

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CFDA 93.217 FAMILY PLANNING - SERVICES

I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Family Planning - Services Project Grant (FPSPG) program is to provide funds for education, counseling, and comprehensive medical and social services necessary to enable individuals to freely determine the number and spacing of their children; and by doing so, to help reduce maternal and infant mortality and promote the health of mothers and children.

II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES

The FPSPG program is administered by the Office of the Secretary (OS), a component of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Within the OS, the Office of Family Planning is responsible for the program. The program has no statutory funds allocation formula; HHS makes discretionary grant awards whose amounts are based on estimates of the amounts necessary for successful project performance.

Any public or non-profit private entity in a State currently providing family planning services—with priority given to low income families—may apply for a project grant under the program. The entity applying for the grant must follow Public Health System Reporting Requirements and submit to the State a plan for a coordinated and comprehensive program of family planning services.

Family planning services under the FPSPG program must be made available without coercion and with respect for the privacy, dignity, and social and religious beliefs of the individuals being served. To the extent possible, entities that receive grants shall encourage family participation in projects assisted under this program.

Source of Governing Requirements

The FPSPG is authorized under Title X of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 USC 300 *et seq.*). The implementing regulations are 42 CFR part 59.

Availability of Other Program Information

Additional information is available on the HHS Office of Population Affairs web site at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/>.

III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In developing the audit procedures to test compliance with the requirements for a Federal program, the auditor should first look to Part 2, Matrix of Compliance Requirements, to identify which of the 14 types of compliance requirements described in Part 3 are applicable and then look to Parts 3 and 4 for the details of the requirements.

A. Activities Allowed or Unallowed

1. *Activities Allowed*

- a. *Provision of services* - A project supported by the FPSPG must provide a broad range of family planning methods and services, including infertility services and services to adolescents. Services that may be funded for a particular project are identified in the grant agreement. They may include:
- (1) *Medical services* - These include providing information on all medically approved methods of contraception (including natural family planning methods); counseling services; physical examinations, including cancer detection and laboratory tests; issuance of contraceptive supplies; periodic follow-up examinations; and referral to other medical facilities when medically indicated.
 - (2) *Social services* - These include counseling, referral to and from other social and medical service agencies, and such ancillary services as are necessary to facilitate clinic attendance.
 - (3) *Information and education* - These activities are designed to achieve community understanding of the program's objectives, inform the community of the availability of program services, and promote continued participation in the project by persons likely to benefit from its services (42 CFR sections 59.5(a)(1) and (b)).
- b. *Purchase of services* - If the grantee obtains services for its clients by contract or other arrangements with service providers, it must do so according to agreements with the providers that specify payment rates and procedures (42 CFR section 59.5(b)(9)).

2. *Activities Unallowed* - No FPSPG funds shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning (42 CFR section 59.5(a)(5)).

G. Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking

1. Matching

The Federal share of a FPSPG project's cost may never equal 100 percent nor be less than 90 percent (with certain exceptions). The Federal and non-Federal shares are stated in the Notice of Grant Award issued to the grantee (42 CFR sections 59.7(b) and (c)).

2. **Level of Effort** - Not Applicable

3. **Earmarking** - Not Applicable

J. Program Income

A grantee must charge for family planning services according to the client's ability to pay. A person's inability to pay according to the prescribed fee schedule must not be a deterrent to receiving services. A person from a low-income family may not be charged, except to the extent that payment will be made by a third party (such as an insurer or a government agency) which is authorized or is under legal obligation to pay such charge. Individuals from other than low-income families are charged according to an established fee schedule. For individuals from families with incomes between 101 and 250 percent of the published Income Poverty Guidelines, such a schedule must provide discounts based on ability to pay. Fees for individuals from families with higher incomes are set to recover the reasonable cost of providing the services (42 CFR sections 59.5(a)(7) and (8)).

A "low-income family" is one whose total annual income does not exceed 100 percent of the most recent Income Poverty Guidelines published by HHS in the *Federal Register*. These guidelines may be found on the HHS web site at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>. "Low-income family" also includes members of families whose annual family income exceeds the poverty level, but who the project director has determined are unable, for good reasons, to pay for family planning services. For example, unemancipated minors who wish to receive services on a confidential basis must be considered on the basis of their own resources (42 CFR sections 59.2 and 59.5(a)(6)).

The Notice of Grant Award provides guidance on the use of program income. Generally the addition method is used for this program.

L. Reporting

1. Financial Reporting

- a. SF-269, *Financial Status Report* - Applicable
- b. SF-270, *Request for Advance or Reimbursement* - Not Applicable
- c. SF-271, *Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs* - Not Applicable
- d. SF-272, *Federal Cash Transactions Report* - Payments under this program are made by the HHS Payment Management System. Reporting equivalent to the SF-272 is accomplished through the Payment Management System and is evidenced by the PSC-272 series of reports.

2. Performance Reporting - Not Applicable

3. Special Reporting - Not Applicable