Grant Title: EXPLORATORY/DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH GRANTS IN OBESITY (R21)

Grant Number: PA-06-256

Area of Research: Research in prevention and treatment of overweight/obesity in either adults or children.

Release and Expiration: March 17, 2006 release; March 7, 2009 expiration

Application Deadlines: R21-New: February 16, June 16, October 16 annually; Resubmissions: March 16, July 16, November 16 annually; AIDS Related: May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

Amount: R21: Direct costs are limited to $275,000 over an R21 two-year period, with no more than $200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

Length of Support: Up to 2 years

Eligible applicants: For profit and Non-profit organizations; Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals and laboratories; Units of State government; Units of local government; Eligible institutions of the Federal government; Domestic and Foreign institutions; Faith-based or community-based organizations; Units of State and Local Tribal government.

Agency/Department: NIH; NIDDK, NHLBI, NCI, ODS

Summary: The goal of this initiative is to encourage exploratory/developmental clinical research that will accelerate the development of effective interventions for prevention or treatment of overweight or obesity in either adults or children. Studies on the prevention or treatment of overweight or obesity in children or adults, including dietary, physical activity, behavioral, psychosocial, pharmacologic, and surgical, and other biomedical approaches are of interest. The creative use of various devices, technologies, or communication strategies to help individuals monitor energy intake or energy expenditure in weight control programs would be appropriate. Innovative studies that test the synergy of creative partnerships among various groups such as industry, business, faith-based, academic, or community organizations to enhance obesity prevention or treatment outcomes are of interest. Studies of various approaches in combination to achieve weight maintenance or to maintain weight loss, such as physical activity or diet in combination with pharmacologic or surgical regimens would also be appropriate.