



Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/.

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Preparing Our Faith Communities Ready, Pack, Go

September is National Preparedness Month ...

This September, faith communities are being encouraged to strengthen their members' awareness that hazards can happen at any time and at any place and the importance of being prepared for such times of emergencies. The *Preparing Our Faith Communities: Ready, Pack, Go* campaign is asking faith communities to prepare their members to have supplies ready to shelter in place for at least three days when emergencies result in power and water loss and an inability to secure basic necessities. Having a pre-packed Home Emergency Supply Kit will enable a family to shelter in place for three days or have basic supplies ready to support their families should they need to quickly leave their homes for safer shelter.

Preparing Our Faith Communities: Ready, Pack, Go educational guides, newsletter texts, flyers and posters have been prepared for faith communities' use in preparing their memberships for times of emergencies. Please visit the FAITH COMMUNITY site on www.FairfaxCountyCitizenCorps.org to download these materials.

Home Emergency Supply Kit Posters with tear off supply lists may be obtained by calling the Community Interfaith Liaison Office (Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services) at 703-324-3453 or e-mailing ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The American Red Cross will visit your faith community and provide Home Emergency Supply Kit training sessions. To set up a training session, please call Jesse Viles at 703-805-2057 or e-mail her at vilesj@redcrossnca.org.

Remembering 9-11 ...

Saturday, September 10 from 1 – 5 p.m.

Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center

3159 Row Street, Falls Church



مركز دار الهجرة الإسلامي

Virginia, 22044 U.S.A.

Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ir-Rahim

Greetings of Peace and Blessings,

In the wake of the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th 2001, I cordially invite you to attend an open-house at the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center on Saturday, September 10th 2005 from 1 pm to 5 pm for a "One Nation Under God ...Come and get to know your Muslim Neighborhood" – open house. It is our sincerest hope to take this opportunity to get to know our neighbors and for you to get to know us. To this end, we will have scheduled an open-house with video presentations, printed information, mini-lectures and the ever-popular "Taste of Islam-international food festival" from the grill for all to enjoy.

During the hours and days immediately following September 11th 2001, our neighborhoods, law enforcement and government representatives came to the support of the Muslim community in our area. Since that time our community has faced many challenges and we still need to come together around the values we hold in common.

On this occasion, we would like to give special recognition to some of our neighbors and friends other faiths that are courageously making a difference in our community. Through their acts of friendship, trust and advocacy they have demonstrated true faith in God and speak to the best parts of American life-diversity and religious freedom.

Your attendance will be appreciated anytime during the open-house and all are welcome. The open-house last year was a great success. If you have any questions, you may contact us at 703-531-1030. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik,
Director of Outreach
Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center

Sunday, September 11 at 1 p.m. ...



**COME JOIN US ON 9/11/2005 FOR A
DRAMATIC UNITY WALK AS
CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, GURDWARAS & MOSQUES
OPEN THEIR DOORS TOGETHER
IN PEACE HEALING AND UNDERSTANDING
FROM
WASHINGTON HEBREW
TO
THE ISLAMIC CENTER
WITH A CONTINUATION TO
THE GANDHI MEMORIAL**

WALK BEGINS SUNDAY
9/11/2005 AT 1 P.M. AT
THE WASHINGTON
HEBREW CONGREGATION,
3935 MACOMB ST., NW

MAIN CEREMONIES & KEYNOTE
SPEAKERS

AT THE ISLAMIC
CENTER OF WASHINGTON,
2551 MASS. AVE., NW

CONTINUATION ON TO
THE GANDHI MEMORIAL
STATUE – HOSTED BY UNITED
HINDU JAIN TEMPLES
ASSOCIATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 202-362-2222

WALK IN WASHINGTON, DC
ALONG MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW
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9 PLACES OF WORSHIP:

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- ANNUNCIATION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
- NATIONAL SIKH GURUDWARA
- ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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- Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance
- Church Women United DC
- Wholeness for Humanity
- Armenian National Institute
- Brahma Kumaris "Envision a City/World of Values"
- Church of Christ

Sunday, September 11 at 7 p.m. ...

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
cordially invites you to attend a
Remembrance Ceremony
at the 9/11 Memorial Grove Garden



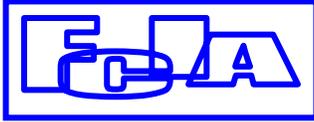
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005
7 p.m.

Please gather by 6:45 p.m. in the Forum
of the Fairfax County Government Center,
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Rain site is the Forum. For more information, directions or reasonable
ADA accommodations, call 703-524-3187, TTY 711.



Faith Communities in Action



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Government Center Conference Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Conference Rooms 2 & 3

ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES INVITED TO ATTEND

- *"Breaking the Silence"*

Helping Youth Prevent Child Abuse

Tsehay Elias, GoodTouch/BadTouch
Training Coordinator
Fairfax County Department of Family Services

- *"Building on Faith"*

Faith Communities' Impact on Creating Affordable Housing Opportunities

Ann Murphy, Chairperson
Building on Faith Committee
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia

- *"What is the Virginia Fair Wage Act?"*

Sue Capers
Virginia Homeless Coalition and
Social Action Linking Together

- Faith Communities in Action Task Force Reports

- * At Risk Youth Task Force
- * Emergency Preparedness Task Force
- * Affordable Housing
- * Interfaith Communities for Dialogue ~ Annandale
- * Communities for Dialogue ~ McLean

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Ventures in Community (VIC) ...

VIC Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church
8412 Richmond Avenue (not Highway)
Alexandria, VA

Ventures in Community (VIC) is an interfaith alliance of faith communities in the Mt. Vernon area. The September 7 meeting will include the topics of affordable housing and emergency preparedness.

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Volunteers Active in Disasters (VOAD) ...

VOAD Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Jubilee Center
4650 Shirley Gate Road
Fairfax, VA

Faith Communities interested in volunteering during times of emergencies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday, September 7, 2005 quarterly meeting of Northern Virginia VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). VOAD is an organization of all local groups including faith groups who are active during times of emergencies. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Jubilee Christian Center located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax. Meeting speaker will be Dr. Carl Cameron of the Disabilities Preparedness Center.

VOAD is encouraging faith communities interested in helping out during times of disasters to attend their meetings and consider joining. VOAD coordinates the deployment of disaster assistance volunteer organizations during emergencies. Through this coordination, volunteer organizations' resources are more effectively utilized and duplication is prevented. For some emergencies, additional groups in set geographic areas will be needed. This is where faith communities' assistance will be extremely valuable. If VOAD knows that faith communities in an area struck

by a disaster will be interested in providing help, response to those in need will be much faster and better coordinated. For more information call Sandy Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail her at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Housing Task Force ...

FCIA Housing Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Ravensworth Baptist Church

5100 Ravensworth Road

Annandale, VA 22003

The Housing Task Force of Faith Communities in Action will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, September 7. Faith communities interested in affordable housing issues as well as faith-based or community-based organizations involved in the affordable housing issue are invited to attend.

Wednesday, September 7 – Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Alzheimer's Family Day Center presents ...

Hand in Hand ... Sharing the Lessons of Dementia Care

Alzheimer's Family Day Center
2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210
Fairfax, VA

Wednesday Events from 7 – 9 p.m.

Cost: \$225

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2005

Alzheimer's Family Day Center presents a practical approach to caregiver education. The six-week course begins on September 7 and meets Wednesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. Family members caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease, professional caregivers, and anyone interested in learning practical caregiving approaches should attend. For more information or to register call 703-204-4664, email afdc@alzheimersfdc.org, or visit their Website at www.alzheimersfdc.org.

Wednesday, September 14 – November 2, 2005

Fairfax Co. Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents ...

South County Neighborhood College
"Building a Strong Community"

September 14 – November 2, 2005
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

South County Government Center
8350 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309

Classes are free and light meals are provided

Learn how to collaborate with others who live or work in Southern Fairfax County to strengthen your neighborhood and build a strong sense of community. Through a combination of panel presentations, hands-on activities, group discussions and field-work will provide the opportunity to learn more about how local government works in Fairfax County, community resources, building community partnerships and leaders and how to operate effectively as a local leader. Class size is limited and the application deadline is September 9, 2005. For additional information or to register contact Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700 or email maria.franco-nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Saturday, September 24, 2005

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter presents ...

Art Auction

Northern Virginia Community College
Cultural Center Community Forum
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA

7 p.m. Preview
8 p.m. Auction

Admission: \$15

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads and Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, is sponsoring an art auction to benefit these organizations that provide services to residents of the community.

Admission is \$15 and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, beverages, and a door prize. For tickets or information, contact 703-820-7621 Ext. 218. The auction will feature art in all media and price ranges. Major credit cards accepted.

Thursday, September 29, 2005

McLean Community Connections presents ...

The Third McLean Community Connections Dialogue

McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean, VA

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Save the Date! The McLean Community Connections presents its third community dialogue. The focus of the dialogue will be "when values and principles are at stake, do we give up community harmony?" Join your McLean neighbors for this event. Refreshments will be served during registration starting at 6:30 p.m. The dialogue will begin at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, call 703-324-3453 or email ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Saturday, October 22, 2005

The Dominican Retreat presents ...

Holding on While Letting Go ...

A day of reflection, rejuvenation, and enrichment
for those caring for aging relatives.

Saturday, October 22, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dominican Retreat
7103 Old Dominion Drive
McLean, VA

Cost: \$50

The day will be a blend of information, support, and spiritual fulfillment. Topics will include Spirituality & Aging, Grief, Balance for the "Sandwich Generation," and Humor for the Caregiver's Soul. The cost is \$50 and includes all materials and lunch. For more information or to register, call 703-356-4243 or visit www.dominicanretreat.org.

Sunday, October 23, 2005

The Dominican Retreat presents ...

Wellness Day for Women
Sunday, October 23, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Dominican Retreat
7103 Old Dominion Drive
McLean, VA

Come join us for a prayerful day designed to pamper the body and spirit in an atmosphere of contemplation, wholeness, and holiness.

This wellness sampler day will begin and end with prayer and will include:

- Keynote Presentation
- Time for personal prayer and meditation
- Healthful lunch
- Opportunity to sample various healing modalities such as chair massage, guided meditation, Tai Chi, acupuncture demonstration, yoga, and more.

Space is limited ~ reservations are required. For more information or to register call 703-356-4243 or visit www.dominicanretreat.org. Suggested Offering: \$50

News, Announcements, & Updates

⌘ Youth Suicide and Depression Prevention RFP ...

The Fairfax Partnership for Youth's Community Task Force on Youth Suicide and Depression will be offering a total of 20 community trainings during 2005/2006 on the topic of youth suicide and depression prevention. The Partnership will be posting a Request for Proposals in the early fall which will invite faith and community organization to submit a proposal regarding who the target of the training would be, how the training will be helpful to their organization and its constituents, as well as how the group intends to build on the training and next steps.

Ten of these trainings will be targeted for faith groups and the remaining ten will target other community organizations. The goal of the Task Force's training program is to prevent teen suicide through identification and appropriate referral of high school age youth who exhibit signs of depression or other risk factors for self-harm. The method for accomplishing this goal is outreach to parents, youth-serving professionals and other adults who work

with children regarding the seriousness of the risk, how to identify youth at risk, and options for effective response. For more information please contact Jennifer Heffron, Co-Chair of the Taskforce, Fairfax Partnership for Youth at mentalhealthtaskforce@verizon.net.

⌘ Fairfax Partnership for Youth RFP ...

The Fairfax County After-School Network, an initiative of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth, is preparing a Request for Proposal for two areas of the County. Community-based and faith-based organizations will have an opportunity to submit proposals for a series of at least three meetings to bring together other community- and faith-based organizations to raise awareness in the need for community involvement in supporting after-school programs. The goal is to build community capacity for after-school programs and, ultimately, inform parents of the availability of programs and options. For more information, contact Ruth Toxopeus at 703-324-5580 or Ruth.Toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

⌘ Local Grant Funding Opportunity ...

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc., on behalf of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, will be seeking to award competitive grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to small Northern Virginia faith and community-based organizations (FBCOs) that serve jobseekers facing employment barriers. Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC), an affiliate of Goodwill of Greater Washington, was selected by The *SkillSource* Group, as an intermediary partner to help build partnerships between faith and community-based organizations; the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board; and the One-Stop Career Centers. The program, *Employment Access through Partnerships and Community Collaboration*, will fund projects that serve local job seekers facing multiple challenges, including limited English, reading, and math skills, as well as a lack of access to reliable transportation or child-care. Attention will be focused on parts of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties whose residents experience formidable barriers to employment.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available on September 14, 2005, at www.myskillsource.org. WORC will host four workshops in September and October to assist organizations in developing Requests for Funding (RFP). Times and locations of workshops will be posted on The *SkillSource* Group's Web site at: www.myskillsource.org. If you would like a copy of the RFP mailed to you or have any questions, please contact Colleen Doyle at 202-857-5992 or cdoyle@worconline.org.

⌘ We Care America ...

We Care America is passionate about helping the poor, serving those in need in our community. In partnership with CVS Pharmacy, there will be a

resource drive, September 4 – September 18, 2005, to collect items that would be used to assemble an home emergency supply kit. These items are being offered at a “buy 1, get 1 free” discount at three CVS stores in Northern Virginia.

The three CVS stores are located at 8124 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, 5101 Duke Street, Alexandria, and 9200 Centreville Road, Manassas. After the resource drive, the collected items will be assembled into “ready packs” for the needy. For more information or to volunteer to help assemble packs, please contact ltompson@wecareamerica.org or call 703-598-7696.

⌘ Senior Navigator ... A Valuable Connection to Health, Disability and Aging Resources in Virginia

Seniors and adults with disabilities -- and their caregivers -- often find it difficult or confusing to navigate the network of information and services available to them. Caregivers may not know where to start or what questions to ask. This is especially true for those helping relatives in another part of the state. Often, finding the right information or service at the right time can help determine whether a loved one can continue to live at home.

In response to this need, Fairfax County is partnering with SeniorNavigator, a Web-based statewide information service that provides up-to-date health and aging information and resources for seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in Virginia. County residents can access this extensive database of information directly at www.seniornavigator.org or through the county's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/seniors. This valuable online resource features access to nearly 19,000 public and private services in Virginia; hundreds of informative articles on health and aging; and an “Ask the Expert” feature that allows specialists in various disciplines to provide confidential answers to your questions. The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, of the county's Department of Family Services, provides ongoing coordination with SeniorNavigator.

As an added benefit, SeniorNavigator Centers have been set up at libraries, community centers, and senior centers throughout the county to help residents who have no computer access. There, trained staff will help residents find the support services they need. According to Grace Starbird, director of the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, “Senior Navigator is a great way to find information -- day and night.”

Questions? Call Senior Navigator toll-free at 1-866-393-0957; TTY 711.

⌘ Computer Skills Training through C.O.R.E.

Computer C.O.R.E. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose program promotes the realization of better opportunities through basic computer skills

training. CORE's program is offered to un- and under-employed adults of Northern Virginia who have little or no experience with computers. Our free program (the only charge to the student is a \$100 materials fee), includes:

1. Basic computer training in keyboarding, Windows, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, the Internet, and basic hardware;
2. A human development component that helps clients to identify their own strengths and interests, set goals based on those strengths and interests, develop resumes and cover letters, and pursue their defined goals; and
3. A free computer that graduates can use to continue developing their skills at home and/or use to teach their families.

Classes are held at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King Street in Alexandria. For more information, call 704-931-7346 or visit www.computercore.org.

⌘ Faith Communities needed for Homeless Adult Hypothermia Shelter Sites ...

Faith Communities are needed this coming winter to provide a warm and safe place for homeless adults who are camping or living in their cars in and around the central – central western areas of Fairfax County. Faith Communities are being asked to provide night shelter for 20 to 35 homeless adults in their facility. Actual shelter times will start each evening at 5:30 p.m. and end no later than 7:30 a.m. the following morning. Organizers of this effort are hopeful that Faith Communities will volunteer space in their facilities for a one-week time period; however, single nights will also be welcomed. A minimum of three volunteers are needed to be on site at all times. Some faith communities split the time into two shifts of three volunteers each so that no volunteer is at the shelter more than eight hours. Although evening and morning meals can be arranged through other volunteer sources, participating Faith Communities are encouraged to consider providing these meals on the nights they provide shelter.

Faith Communities who cannot provide space for an evening shelter but are still interested in participating in this effort may assist in other ways, to include:

- Providing volunteers to help staff other faith community shelter sites;
- Recruiting van drivers;
- Washing shelter blankets;
- Preparing and/or delivering meals to shelter sites;
- Providing "G" rated videos to show at shelter sites;
- Providing bottled water and snacks;

- Providing toiletry supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving razors, and washcloths)
- Supplying first aid boxes; and/or;
- Providing administrative and communication assistance.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services will contract with a community organization to coordinate the Faith Community Hypothermia Shelter initiative this coming winter. Once this contractor is finalized, faith communities will be notified.

If your faith community is interested in participating in this winter's Faith Community Hypothermia Shelter initiative, please contact Sandy Chisholm at 703-324-5185 or by e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

⌘ CrisisLink is Looking to Share an IT Support Specialist ...

CrisisLink is seeking a part-time IT Support Specialist to provide help desk, hardware and software troubleshooting, network and database administration, and Web site development for their eight staff and 120 volunteers. If there are any nonprofits interested in exploring the possibility of job-sharing or, alternatively, subcontracting several hours a week with CrisisLink, contact Carol Loftur-Thun at 703-516-6777.

⌘ Free Computers from NPower and AOL ...

NPower, in conjunction with AOL, has 30 computers complete with software that they would like to install at a nonprofit organization, preferably one in Virginia. All interested agencies and organizations should contact Julie Chapman at 202-234-9670 or Julie@npowergdc.org.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 08/23/2005

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

First published: August 23, 2005

The grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

It should be noted that some of the grant announcements this week are for programs requiring technical expertise in health research or expertise in particular foreign countries.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 2006 AmeriCorps Grant Guidelines and application instructions are now available. Faith-based and other organizations operating a national and community service program in two or more states may apply as a new applicant for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant. The grants support the operation of national and community service programs. A total of \$20 million will be awarded. The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope of the proposed project.

The AmeriCorps National Education Award Program grants are awarded to organizations operating in more than one state and to single state institutions of higher education. The grants will support the administration of a national and community service program with the award amounts based on the number of qualified AmeriCorps members. A total of \$1 million will be awarded for these grants.

Faith-based and other organizations are also eligible to apply for an AmeriCorps National Planning Grant. These grants are specifically to assist faith-based and community-based programs to organize, prepare and increase their capacity so that they are ready to compete for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant in the succeeding funding cycle. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded. Individual award amounts for Planning Grants average \$50,000.

The AmeriCorps National Professional Corps Grant Opportunity will support multi-state projects that utilize AmeriCorps members to address a community need not being met due to the lack of professionals. AmeriCorps members could serve as teachers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians, social workers, early childhood development staff, engineers, lawyers, paralegals, police officers, firefighters or other professionals.

The successful applicant will work with organizations ("operating sites") that implement the program at the local level. AmeriCorps members might be placed at schools, public health clinics, legal aid organizations, child care centers, community centers, public safety agencies or other community organizations. A total of \$1 million will be awarded.

Applications for each of these AmeriCorps funding opportunities are due February 14, 2006. The entire program announcement is at:

http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/05_0802_ameri-corps_nofa.pdf.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging (AoA)

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Technical Assistance/Program Support for State Planning Grants. The successful applicant will assist states in the design of best practice models for State and Area Plans on Aging. Activities include identifying pertinent research for review, providing a forum for work sessions with State Planning grantees and the AoA, identifying potential strategies for quantifying program impacts, establishing an advisory group, conducting a three day on-site conference, and coordinating the development of one or more State and Area Agency on Aging planning models.

A total of \$200,000 will be awarded to a single successful applicant for a three-year project period. Applications are due September 15, 2005. The request for applications is at:

<http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/announcements/plng-grnt-TA-announcement-final-rev-080505-ASAM-approved.pdf>.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

There are numerous funding opportunities again this week through the CDC that address the goal contained in President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to build progressively an indigenous, sustainable response to national HIV epidemics in priority countries. Interested applicants are also referred to the last two Roundtable e-newsletters for similar funding announcements currently available.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the cooperative agreement entitled, Building Human Resource Capacity within the Ministry of Health and Social Services in the Republic of Namibia. The grant will support a project that assists the Namibian Ministry of Health and Social Services efforts to enhance and expand the access to and use of services for voluntary counseling and testing, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and comprehensive HIV/AIDS care. The successful applicant will advertise and recruit physicians, nurses, pharmacists and medical data-entry clerks, hire professional staff, and provide personnel support and human resource management.

A total of \$15,809,580 will be awarded for a single cooperative agreement for a five-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. Further details are in the program announcement at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-16373.pdf>.

The Cooperative Agreement to Build Local Capacity to Respond to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the Caribbean will support activities that strengthen the organizational infrastructure of HIV prevention, care and treatment programs for underserved populations in the Caribbean region. The successful applicant will provide technical assistance and training in the following areas: design, implementation, and management of HIV prevention, care and treatment programs, strategic planning, training of trainers, and development and dissemination of manuals.

In addition, the successful applicant will plan and conduct site visits, study tours, conferences and/or meetings for member country health officials, develop and disseminate resource toolkits for National AIDS Programs, establish peer-to-peer technical assistance networks from AIDS programs to AIDS programs, identify and share best practices, strengthen policy development, and develop issue briefs and organizational policy papers.

One award of \$150,000 annually will be awarded to the successful applicant for a five-year project period. Applications are due September 19, 2005. The program announcement is at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA157.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant entitled, Expansion of HIV/AIDS Care Training Activities in the Republic of Kenya. The grant will support a project to adapt training materials related to a continuum of HIV treatment from facility-based care to care at the community level (home-based care). Activities include conducting classroom and practical training related to HIV treatment, providing follow-up trainings, continuing medical education, and supportive supervisory visits for trainees, participating in the provision of HIV care at supported sites, assisting with the integration of HIV care with other interventions, developing plans for sustainable training programs, and reporting activities to government officials on indicators as required by the PEPFAR and the Kenya National AIDS Strategic Plan.

A total of \$250,000 will be awarded for one or two four-year projects. Applications are due September 12, 2005. The program announcement is at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA174.htm>.

One cooperative agreement will be awarded for HIV Prevention, Care and Support, and Confidential Counseling and Testing in Lagos State and Rivers State in the Republic of Nigeria. The successful applicant will provide HIV prevention interventions in local languages to out-of-school youth (up to 30 years of age) who are engaged or could become engaged in high-risk behaviors, particularly at motor parks. Activities also include implementing basic care and support, strengthening and expanding existing linkages with private and public health facilities for confidential screening/testing of HIV and related diseases, providing confidential counseling and testing, and collecting and analyzing data on all of these services.

A total of \$350,000 per year will be awarded for a four-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. Further details are in the program announcement at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA187.htm>.

The CDC will award one cooperative agreement for Increasing Access to, and Uptake of, HIV Prevention and Care, including Confidential Voluntary Counseling and Testing among the Uniformed Services, Ex-combatants and their Partners in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. The successful applicant will conduct a project that expands quality HIV prevention, counseling and testing, and sexually transmitted infection care by targeting the uniformed services, ex-combatants and their partners in Cote d'Ivoire.

Project activities include referring those testing HIV-positive to sources of ongoing psycho-social support, comprehensive anti-retroviral treatment and palliative care, conducting social marketing of behavior change campaigns to promote abstinence, faithfulness, and, for populations engaged in high-risk behaviors, consistent and correct condom use, developing and implementing programs to promote risk-avoidance behavior change at high-risk sites, and promoting messages that raise awareness about the harmful ties between alcohol/substance abuse and HIV infection.

A total of \$1.8 million per year will be awarded for a four-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. Complete details are in the program announcement at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA240.htm>.

The CDC will also award a single cooperative agreement to Strengthen and Expand Delivery of HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care and Support Services Targeting the Haitian National Police (PNH) and

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PTMCT) Points of Service in the Republic of Haiti. The successful applicant will provide ongoing field support to prevention of mother-to-child transmission sites located in underserved areas of greater Port-au-Prince. This support includes providing routine, confidential voluntary counseling and testing to pregnant women, providing partner-referral counseling and testing, coordinating relevant health education and promotion activities for the Haitian National Police, and developing a monthly local-language newsletter.

A total of \$1.22 million will be awarded to a single successful applicant for a five-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. Complete details are in the program announcement at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA215.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the cooperative agreement entitled, Strengthening and Expanding Anti-retroviral Treatment in the Republic of Haiti to HIV/AIDS Infected Populations through Training, Support and Quality Assurance/Quality Control at Anti-retroviral Sites. The CDC will support a project to perform routine quality assurance and quality control on rapid testing specimens from all sites supported by the PEPFAR until the Haitian national reference lab is operational. The successful applicant will perform conformational CD4 testing and analysis, perform conformational sexually transmitted infection testing for diagnosis, provide training in local languages to local health care professionals, and implement monitoring and evaluation strategies at each program site.

One cooperative agreement of \$4,615,000 will be awarded for a five-year project. Applications are due September 19, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA177.htm>.

The CDC is also seeking applicants for the cooperative agreement Strengthening and Expanding Anti-retroviral Treatment through the Provision of Social Support Services to HIV/AIDS-Infected and Affected Populations in the Central Plateau and Saint Marc Communities of the Republic of Haiti. The successful applicant will conduct the following activities in the targeted communities: train local health care personnel in local languages to administer HIV/AIDS treatment, care and testing services; identify potential patient participants for anti-retroviral treatment, care and disease maintenance; expand health care delivery areas and increase the number of eligible recipients of clinical care; monitor clinical contact with HIV-positive patients; and implement evaluation strategies for program interventions.

A total of \$7.5 million will be awarded to a single successful applicant for a five-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA214.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations operating in Haiti may also apply for the cooperative agreement, Strengthening HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Treatment Referral Services to Targeting Populations Engaged in High-Risk Behavior in Haiti. The grant will support the establishment of an anonymous care center to address prevention, treatment and care issues in the populations engaged in high-risk behavior in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince. The successful applicant will develop a discreet awareness campaign in local languages to promote the prevention, care and treatment provided by anonymous care centers, develop a referral network to help HIV-positive men obtain advanced care, treatment and support; and develop/implement an effective monitoring and evaluation strategy of the center and the referral system.

A total of \$650,000 will be awarded to a single successful applicant for a five-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. Further details are in the program announcement at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/AA216.htm>.

The final funding opportunity this week through the CDC is entitled, Technical Assistance to Rwandan Healthy Schools Initiative. The successful applicant will assist in expanding confidential HIV counseling and testing services in Rwanda from being conducted only in health facilities to also being conducted in school locations. The successful applicant will provide technical assistance to Rwanda's Ministry of Education to launch a pilot initiative that develops secondary schools into community sites for confidential counseling and testing services and prevention activities. Project activities include assisting in the planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of the initiative, identifying which schools/districts will participate, developing a detailed work plan, hiring a local unit to manage the initiative, identifying and training staff, and developing relevant materials.

A total of \$600,000 will be awarded annually to a single successful applicant for a four-year project. Applications are due September 12, 2005. The request for applications is at:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-16358.pdf>.

National Institutes of Health

There are numerous research funding opportunities through the National Institutes of Health this week for qualified faith-based and other organizations. The Cardiovascular Cell Therapy Research Network grant will support the establishment of a research network of clinical centers to advance research in the use of cell-based therapies for the management of cardiovascular diseases. The successful applicant will provide the necessary infrastructure to develop, coordinate, and conduct multiple collaborative clinical protocols.

A total of \$33.7 million will be awarded for five clinical centers and one data coordinating center. Project periods will be five years. Letters of intent are due February 10, 2006 and applications are due March 10, 2006. The request for applications is at:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-06-001.html>.

Community-based providers of drug abuse prevention/treatment services, including faith-based ones, are invited to apply for the grant, Enhancing Practice Improvement in Community-Based Care for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse or Co-occurring Drug Abuse and Mental Disorders. The grant will support practice improvement research on therapeutic and/or business policies and practices currently in use but lacking scientific evidence of effectiveness, or research on the adoption, implementation, and sustained use of science-based therapeutic and/or business innovations.

A total of \$1.9 million will be awarded for eight to 12 grants. Letters of intent are due November 18, 2005 and applications are due December 19, 2005. Further details are in the request for applications at:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-06-001.html>.

The objective of the Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities grant program is to quickly award funds for public mental health and/or substance abuse services research in rapidly evolving areas. An eligible project is one in which the scientific value and feasibility are clear, a rapid review and funding is required in order for the scientific question to be answered and for the research design to be carried out, and the knowledge gained from the study cannot be obtained through the regular NIH cycle of review and award. Examples of research topics can be found in the program announcement.

The amount of individual awards will vary by the scope and scale of the proposed project. Letters of intent are due four weeks prior to the planned application date. Applications are due by the 9th day of each month. The program announcement is at:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-150.html>.

Fifteen NIH Institutes and Centers have coordinated to support projects under the New Ways to Image Neural Activity grant opportunity in order to accelerate the progress of neuroscience. The grant will support research and development of tools and resources that will result in new ways for high resolution imaging of the neural activity that is reflected in electrophysiological signals.

A total of approximately \$1.5 million will be awarded for five to seven grants. Letters of intent are due September 26, 2005 and applications are due October 25, 2005. The request for applications is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-EB-05-001.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the grant entitled, Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPOREs) in Human Cancer. The successful applicant will conduct translational research in the prevention, etiology, screening, diagnosis and treatment of lymphomas and breast, gastrointestinal, brain, head, and neck, and prostate cancers.

Individual award amounts vary depending on the scope and scale of the proposed research project. Letters of intent and application deadlines vary by the type of cancer research being proposed. Interested applicants can find additional details in the program announcement at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-156.html>.

The Structural Analyses of the Ligand-Binding Properties of Taste and Smell Receptors will support innovative collaborative research to characterize the structural properties of taste and smell receptors. Individual award amounts will vary based on the scope and scale of the research project. Applications for the next cycle of funding are due October 1, 2005. Complete details are in the program announcement at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-154.html>.

Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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