

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Replacement Grant for Title X Family Planning Services in Parts of New Hampshire

Agency: Office of Population Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

Action: Notice of Replacement Grant for Title X Family Planning Services in Parts of New Hampshire.

SUMMARY: The Office of Population Affairs, Office of Family Planning will be awarding a non-competitive, urgent replacement grant to the Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) in New Hampshire to provide Title X family planning services in the following areas of the state: West Lebanon, Claremont, Keene, Derry, Exeter, and Manchester. Those areas, constituting more than half of the state, have been without access to Title X family planning services since July 1, 2011, after the New Hampshire Executive Council voted not to renew the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' contract with PPNNE. The replacement grant is intended to minimize the interruption of needed clinical services and to protect the public health in New Hampshire.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Grantee of record: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Intended recipient of award: Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Award amount: \$1,016,866; \$359,765 in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funds, and estimated \$657,101 in FFY 2012 funds subject to the enactment of appropriations and availability of funds.

Authority: Section 1001 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. § 300).

CFDA Number: 93.217

Project Period: September 1, 2011 to December 30, 2012.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EXCEPTION TO COMPETITION:

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS) submitted a non-competing application for Title X Family Planning Services on September 28, 2010, that included a plan to provide clinical services in all counties in the state, and outlined the communities where services would be offered via contracts with a variety of community agencies. A Notice of Grant Award was issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) effective January 22, 2011, in response to the specific plans laid out in this application. On August 12, 2011, the NHDHHS submitted a letter to HHS, relinquishing the portion of their Title X grant award that had been intended for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE). Planned Parenthood of Northern New England had been a longstanding contractor with the NHDHHS, and provided Title X family planning services in the previously identified areas of the state.

Title X family planning services have not been provided in the areas of the state previously served by PPNNE since the contract between NHDHHS and PPNNE ended on June 30, 2011. There is an urgent need to reinstate services with an experienced provider that is familiar with the provision of Title X family planning services and applicable laws, regulations and administrative requirements, and has a history of successfully providing services in these areas of the state.

Because of PPNNE's prior experience providing Title X family planning services in the identified areas of New Hampshire, the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) will be awarding a sole source, temporary replacement grant award to PPNNE for a period of 16 months. This replacement grant will cover the time period from September 1, 2011, through December 30, 2012. The entire state of New Hampshire, including local and regional public or private nonprofit entities, will be eligible to compete for funding in FY 2013, in response to a notice that OPA plans to issue, announcing the availability of FY 2013 funds for Title X family planning services projects, with a project period starting December 31, 2012.

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