Grant Title: SALUD AMERICA! THE RWJF RESEARCH NETWORK TO PREVENT OBESITY AMONG LATINO CHILDREN

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

Area of Research: Research on environmental and policy solutions to the epidemic of obesity among Latino children.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Annually in February.

Amount: Up to $75,000, up to 20 awards.

Length of Support: Up to 24 months.

Eligible Applicants: Proposals must be submitted by an educational institution or non-profit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that is not a private Foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code, that is located in the United States, and with which the proposed investigator is affiliated. Because the projects funded under this program require close collaboration with Latino communities, proposals are strongly encouraged from investigators who are of Latino descent, who have demonstrated a commitment to working with the Latino community or who can demonstrate a desire and capability to work on the issue of Latino childhood obesity. Research proposals submitted by junior investigators will be considered separately from proposals that are submitted by more experienced investigators.

Summary: Salud America! is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research on environmental and policy solutions to the epidemic of obesity among Latino children. The program also aims to develop a network of researchers whose findings will help identify the most promising obesity-prevention strategies specifically tailored for Latino communities. Findings will advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. The specific objectives of this call for proposals (CFP) are to: (a) increase the skills and experience of researchers who are working to reduce and prevent obesity among Latino children; and (b) identify the most promising policy-relevant strategies to reduce and prevent obesity among Latino children. Investigators must propose a project in one of two general areas: (1) research that has strong potential to inform policy; or (2) the evaluation of an existing policy or program, its implementation or its impact. Both research and evaluation proposals must focus on one topic from the detailed lists included in the full CFP.