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(3) Other Programs—Collaboration and coordination should also occur with the following:

- Substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, including state and local substance abuse agencies and community-based and other drug treatment or detoxification programs;
- Juvenile and adult criminal justice, correctional, and parole systems and programs;

- American Indian/Alaska Native tribal councils, Tribal community-based organizations, Tribal governments, and Indian Health Service-funded programs. Where appropriate, representatives from American Indian/Alaska Native tribal councils or a local Indian Health Board Member (with support of tribal council) should be involved in community planning. Where appropriate, provide financial support based on priorities established in the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan and provide capacity building support for HIV prevention programs.

- Hepatitis prevention programs—Support local efforts to integrate viral hepatitis services into existing public health programs serving persons at risk for multiple infections (including HIV, STDs, and hepatitis A, B, or C).

- When possible, HIV prevention services should include screening for hepatitis viruses (e.g., hepatitis A and B in MSM and hepatitis B and C in injection drug users) and provide or link those needing immunizations for hepatitis A and B to such services. HIV funds may be used for hepatitis testing, but not immunizations against hepatitis A or B. CPGs must be involved in this decision, e.g., indicate in the HIV Comprehensive Prevention Plan the need to provide such services.

- Collaborate with Hepatitis B Coordinators and Hepatitis C Coordinators in your jurisdiction to integrate services where feasible.

- TB clinics and programs;
- State and local mental health departments and community mental health centers;

- Family planning and women's health agencies and programs, including providers of service to women in high-risk situations;

- State or local education agencies; schools, boards of education, universities and schools of public health.

- Other community groups, businesses, and faith-based organizations.

b. In your application:

Describe your plans to collaborate and coordinate with the programs and

groups listed above. Also, describe the intended outcomes of your collaboration and coordination efforts and plan to strengthen these activities over the five-year project period.

8. Laboratory Support

a. All recipients may:

Use program funds to support the cost of HIV testing for specimens obtained via counseling and testing activities, including rapid tests and CD4 and viral load tests. Grantees are encouraged to ensure that testing laboratories provide tests of adequate quality, report findings promptly, and participate in a laboratory performance evaluation program for HIV 1 antibody testing. Grantees are encouraged to include participation of their public health laboratory in efforts to assure laboratory quality, so as to minimize any inaccuracies that may occur during specimen collection, testing, or the reporting of laboratory tests.

b. In your application:

Briefly describe all laboratory support activities funded under this announcement, including participation of any laboratory(s) in a performance evaluation program for HIV antibody testing, and the use of various testing technologies.

9. HIV/AIDS Epidemiologic and Behavioral Surveillance

a. All recipients must:

(1) Respond to the surveillance data needs of prevention program managers and CPGs. The needs include analysis, interpretation, and presentation of surveillance data; preparation of the epidemiologic profiles and other reports for use by the CPGs; and other related activities that directly improve and support the implementation and evaluation of HIV prevention activities. Although the Surveillance Cooperative Agreement provides support to jurisdictions to meet surveillance needs, funds under this announcement may be used to help support unmet HIV/AIDS surveillance activities as described above. CPGs must be involved in the decision-making process. Funds may also be used to address data gaps or unmet state or local needs for supplemental surveillance, HIV incidence surveillance, or behavioral surveillance.

(2) Collaborate with surveillance programs to collect data needed for HIV incidence surveillance efforts.

(3) In areas participating in CDC's National Behavioral Surveillance Program, collaborate with surveillance to assess exposure to, utilization of, and effect of HIV prevention programs.

(4) Collaborate with CDC for surveillance activities.

b. In your application:

Complete this section only if you are requesting program funds to support this activity. Describe any surveillance activities you expect to conduct with support provided through this program announcement.

Additional Information to be Addressed in the Application Content

1. Other Activities

a. All recipients must:

Ensure that appropriate health department and community representatives attend CDC-sponsored meetings, e.g. the annual Community Planning Leadership Summit and mandatory training sessions such as training for rapid testing.

b. In your application:

(1) Budget funds provided through this cooperative agreement for three persons to attend at least three CDC-sponsored three day conferences or meetings each year in Atlanta.

(2) Describe any other planned activities not previously addressed.

2. Summarize Unmet Needs

In your application, summarize any HIV prevention needs that will remain even if the total application is funded. Provide an estimate of funds required to meet these needs.

3. Management and Staffing Plan

a. All recipients must:

Have the staff and infrastructure to implement the components of a comprehensive HIV prevention program for their jurisdiction. Recipients must maintain appropriate staffing to fulfill their responsibility to provide capacity-building, evaluation, and quality assurance; to support the community planning process; to disburse and monitor funds; and to support programs and services provided directly by the health department or through CBOs.

b. In your application:

Describe your management and staffing plan to conduct or support the essential components of your comprehensive HIV prevention program. Please include an organizational chart that reflects the current management structure and a description of the roles, responsibilities and relationships of all staff in the program, regardless of funding source. Identify the positions supported through this cooperative agreement and those funded through other sources, as well as any unfunded staffing needs.