

serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.
 - b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.
 - c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.
 - d. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.
 - e. Additional Requested Information.
2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.
 3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Additional Requirements: The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I of the program announcement, as posted on the CDC web site.

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2010

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and associated forms can be found on the CDC web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov> Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements".

For general questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For business management and budget assistance, contact: Deborah Workman, Contract Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2085, E-mail address: atl7@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: J. Rex Astles, Ph.D., Office of Laboratory Systems Development, Division of Laboratory Systems (Mail Stop G-25), CDC Public Health Practice Program Office, 4770 Buford Hwy., NE., Atlanta, GA 30341-3717, Telephone: (770) 488-8052, E-mail address: jastles@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Viral Hepatitis Integration and Intervention Projects; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: October 7, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317(k)(1) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(k) and 247b(k)(1) and 247(k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Viral Hepatitis Integration and Intervention Projects. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of this program is to (1) improve the delivery of existing viral hepatitis prevention services in programs known to serve adults and adolescents at high risk for infection (e.g. Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) counseling and testing sites, health care programs serving correctional facilities, primary health care settings, substance abuse prevention or treatment centers); (2) evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies to deliver recommended hepatitis preventive services (e.g. vaccination, testing and counseling, receipt of test results, and medical and other appropriate services for infected persons); (3) evaluate the impact of integration of viral hepatitis prevention services on existing prevention services (e.g., STD or HIV counseling and testing); (4) to conduct research to identify, develop and evaluate specific programmatic interventions and approaches to achieve successful

integration of recommended preventive services and increase levels of coverage for these services; and (5) to produce materials that convey to other public health programs the lessons learned with respect to integration of viral hepatitis prevention activities into existing public health and clinical care programs.

Recommendations for prevention and control of hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV) among adults and adolescents at high risk of infection have been published by CDC (references 1-6, Appendix II, as posted with this announcement on the CDC web site). The primary goals of these recommendations are to decrease the incidence of acute viral hepatitis infections and to decrease the risk of complications from chronic infection with HBV or HCV among populations known to be at high risk for infection. Despite effective vaccines to prevent both HAV and HBV infections, and known behavioral changes necessary to prevent infection with HCV and the serious consequences of chronic HBV or HCV infection, new infections and adverse outcomes of chronic infection continue to occur among high risk adults and adolescents.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID): Protect Americans from Infectious Diseases; National Immunization Program (NIP): Reduce the number of indigenous cases of vaccine preventable diseases; and National Center for HIV, STD, and Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention (NCHSTP):

Increase the proportion of HIV-infected people who are linked to appropriate prevention, care, and treatment services and strengthen the capacity nationwide to monitor the epidemic, develop and implement effective HIV prevention interventions and evaluate prevention programs.

C. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of States or their bona fide agents and territories, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments and political subdivisions of states (in consultation with States).