



Region 9
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
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Update

- Regional Health Administrator Office
 - CAPT Brad Austin, USPHS
 - Ms. Kay Strawder
- Assistant Secretary for Health
 - ADM Brett Giroir, USPHS
 - <https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/brett-giroir/index.html>
- Retirement
 - CAPT Cathy Wasem, USPHS

Family Planning Program



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Title X Family Planning Funding Opportunity Announcement

- Post on Grants.gov under CFDA# 93.217
- Applications are due May 24, 2018 by 6 p.m. Eastern Time and must be submitted via grants.gov.
 - Instructions on how to request an exception to this requirement and be permitted to submit a hard copy application are contained in the FOA.
- Anticipated Start Date: 9/1/2018
- Technical Assistance webinar was held on March 22. Recorded version should be available this week on hhs.gov/opa.
- Eligible applicants:
 - Including National Governments, eligibility includes established FQHCs, state or local health department, NGO or other non-profit agency that is able to meet the requirements in the announcement.

Funding Award Information

- Applicants should use the Estimated Funds Available table as a guide when developing proposals, but may apply for a different funding amount.

Service Area	Estimated Funds Available
American Samoa	\$287,000
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$192,000
Guam	\$301,000
Federated States of Micronesia	\$344,000
Republic of the Marshall Islands	\$134,000
Republic of Palau	\$146,000

Universal Recommendations for Application Development

- Submit by the deadline. Even a grant that is 2 minutes late will not be considered!
- Adhere to file size requirements.
- Do not wait until the deadline to submit your application
 - Applications submitted too close to the deadline do not allow for revisions.
 - Applications that do not meet the page limit or file size requirements will be rejected, and entity will be notified. The entity is provided an opportunity to revise the application, **but it must still meet the original submission deadline.**
- Point-of-contact should check his/her email after submission to respond to follow up asks, rejection notices. Use of free email systems can cause messages to go to a SPAM folder.

High level review of Title X Program Management Priorities

- Clear and concise scope of work in the project and monitoring that all work is being carried out as stated in the program application.
- Appropriate staff training and internal monitoring by program managers.
- Coordination and integration of services across related areas such as STD testing, cervical cancer screening and referrals to primary care services.
- Accurate and timely financial reporting including filing of quarterly Federal Financial Reports, withdrawal of funds from PMS in a timely manner.