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**Subject:** Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER) to Study the Human Aspects of Hurricane Katrina

Dear Colleague:

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) at the National Science Foundation (NSF), through its Divisions of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences and Social and Economic Sciences, will be accepting proposals to support time-sensitive research related to the Gulf Coast disaster area and to capture data from the human aspects of hurricane Katrina. The NSF Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) Priority Area as well as the individual disciplinary programs in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences will be accepting proposals.

These funds will be used to collect time-sensitive data at the levels of individuals and organizations on the immediate aftermath of the hurricane. It is anticipated that most funded proposals will be in the range of \$10,000 to \$100,000. The number of awards will depend on the quality of proposals received and the availability of funds.

Proposals must conform to the Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER) guidelines specified in the Grant Proposal Guide ([http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/gpg/nsf04\\_23/2.jsp#IID1](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/gpg/nsf04_23/2.jsp#IID1)) and be submitted electronically via the NSF FastLane system. For full consideration, proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. submitter's local time, September 23, 2005.

**Prior to submission**, the appropriate NSF/SBE Program Officer must be contacted. For Human and Social Dynamics multidisciplinary proposals, please contact Dennis Wenger ([dwenger@nsf.gov](mailto:dwenger@nsf.gov) <<mailto:dwenger@nsf.gov>>) or Bob O'Connor ([roconnor@nsf.gov](mailto:roconnor@nsf.gov) <<mailto:roconnor@nsf.gov>>). HSD SGER proposals also must conform to the following three HSD program-specific requirements: (1) there must be at least three PIs identified, (2) the proposal must involve at least two disciplines, and (3) no individual can participate in more than one HSD SGER proposal.

Please consult the web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/>) to determine the Program Officers to contact for the SBE disciplinary programs.

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