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EZ/EC News Flash

Valuable EZ/EC Funding Opportunities now Available Through HHS

Community Food and Nutrition Program – The Office of Community Services (OCS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will award grants of up to \$50,000 for innovative community-based, local or statewide programs that help meet the nutrition needs of low-income people. Eligible applicants include State and local government agencies, Indian tribes, and public and private nonprofit organizations. OCS will give extra consideration to applicants that document that they are actively involved with their local Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community project. The application deadline is May 25, 2001. For more details, please contact Catherine Rivers at 202/401-5252. The announcement was published in the Federal Register on March 26, 2001, pages 16555-16579, and the full announcement and application kits are posted for downloading on the Internet at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm>

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program -- Funding to establish, maintain or expand programs to prevent the incidence of family violence and provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents. OCS will award grants in the following four categories:

- Specialized outreach for under served and diverse populations (approximately two grants of \$150,000 each in the first year with a maximum period of three years);
- Grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic and Tribal Colleges and Universities to develop practice-based knowledge and provide stipends for field placements for students who are specializing in the field of Family Violence with underserved populations (approximately six grants funded with a total of \$100,000);
- Public information / community awareness activities for the prevention of family violence (approximately five one-year grants of a maximum of \$35,000 each);
- Collaborative efforts between faith-based spiritual organizations and domestic violence organizations (approximately six one-year grants of a maximum of \$37,500 each)

The application deadline for the Family Violence Presentation and Services Program is May 21, 2001. For more details, please contact either Ms. Sunni Knight at 202/401-5319; Dr. James Gray at 202/401-5705; William Riley at 202/401-5529; or Ms. Shena Russell at 202/205-5932. The

announcement was published in the Federal Register on April 6, 2001, pages 18317-18393, and the announcement and application kit are posted for downloading at the following web address: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm>

Assets for Independence Demonstration grant program -- OCS is accepting applications for funding through this program, which will award grants up to \$500,000 to support local government agencies and not-for-profit organizations that establish and manage individual development account projects for lower income individuals and families. OCS will give extra consideration to applicants that document that they are actively involved with their local Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community project. The application deadline is June 12, 2001. For more details, contact Richard Saul (202/401-9341) or Sheldon Shalit(202/401-4807). The announcement was published in the Federal Register on February 27, 2001, pages 12687-12721. Application materials are also posted on the web at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm>

If you have general questions or suggestions about these or other HHS programs, please contact James Gatz, Director, HHS EZ/EC Program, at (202) 401-5284.