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Food and
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Service

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SUBJECT: Solicitation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 WIC Special Project Grants

TO: WIC State Agencies

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is soliciting applications for FY 2006 WIC Special Project Grants (both Special Project Grants and Concept Paper Development). FNS has set aside up to \$1.5 million to support WIC Special State projects. The awards will be made by September 30, 2006 as cooperative agreements.

FNS is using the same model that has been used since FY 1999, with the theme of **“Revitalizing Quality Nutrition Services in WIC (RQNS).”** Combining elements of various approaches used over the years, the model designates a specific focus area in which a range of grant projects will be possible. The RQNS focus area for FY 2006 is Childhood Obesity Prevention, with a re-focus on replicating, adapting and/or evaluating materials and outputs developed in the original FY 1999 Childhood Obesity Prevention Grants (FIT WIC) for effectiveness in specific WIC settings. Concept Papers funded in FY 2005 are assumed to meet the FY 2006 RQNS theme.

Extensive dissemination of the results of successful projects is expected at the end of each project, so that other State agencies will have the opportunity to replicate projects and/or learn from the results.

Concept Paper funding, also begun in FY 1999, will continue to be available this year as well. Concept Paper Development funding for FY 2006 will be used to develop a concept into a full grant proposal for the FY 2007 solicitation cycle. Two themes for the FY 2006 Concept Paper solicitation have been designated: (1) implementation of Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment; and (2) Childhood Obesity Prevention, again with a re-focus on replicating, adapting and/or evaluating materials and outputs developed in the original Childhood Obesity Prevention Grants for effectiveness in specific WIC settings. Applicants should identify the Concept Paper theme in the cover letter.

Any State agency planning to apply for FY 2006 WIC Special Project Grant funding should submit a **Letter of Intent by Friday, April 14, 2006**, using the attachment in the Request for Application. A State agency that applies for a FY 2006 WIC Special Project Grant may also submit an application for FY 2006 Concept Paper Development funding. The Request for Applications can be retrieved from, and submitted directly at, <http://www.grants.gov/>. This is a government website designed for electronic submission of applications/proposals. We advise that you allow ample time to familiarize yourself with the system's requirements. You will need both a Data Universal Number (DUNS) and a Contract Registry Number to access the system. You may contact Dun and

Bradstreet at 1-800-234-3867 to obtain a DUNS number if you do not have one already.
Applications submitted by direct e-mail or fax will not be accepted.

Attached are the requests for applications for the FY 2006 WIC Special Project Grants (**Application A**) and the FY 2006 WIC Special Project Concept Paper Development (**Application B**). The submission of an application does NOT guarantee funding. Please read the contents of this package carefully to ensure that all required documents are submitted.

Applications should be submitted to:

**Veronica Ferrell, Grants Officer
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
Grants Management Division
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 738
Alexandria, VA 22302.**

Applications for both packages are due on or before **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, June 5, 2006**. It is your responsibility to meet the deadline. **Late applications will not be considered in the competition. Furthermore, we will not consider additions or revisions to applications once applications are received.**

Please carefully review the application package(s). If there are any questions regarding this solicitation, please contact Veronica Ferrell of the Grants Management Division via email at veronica.ferrell@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Alberta C. Frost
Director
Office of Analysis, Nutrition, and Evaluation

Attachments