

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) Administration on Aging

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) Administration on Aging [Program Announcement No. AoA-99-1] Fiscal Year 1999 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to carry out cooperative agreement awards to train retired persons to serve in their communities as volunteer expert resources and educators in combating health care waste, fraud, and abuse.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for ``Senior Medicare Patrol Projects" that demonstrate effective ways of utilizing retired persons as volunteer expert resources and educators in community efforts to combat health care waste, fraud and abuse. The deadline date for the submission of applications is March 31, 1999. Public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions are eligible to apply under this program announcement. However, consistent with the terms of Senate Report 105-300, which accompany the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1999 (Pub.L.105-277), preference will be given in the making of cooperative agreement awards to projects that will be carried out by consortia headed by community-based public or non-profit agencies or organizations. In addition, the AoA is currently funding ``Senior Medicare Patrol Projects" in twelve states--California, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. No further awards will be made in these states. Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Governmental Affairs and Elder Rights, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4748, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: (202) 619-7592 or (202) 690-7525.

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