-6 (Replaces 90-69E), Recibo de Propiedad del Gobierno.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice seeks comments concerning the Disaster Assistance Registration process.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA-2009-0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Office of Chief Counsel, Regulation and Policy Team, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *E-mail.* Submit comments to FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include docket ID FEMA-2009-0001 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all