Fiscal Year 2013 Health Center Program New Access Point Announcement

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced Health Center Program’s New Access Point (NAP) grants. The link provided takes you directly to the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) [https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=9d74af4b-84fd-43a9-b209-956b96a9c4c5](https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=9d74af4b-84fd-43a9-b209-956b96a9c4c5). This announcement seeks applications for the Health Center Program’s New Access Point (NAP) grants. This NAP grant is very competitive and only a limited number of grants will be awarded. While that being said it is important to remember health centers across the nation have a critical impact on the lives of medically underserved populations. Please read the FOA carefully and in its entirety. This announcement will help you to determine what level your business is at for eligibility for this FOA. Eligibility information is outlined for your consideration in applying for this new access point. Please read the nine (9) requirements and decide is your business ready to meet all requirements.

**Note:** It is very important that applicants correctly identify their application type.

- **New Start:** An organization that does not currently receive Health Center Program section 330 operational grant funding. Select “New” on Application Form SF-424
- **Satellite:** An organization that currently receives Health Center Program section 330 operational grant funding. Select “Revision” on Application Form SF-424 (see detailed instructions in Section IV.2.i)

**Eligibility Information:**

1. Applicant is public or nonprofit private entity, including tribal, faith-based, and community-based organizations. Applicant demonstrates current status by submitting:
   - Signed articles of incorporation (see Attachment 9 in FOA) AND
   - Proof of nonprofit status or proof of public agency status (see Attachment 12 in FOA)
2. Applicant proposes a new access point that provides comprehensive primary medical care as its main purpose as documented on Form 1A: General Information Worksheet (projected patients).
3. Applicant proposes a new access point that provides services either directly onsite or through established arrangements without regard to ability to pay as documented on Form 5A: Services Provided.
4. Applicant ensures access to services for all individuals in the targeted service area or population. In other words, applicant does not propose a new access point to exclusively serve a single age group (e.g., children), lifecycle (e.g., geriatric), or health issue/disease category (e.g., HIV/AIDS).
5. Applicant proposes at least one new access point that is a permanent service delivery site operating for a minimum of 40 hours per week as documented on Form 5B: Service Sites.
6. Application proposes to establish a new access point which is not currently in the approved scope of project of any health center receiving section 330 grant support. In other words, the application **DOES NOT** propose:
   - Funding to support the relocation of current sites,
   - The expansion of capacity (e.g., additional providers, additional patients, new services, new populations) at any site already in any Health Center Program grantee’s approved scope of project, including those pending verification via Change in Scope or capital development grants (i.e., Capital Development, Building Capacity, or Facility Improvement Program), or
A site proposed through an active Change in Scope request or Health Center Program (H80) funding opportunity at the time of application.

7. Applicant requests annual Federal section 330 funding (as presented on the SF-424A) that **DOES NOT** exceed the established annual ceiling of $650,000 in Years 1 or 2.

8. Applicant adheres to the **200-page limit** on the length of the application when printed by HRSA. See Tables 2-5 for specific information regarding the documents included in the **200-page limit**.

9. **NEW START APPLICANTS ONLY:** Applicant proposes to serve a defined geographic area that is federally-designated, in whole or in part, as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Medically Underserved Population (MUP). If the area is not currently federally-designated as an MUA or MUP, the applicant must provide documentation that a request for designation has been submitted; designation must be received prior to a final HRSA FY 2013 NAP funding decision.

**Note:** If the applicant is requesting funding only for MHC, HCH, and/or PHPC, the applicant is not required to have a MUA/MUP designation for the proposed service area and/or target population. See Section I.3 for definitions of MHC, HCH, and PHPC populations.

Applicants must meet all of the above eligibility requirements. **Applications that DO NOT demonstrate the eligibility requirements will be considered non-responsive and WILL NOT be considered for NAP funding.**

**DEADLINES:**

Phase 1 – Grants.gov: must be completed and successfully submitted via Grants.gov by 11:59 pm ET on February 27, 2013.

Phase 2 – HRSA EHB: must be completed and successfully submitted by 8:00 pm ET on **April 3, 2013**.

Applicants can only begin Phase 2 in HRSA’s EHBs after Phase 1 in grants.gov has been completed by the assigned due date and HRSA has assigned the application a tracking number.

**HRSA will be holding Technical Assistance Conference Calls**

(http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/nap/):

**NAP Applicant Technical Assistance Call**

Date: January 23, 2013
Time: 3:00 p. Eastern Time
Number: 800-369-1124
Passcode: 7341689

**Clinical and Financial Performance Measures Technical Assistance Call**

Date: January 30, 2013
Time: 3:00 pm Eastern Time
Number: 800-369-1124
Passcode: 7341689

**Instant replay:** A digital recording will be posted on the NAP TA webpage approximately 1 week after each call is completed.