

Healthcare Systems Bureau
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Application Number 44020

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Healthcare Systems Bureau

8/17/07

TO: Associate Administrator
FROM: Director, Division of Transplantation
SUBJECT: FY 2007 Extramural Grant Program: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation—ACTION

ISSUE

Fourteen applications were submitted for the FY 2007 Extramural Grant Program: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation. One application was deemed ineligible. An objective review committee (ORC) reviewed the remaining thirteen applications on May 15-17, 2007. All applications reviewed were scored for merit using a scale of 10-100.

DISCUSSION

Based upon the recommendations of the ORC and the availability of funds, the Division of Transplantation recommends funding five (5) applications from this grant cycle. Attached is a chart of the recommended grants for funding. Any organization that has not submitted 100 percent of the data required by the policies of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) will not receive grant funding.

With hold

The CAN number 7-3880701 and Allowance number 7-97003 will be used for this grant cycle.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve the attached grant list.

DECISION

I approve the attached grant list.

Concur: _____ Non-Concur: _____ Date: _____

James F. Burdick, M.D.

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Clinical Interventions to Increase Organ Procurement Grant Program FY 2007 Competing Awards

Application #	Grant #	Grantee	City/State	Inception Year	Funding Request
44014		University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	FY 2007	286,974.00
44020		New York City Health and Hospitals Corp.	New York, NY	FY 2007	470,471.00

Total ~~757,445.00~~

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