Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Program: Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program (HRSA-16-053)
Estimated Award Amount: Category I: 1 grant at $1,200,000; Category II: 4 grants at $825,000; both over 3 years.
JHU Nomination Limit: 1 total
For more detailed information: HRSA EMS TIP; Full FOA

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s (MCHB) Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Targeted Issues Program. The purpose of this program is to support strategies to improve the quality of pediatric care delivered in emergency care settings across the continuum of emergency care. Targeted Issues awardees will implement pediatric emergency care research or innovative cross-cutting projects that translate research into practice and improve pediatric health outcomes related to emergency care.

This program supports two categories of awards:
A single Category I award recipient will provide leadership for and implement research in a multi-site pediatric prehospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Research Node Consortium (E-RNC) that includes three EMS affiliates. The E-RNC will bring prehospital multicenter research experience and coordinate with the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network’s (PECARN) six newly established EMS Research Affiliates (EMSAs). This funding supports the infrastructure for this prehospital EMS research consortium. Activities under Category I include:
- Provide leadership and create an integrated research network with three EMS affiliates and the six PECARN EMSAs;
- Build a data collection and analytics system that is interoperable with other EMS systems;
- Develop research proposals to be vetted through PECARN;
- Leverage network capacity to compete for research grant funding from other Federal and private resources.
- Implement research studies; and
- Disseminate findings and promote translation into practice.

Category II projects are investigator-initiated projects that seek to improve the quality of pediatric emergency care in the prehospital and/or hospital emergency care settings through novel approaches. Category II projects should be replicable and of national significance and must: (1) address gaps in training and competency of providers through products or resources; (2) demonstrate the effectiveness of a model system component or service; or (3) improve outcomes by analyzing/implementing models and strategies. The Category II projects must address one of the following four focus areas to advance pediatric emergency care, pediatric readiness, and/or support at least one of the EMSC program performance measures.

Examples of prior Targeted Issues awards are available here.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- School of Medicine must be lead applicant: The authorizing legislation for the EMSC Program, Public Health Service Act, Title XIX, §1910, (42 U.S.C. 300w-9), as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, § 5603 (P.L. 111-148), defines eligible applicants for this funding opportunity as state governments and accredited schools of medicine.
Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should send the following documents in sequence in one PDF to resapp@jhu.edu no later than 4 p.m. on January 20, 2016:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Abstract (one page, double-spaced)
3. Proposal (maximum of four pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)  
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material should not be included as text)
4. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
5. Budget (two pages maximum)
6. Letter of Recommendation from the Department Chair/Director: Letters of Recommendation can be submitted separately to resapp@jhu.edu stating applicant’s name in the subject line

Each applicant should expect to receive a confirmation of receipt of their materials. If an applicant does not receive an acknowledgement, or has any questions, please contact Charles Bartunek via resapp@jhu.edu.

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