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This is the fourth in a series of quarterly funding updates to support National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) programs and initiatives. The purposes of the Funding Updates are twofold: to provide a deeper understanding of the overall funding picture in relevant service areas; and also to supplement monthly announcements by alerting Network members of currently available funding opportunities.

This quarter's update focuses on National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants that can increase NCTSN members' work in the areas of children's mental health and substance abuse treatment. It is organized as follows:

Section I: Funding Highlight – This section serves as an overview of the NIH and its funding capacities, describing funding sources that can support NCTSN programs and their work.[1] This section also provides members with a more thorough understanding of how relevant grants administered by the NIH flow into states and communities.[2] It is important to note that while the funding sources in this section may not be currently available, NCTSN grantees can monitor many of these funding streams for grant opportunities throughout the year.

Section II: Current Opportunities – This section provides basic information on NIH funding sources that are currently available and that can potentially provide support for NCTSN programs and initiatives. The Finance Project staff has developed this list of NIH funding sources by scanning and identifying federal requests for proposals or requests for applications that are aligned with the purposes and priorities of NCTSN members. Some of these may be funding sources through which Network members can apply directly to the NIH; others may be sources through which a partnership is required to be eligible; and finally, others may be sources through which state or local government agencies receive funding and then distribute those funds to local community-based agencies, organizations and partnerships through sub-grants or contracts. Due to the vast amount of possible upcoming funding sources, the Current Opportunities section does not represent an exhaustive list of upcoming grant deadlines. Instead, the 10 funding opportunities highlighted (see textbox on page 2) are meant to illustrate the types of diverse NIH funding opportunities potentially available to support NCTSN grantees.

Section III: Helpful Resources – This section highlights websites and publications that provide supplemental information on funding sources and NIH related issues that may be helpful for NCTSN members.

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[1] NCTSN grantees are encouraged use the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts to monitor funding sources. This information is available at: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html

[2] The funding types (e.g., discretionary grants) that can support NCTSN grantees are described in this section.

Deadlines for NIH Grant Opportunities (see Section II for more information)

- Parenting Capacities and Health Outcomes in Youths and Adolescents - **January 8, 2009**
- Early Identification and Treatment of Mental Disorders in Children and Adolescents - **March 6, 2009**
- NIH Small Research Grant Program - **May 2, 2009**
- Research on Social Work Practice and Concepts in Health - **May 8, 2009**
- NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program - **May 8, 2009**
- Alcohol Use Disorders: Treatment, Services, Research and Recovery - **March 17, 2010**
- Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations - **July 6, 2010**
- Research on Interventions for Child Abuse and Neglect - **September 8, 2010**
- NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings - **May 8, 2011**
- Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development - **September 8, 2011**

Section I:
Funding Highlight: National Institutes of Health

Overview

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. The NIH invests over $29 billion annually in medical research for the American people. More than 80 percent of the NIH's funding is awarded through almost 50,000 competitive grants to more than 325,000 researchers at over 3,000 universities, medical schools, and other research institutions in every state and around the world. Some of the research areas supported by the NIH include:

- causes, diagnosis, prevention, and cure of human diseases;
- processes of human development;
- biological effects of environmental contaminants;
- understanding of mental, addictive and physical disorders; and
- directing programs for the collection, dissemination, and exchange of information in medicine and health, including the development and support of medical libraries and the training of medical librarians and other health information specialists.[3]

[3] http://www.nih.gov/about/#mission

Funding Landscape

With a budget of approximately $29.1 billion in FY '07, $29.4 billion in FY '08, and a proposed budget of $29.4 billion in 2009[4], the NIH provides funding for a variety of research related projects. Four offices within NIH fund activities aligned with the priorities of NCTSN grantees (as shown in the table to the right). Following is a description of each of the funding sources within these four offices that can potentially support NCTSN initiatives.

Programs within NIH offices that support NCTSN Grantees

National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

- Alcohol Research Programs (extramural research opportunities)

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

- Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

- Mental Health Research Grants

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

- Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research

National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

- **Funding Source:** Alcohol Research Programs
  Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
  Purpose: Alcohol Research Programs encompass all extramural research[5] grants administered by the NIAAA. These programs aim to develop a sound fundamental knowledge base which can be applied to the development of improved methods of treatment and more effective strategies for preventing alcoholism and alcohol-related problems. The programs support research in a broad range of disciplines and subject areas related to biomedical and genetic factors, psychological and environmental factors, alcohol-related problems and medical disorders, health services research, and prevention and treatment research.
  Applicant Eligibility: Public or private profit and nonprofit agencies, including State, local, or regional government agencies, universities, colleges, hospitals, academic or research institutions
  Funding History: FY '07 $260 million; FY '08 $260 million
  Flow of Funds: Funds flow to grantees.
  NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may apply for funds, partner with grantees to conduct research, help with subject recruitment, or identify ways to implement promising research findings.

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

- **Funding Source:** Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs
  Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
  Purpose: The purpose of these programs is to support biomedical, basic and clinical neuroscience, behavioral and social science, epidemiologic, health services and health disparity research to develop new knowledge and approaches related to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, etiology, and consequences of addiction and drug abuse, including HIV/AIDS

[4] FY '09 numbers are based on the President's budget.
[5] Extramural research refers to grants that the NIAAA provides to external organizations. Intramural research is conducted within the NIAAA.

Applicant Eligibility: Colleges and universities; Nonprofits; Small Businesses; For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses); State Governments; Indian/Native American Tribal Governments; Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations; County Governments; Independent School Districts; Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities; and Other(s): Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, U.S. Territory or Possession
Funding History: FY '07 $37.8 million; FY '08 $38.7 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may apply for funds, partner with grantees to conduct research, help with subject recruitment, or identify ways to implement promising research findings.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

- **Funding Source:** Mental Health Research Grants
  Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
  Purpose: The purpose of these grants is to increase knowledge of basic brain and behavioral processes that underlie mental and behavioral disorders; to support epidemiological studies of biological and environmental risk factors; to translate basic and epidemiological research into the development of new diagnostics and interventions for preventing and treating mental disorders; to conduct clinical trials for testing the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions in controlled and real-world settings; and to conduct research to improve mental health service delivery and use.
  Applicant Eligibility: Public, private, profit, or nonprofit agencies (including State and local government agencies), eligible Federal agencies, universities, colleges, hospitals, and academic or research institutions, and faith based organizations.
  Funding History: FY '07 $965 million; FY '08 $969 million
  Flow of Funds: Funds flow to grantees.
  NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may apply for funds, partner with grantees to conduct research, help with subject recruitment, or identify ways to implement promising research findings..

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

- **Funding Source:** Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research
  Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
  Purpose: Grant funds support laboratory research, clinical trials, and studies that examine children's growth and development, behavior patterns, as well as the impact of disabilities, diseases, and defects on their lives. Grants may also support training programs for scientists, doctors, and researchers to promote the use of the latest research methods and technologies.
  Applicant Eligibility: Universities, colleges, medical, dental and nursing schools, schools of public health, laboratories, hospitals, State and local health departments, other public or private institutions, both nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and individuals
  Funding History: FY 07: $853 million; FY 08: $854 million
  Flow of Funds; Funds flow directly to grantees.
  NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may apply for funds, partner with grantees to conduct research, help with subject recruitment, or identify ways to implement promising research findings.

Implications for NCTSN

Given the NIH's priorities on a wide array of research areas including mental health, physical health, child abuse and neglect and youth development, and upcoming conferences, there is clearly opportunity for Network program and initiative leaders to develop their capacity to access these grant programs either directly or in partnership with stakeholders in their State and community. Following are tips that Network members can utilize to increase their chances of accessing discretionary grant programs: