

syringes for the hypodermic use of any illegal drug.

Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services. Equipment may be purchased if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives, however, prior approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.

All requests for funds contained in the budget shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through the issuance of supplemental awards.

The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities (including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required).

You must obtain an annual audit of these CDC funds (program-specific audit) by a U.S.-based audit firm with international branches and current licensure/authority in-country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standard(s) approved in writing by CDC.

A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, prior to or post award, in order to review the applicant's business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Funding Preferences

Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate, (1) the capacity to work with in-patient facilities within an established patient referral relationship, and (2) a well-organized program for training its own staff, with a capability of extending this training to other sites by assisting and mentoring these sites to develop and extend the integrated services model.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed in 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed in 2. CDC Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. In collaboration with CDC, the applicant will develop plans for strengthening existing institutional capacity to enable the expansion of the organization's services, and the provision of technical assistance including training to extend services nationwide through replication of a successful model.

b. The applicant will provide necessary staff and training time for replicating the integrated HIV services model and extending it to additional sites.

c. In collaboration with CDC, develop and conduct training programs for staff and other health care providers for extending the integrated HIV testing and care model to other sites and providers.

d. Develop and implement a computerized client record system with the goal of maximizing compatibility with established client record systems in collaborating facilities, and improve coordination of patient care.

e. Provide safe water system education and support and cotrimoxazole prophylaxis to HIV-positive clients in clinical and home-based care settings, as indicated, to reduce the occurrence of opportunistic infections.

f. In collaboration with CDC, the applicant will hire or assign information management staff with the necessary technical skills and experience to implement and manage the computerization of client record data.

2. CDC Activities

a. Collaborate with the grantee on designing and implementing the activities listed above, including, but not limited to the provision of technical assistance to develop program activities, laboratory services, data management and analysis, quality assurance, presentation of program results and findings, and management and tracking of finances. CDC will accomplish these activities using its own Malawi-based technical staff or by bringing in consultants from CDC or other organizations to accomplish the technical assistance activities.

b. Assist in training and capacity building to ensure successful implementation of program and activities. CDC will assist the recipient

in enhancing its laboratory services and in conducting quality assurance of its HIV testing according to national standards being set by the Malawi National Public Health Reference Laboratory.

c. CDC will assist the recipient organization in conducting assessments of the quality of the services provided and maintaining high quality services in VCT, clinical care, and home-based care. These might include laboratory, monitoring and evaluation, counseling, and site management issues including the maintenance of client confidentiality.

d. Assist the recipient in developing and implementing improved computerized client record data collection and improved data management systems. CDC/GAP/Malawi's information technology specialist and epidemiologist will assist in identifying an appropriate staff member for the organization and in providing technical assistance to computerize and manage clinical and VCT data collected by the organization. CDC will assist the organization in using the data to inform program improvements.

e. Assist the successful recipient in hiring a data management staff person to work with CDC in developing and implementing the system and to manage it long-term.

E. Content

Applications

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 40 pages, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font.

The narrative should consist of, at a minimum, a Plan, Objectives, Methods, Evaluation and Budget. The project plan should include activities to be conducted throughout the three-year project period.

G. Submission and Deadline

Application Forms

Submit the signed original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0920-0428). Forms are available at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm>.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have difficulty