



Funding Available for 3rd Annual

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & Georgia State University

Seed Grant Awards for Social and Behavioral Science Research

Seed funding is now available for research projects in the social and behavioral sciences which are based on collaborations between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Georgia State University (GSU). The maximum award amount for each institution is \$15,000 per year (\$30,000 total per project). The maximum total budget for the two year project period is \$60,000 (\$30,000 total per institution). Up to five projects will be funded under this initiative. Previous recipients of the seed funding are not eligible for new funding. Application guidelines are below.

Applications are due August 1, 2007 and funding is contingent upon availability of funds.

Application Guidelines

Deadline August 1, 2007 for October 1, 2007 Funding

Award Period: Approved proposals may be funded for a project period of up to two years (October 1 to September 30 each year). Applicants must specify whether they are seeking funding for one or two years. Funding will be contingent upon availability of funds, and for year two funds, submission of a satisfactory progress report.

Research Objectives: Funding supports social and behavioral science research within the field of public health. Proposed projects must address a public health issue in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, injury or disability prevention, or health protection from infectious, environmental or terrorist health threats. In addition, proposals must be based on a clearly defined collaboration between CDC and GSU scientists.

Research proposals must also address one of the four **CDC Health Protection Goals**. CDC's Health Protection Goals are:

- Healthy People in Every Stage of Life - All people, and especially those at greater risk of health disparities, will achieve their optimal lifespan with the best possible quality of health in every stage of life.
- Healthy People in Healthy Places – The places where people live, work, learn, and play will protect and promote their health and safety, especially those at greater risk of health disparities.
- People Prepared for Emerging Health Threats – People in all communities will be protected from infectious, occupational, environmental, and terrorist threats.

- Healthy People in a Healthy World - People around the world will live safer, healthier and longer lives through health promotion, health protection, and health diplomacy.

For more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/goals/factSheet.htm>

Research areas that may be addressed include: studies that evaluate policies or programs using behavioral surveillance data; process evaluation of public health interventions; methodological assessments such as reliability or validity studies involving survey data; organizational or systems analysis studies of public health infrastructure or workforce training and performance, sociological studies of interorganization exchange and collaboration in community health partnerships and coalitions; anthropological studies of cultural competence or sensitivity of public health programs that seek to reduce disparities; assessment of participatory processes in public health planning or research; or studies related to public health programs, law, or policies.

Application and Submission Information: Applications must identify a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) from each institution. Each investigator must be either a full time employee (for CDC) or a full time faculty member with rank of assistant professor or higher (for GSU). A Co-PI may submit only one application in response to this funding announcement. Previous recipients of funding from this program are not eligible to apply.

An identical application must be submitted to both institutions in the format (1-5) listed below:

1. Cover Page

A cover page including the project title, names of co-investigators and affiliations/dept./title, amount requested, and a one-paragraph summary/abstract of the proposed research.

2. Research Plan

The research plan should include sufficient information needed for evaluation of the project, independent of any other document.

Do not exceed **four** (single spaced, 12pt. font) **pages total** for **Items A** through **C**, exclusive of references.

A. Specific Aims

List the objectives and the goal of the proposed research.

B. Background and Significance

Briefly sketch the background leading to the present project. In addition, state concisely the importance and public health relevance of the research described in the application.

C. Research Design and Methods

Describe the research design, procedures, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted.

D. Collaboration (1/2 page or less)

Use this section to give particular attention to the collaborative nature of the research project. This section should include the responsibilities of CDC and GSU as described below:

1. CDC Responsibilities

Describe the activities for which the CDC Co-P.I. / research team will have the primary responsibility.

2. *GSU Responsibilities*

Describe the activities for which the GSU Co-P.I. / research team will have the primary responsibility.

3. *Collaborative Responsibilities*

Describe any areas of joint CDC and GSU responsibility.

3. Biosketches

Biosketches for all investigators using the PHS 398 bio-sketch format (not to exceed four pages):

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc>.

4. Budget and Budget Justification

The budget and budget justification detailing proposed expenditures must be provided for each institution. Personnel services, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, equipment, and travel between CDC and GSU, to research sites, or to other meetings and organized conferences are appropriate budget items. The proposed budget should clearly delineate Year One and Year Two expenses separately, and within each year, separate budgets must be specified for each institution. In addition for projects requesting two years of funding, a two-year summary of the total budget by institution must be included. The maximum award amount for each institution is \$15,000 per year (\$30,000 total per project). The maximum total budget for the two year project period is \$60,000 (\$30,000 total per institution). Indirect costs are inappropriate budget items.

5. Routing Sheet

A routing sheet including approval signatures of the appropriate individuals as required by both institutions should be attached to the proposal.

For CDC staff, a CDC Routing and Transmittal Slip (CDC Optional Form 41 or 0.41A <http://intraspn.cdc.gov/maso/EForms/PDF/Form1080.pdf>) should be used to indicate supervisory approval.

GSU faculty should use a CDC Collaborative Grant Cover Page (downloadable from the GSU University Research Services & Administration funding opportunities website http://www.gsu.edu/research/funding_opportunities.html)

Application Review: The criteria listed below will be considered when reviewing proposals. A peer review panel consisting of CDC scientists and GSU scientists will review proposals.

Significance: Does this research address an important public health problem? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced?

Approach: Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, well reasoned, and appropriate to the aims of the project?

Innovation: Is the project original and innovative? Does it advance the field?

Feasibility: Is the proposed project feasible? Can the proposed project be completed within the project period?

Investigators: Are the Co-PIs and other research team members appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the proposed work appropriate to the experience level of the Co-principal investigators and other researchers? Do the Co-PIs and research team bring complementary and integrated expertise to the project?

Collaboration: Is the proposed research project collaborative in nature? Is the collaboration between CDC and GSU well defined?

Potential for Yielding Additional Funding: Is there potential for securing future funding beyond the CDC / GSU funding?

Reporting: A progress report will be due by the end of the eleventh month of the first year. Approval for second year funding will be based on a satisfactory progress report. Recipients of awards must submit a final report of their activities to both Program Co-Directors no later than 30 days following the end of the project. Reporting requirements will be included in award letters.

Policies: Each Co-PI will be responsible for adhering to all legal requirements, applicable regulations, and established policies within their respective institutions. This includes, but is not limited to, policies and requirements for 1) reporting of employee inventions; 2) clearance of publications; 3) following safety regulations and procedures; and 4) abiding by ethical guidelines. It is anticipated that final project approval clearance will take all such requirements and procedures into consideration.

Submission: Seed funding applications must be received at both institutions by **August 1, 2007**. Funding for approved proposals will be available on October 1, 2007. Applications must be submitted to both institutions for internal approval (see **5. Routing Sheet** instructions) prior to scientific review.

Instructions for Submission: The same proposal should be submitted to both institutions simultaneously.

The CDC collaborating scientist should submit application by **email plus five paper copies** to:

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The Georgia State University collaborating scientist should submit application by **email plus five paper copies** to:

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404-651-4350 - phone
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Any questions about this program should be directed to either Dr. Deborah Holtzman (CDC) at 404-718-8555 or dxh4@cdc.gov or Dr. Amy Lederberg (GSU) at 404-651-3052 or alederberg@gsu.edu.