

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Assistance

Department of Health & Human Services

Special Edition

The Compassion Capital Fund was appropriated by Congress to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The goal of the CCF is to assist faith-based and community organizations to increase their effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services, expand their organizations, diversity their funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need. This will be accomplished through the funding of experienced intermediary organizations in well defined geographic locations with a proven track record of providing assistance to smaller faith based and community organizations in their communities.

HHS intends to award up to \$7 million to 12 intermediary organizations (which could include credit unions or affiliated organizations) that will in turn provide technical assistance and sub-awards to smaller organizations (which could include credit unions or community organizations). Previous recipients of CCF grants are ineligible to apply. The intermediaries will serve as a bridge between the Federal government and the faith based community/organization.

HHS is currently inviting grant applicants to apply. The Notice of Funds Availability announcement (released March 19, 2004) with the program criteria and goals can be found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2004-EJ-0002.html/. The application can be obtained from the following: US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Operations Center, Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program, 1815 North Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209 Attn: Eduardo Hernandez or call 1-800-281-9519. The deadline for receipt of an application is on May 18, 2004 (4:30 p.m. eastern time) in the HHS office.

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