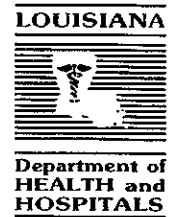




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This letter solicits your Mosquito Abatement District / Police Jury / Parish Council's application for funds recently appropriated through the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006. This bill was signed onto law as 109-234 on June 15, 2006, making the funds available to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for mosquito and other pest abatement activities in states affected by hurricanes of the 2005 season. The intent of these funds is to provide financial support to parish and local governments to conduct mosquito and other pest abatement activities during the hurricane and West Nile Virus (WNV) season.

A cooperative agreement distributed through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) cooperative agreement between the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) / Office of Public Health (OPH) and the CDC will provide total funding in the amount of \$2,721,940 to be distributed by the OPH. These emergency supplemental funds will be awarded over a two year budget period. The first amount awarded in this supplement will cover the last five months of the ELC budget period (August 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006), and the remaining amount will be awarded during the next budget period (beginning January 1, 2007).

OPH has established a Grant Committee consisting of Kyle Moppert, Medical Entomologist – OPH, Dr. Gary Balsamo, DVM, MPH, State Assistant Epidemiologist – OPH, and Dennis Walette, Director Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District - Louisiana Mosquito Control Association. This committee has been charged to establish grant distribution guidelines and to approve all awarded funds.

**Restrictions/Requirements:**

1. When possible, funds should be provided to existing mosquito and pest control programs maintained by local jurisdictions, and work should be completed by local agencies or contractors hired through local jurisdictions. The Grant Committee has interpreted these guidelines to require that applying programs must be parish-wide, or that at minimum, significant population and areas of a parish must be covered by that program. If no such programs exist in a local jurisdiction, funds may be used to support local jurisdictions in establishing new programs or to obtain mosquito and pest control services from qualified local contractors. In order for a new program to be funded under this grant, the Grant Committee will require applying programs to have an established board and sustainable designated funding.
2. Control activities should be based on currently accepted integrated pest management principles, including the use of: Surveillance; Source Reduction; Chemical Control; Resistance Management; Biological Control; Continuing Education of Mosquito Control Workers; Vector Management in Public Health Emergencies; Adult Mosquito Control Recommendations; Determining the Scope of Mosquito Adulticiding Operations; Evaluation of Adult Mosquito Control; and Health, Public Information and Human Behavior Change. All activities should be consistent with published CDC guidelines entitled Epidemic/Epizootic West Nile Virus in the United States: Revised Guidelines for Surveillance, Prevention and Control, April 2003 – are available via the CDC websites at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/resources/wnv-guidelines-aug-2003.pdf>
3. All pesticides purchased with these funds and used in support programs must be registered by EPA and have a label that permits the specific application. Pesticide applications must be conducted in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations by personnel possessing the public health pesticide applicator certification required by the State of Louisiana.

**Additional Resources:**

Information related to establishing sustainable, community-based mosquito control programs is available in “LA MAP: Louisiana Mosquito Abatement Plan” developed by the LSU AgCenter through a grant funded by the LDHH, OPH and is also available in the ASTHO report, “Public Health Confronts the Mosquito: Developing Sustainable State and Local Mosquito control Programs” available via the website at: <http://astho.org/pubs/FinalReportPDF.pdf>.

An ASTHO case study, “State Collaborations Work to Control Mosquitoes”, highlights two states’ efforts to develop collaborations with local stakeholders to address mosquito control issues. This document is available via the website at: <http://astho.org/pubs/CollaborationCaseStudies.pdf>.

**Submissions:**

Applicants for funding through this grant must explain how their programs:

1. meet the three (3) Restrictions/Requirements listed above.
2. will utilize these funds and categorize this spending into the following Budgeting Categories – Salaries and Wages; Related Benefits; Travel; Operating Services; Supplies; Professional Services; Capital Assets; Indirect/Administrative Cost; or Other Categories.

Applications will be reviewed by the Grant Committee, which will assign an amount of funding based upon formulations approved by the Grant Committee to those applicants meeting all requirements.

A signed original of your application must be received by December 15, 2006 and mailed to:

Office of Public Health  
Center for Environmental Health Services  
Attn: Kyle Moppert  
628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 4489  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4489

Should you have any questions regarding your grant application, please contact Kyle Moppert by telephone at: 225-342-5771 or email at [kmoppert@dhh.la.gov](mailto:kmoppert@dhh.la.gov).