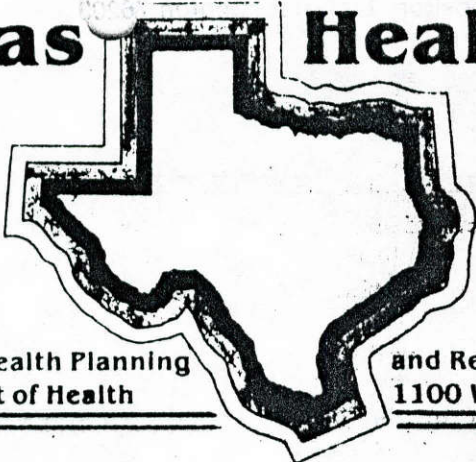


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PUC SEEKING TA, ECM GRANT APPLICATIONS;
\$3,850,000 CYCLE VI DEADLINE IS APRIL 30

In anticipation of the Department of Energy's formal announcement of Grant Cycle VI of the Institutional Conservation Program (ICP), the Energy Efficiency Division of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) invites public and private/non-profit hospitals to submit Technical Assistance (TA) and Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) grant applications for Cycle VI funding consideration. Most hospitals in Texas are now familiar with the two matching grant alternatives offered through the program.

To receive an application packet for Cycle VI, prospective grantees should contact Mel Roberts, program coordinator for the Institutional Conservation Program of the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. The deadline for submitting completed applications to the PUC is April 30, 1984. Grants are scheduled to be awarded in August 1984. The Texas allocation for Cycle VI is \$3,850,000.

For those not familiar with the program, the PUC has released the following background information:

Growing out of Title III of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978, the Institutional Conservation Program (ICP) completed its fifth funding cycle in August 1983, and has now provided over \$20,000,000 in matching federal funds for energy conservation studies and capital retrofit projects in schools, hospitals, local government buildings and public care facilities in Texas. These funds have leveraged over \$35,000,000 for energy studies and project implementation.

The purpose of the ICP is to assist the public and private non-profit institutions reduce energy consumption and control escalating energy costs. Technical Assistance (TA) Grants enable institutions to purchase the services of a professional engineer to identify and assess the potential effectiveness of energy conservation retrofit projects for specific buildings. The findings are presented in a Technical Assistance Report. Energy Conservation Measure (ECM) Grants assist schools and hospitals to complete selective retrofit projects which have been recommended in TA Reports. Funds may be provided for the labor, equipment, supplies, and design costs of a variety of projects, such as computerized control systems, HVAC modifications or replacements, boiler modification, lighting changeouts and added insulation.

The program demands a strong financial commitment by each grantee. Funding for TA and ECM grants is on a 50 percent federal and 50 percent institutional basis, except in cases of documented severe hardship. The grantee's share in the project may be satisfied through cash or a combination of cash and in-kind services.

In the fifth funding cycle, grants totalling \$4,521,930 were awarded to 55 institutions in Texas. Final figures for this cycle reveal the following institutional breakdown of awarded funds for TA and ECM projects:

Primary and Secondary Schools	\$1,999,729
Colleges and Universities	773,121
Hospitals	1,749,080

CANCER SEMINAR THRUSTS
TO BE FEATURED IN 'NEWS'

Some 150 persons interested in cancer prevention and control in Texas gathered in late January in San Antonio to hear presentations from some of the world's leading authorities in the field. The international conference drew attendees from one foreign country, nine states and thirty Texas cities. Representation was noted from fifteen chemical and chemical-related companies, one hospital, five state health-related agencies, five medical centers, two schools of public health, the public health student community and the federal government. Messages brought by seminar speakers are being transcribed and will be featured in a future issue of the Texas Health Planning News.

HEALTH INFORMATION SURVEY
ADDENDA TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Addenda for the Texas Health Information Survey, July 1983, Volume I: Inventory of Health Related Programs have been printed and should be released in the immediate future. The addenda add program descriptions for the Texas State Boards of Chiropractic Examiners, Nurse Examiners, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy Examiners. Copies will be mailed to all recipients of the initial Volume I.

Activities are also under way for an update and revision of both volumes of the Survey, with distribution scheduled for this fall, pending approval of schedules. Those entities included in the first issue will be contacted for additions, revisions and deletion of material. Entities not included in the initial issue of the Survey, but who want to submit health-related programs and/or data descriptions for inclusion in the update, are encouraged to contact Jay McRorey at 512/458-7347.

SHPDA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
PROGRAM READY FOR SHCC ACTION

The FY 1985 version of the State Administrative Program (SAP) of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) has been compiled, reviewed and scheduled for action by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council at a March 30, 1984 meeting of that body.

The SAP, which supports the SHPDA's application to the Department of Health and Human Services, has as its basis a revised work program which sets forth the objectives to be met and the activities necessary to meet the objectives in these seven functional areas: agency management, data management, plan development, resource development, regulatory reviews-THFC, assistance to the SHCC and Section 1536 responsibilities. The SAP also contains staff allocation, budget information, assurances, state health plan implementation update and a summary of resource allocations and the actual application for funding. This year's proposed funding is \$1,219,699 in federal funds, to be matched by \$581,283 in state monies for a total request of \$1,800,982. This figure is down \$29,466 over last year's request, reflective of the continuation of the reduction in funding throughout the nation.

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