

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Capacity Building Assistance To Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Services for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations

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Key Dates

Letter of Intent Deadline: December 22, 2003.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2004.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under Sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 241 and 42 U.S.C. Section 247b(k)(2).

Purpose: The purpose of this announcement is to provide financial assistance to national and regional non-governmental organizations to provide capacity building assistance (CBA) to community-based organizations (CBOs) and health departments (HDs) providing HIV prevention services, and to HIV prevention community planning groups (CPGs). These entities are referred to as the "CBA consumers" throughout the remainder of this document. This funding will enable the CBA consumers to implement, improve, evaluate, and sustain the delivery of effective human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention services for high-risk racial/ethnic minority populations of unknown or negative serostatus, including pregnant women, and people of color who are living with HIV/AIDS and their partners.

The term "capacity building assistance" or "CBA" means the provision of information, technical assistance, training, and technology transfer for individuals and organizations to improve the delivery and effectiveness of HIV prevention services. CBA does not include the delivery of direct HIV prevention services and interventions. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of HIV infection, CDC's Government Performance and Results Act Performance Plan, the goals of CDC's HIV Prevention Strategic Plan through 2005 at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/partners/psp.htm> and Advancing HIV Prevention: New Strategies for a

Changing Epidemic at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5215.pdf>.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one (or more) of the following performance goal(s) for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention:

1. Strengthen the capacity to develop and implement effective HIV prevention interventions.

2. Increase the proportion of HIV infected individuals who know they are infected.

3. Increase the proportion of HIV-infected people who are linked to appropriate prevention, care, and treatment services.

4. Decrease the number of persons at high risk for acquiring or transmitting HIV infection.

CBA developed under this program will be provided in four focus areas and applicants may apply for up to two of these as follows:

- Focus Area 1—Strengthening Organizational Infrastructure for HIV Prevention
- Focus Area 2—Strengthening Interventions for HIV Prevention
- Focus Area 3—Strengthening Community Access to and Utilization of HIV Prevention Services
- Focus Area 4—Strengthening Community Planning for HIV Prevention

This program announcement will emphasize regionally structured strategies within the following regions:

- North Region: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, U.S. Virgin Islands, VT
- South Region: AL, AZ, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NM, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX
- Mid-East Region: DE, DC, IL, IN, MD, MI, MN, OH, PA, VA, WV, WI
- Mid-West Region: CO, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, WY
- West Region: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, Guam, Pacific Basin: American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau

Applicants for Focus Areas 1, 3, or 4 will be required to work nationally but implementing regional strategies. Refer to the section on Awardee Activities for additional requirements. Applicants for Focus Area 2 will be required to work within one of the five regions. Refer to the Application section of this announcement for additional information on how this applies to the four major racial ethnic groups (as listed under "Other Eligibility Requirements.")

Program Goals

The goals for this program are as follows:

1. Focus Area 1—Strengthening Organizational Infrastructure for HIV Prevention

Improve the capacity of CBOs to strengthen and sustain organizational infrastructures that support the delivery of effective HIV prevention services and interventions for high-risk racial/ethnic minority individuals.

2. Focus Area 2—Strengthening Interventions for HIV Prevention

Improve the capacity of CBOs and HDs to implement, improve, and evaluate HIV prevention interventions for high-risk racial/ethnic minority individuals of unknown serostatus, including pregnant women, and people of color who are living with HIV/AIDS and their partners.

3. Focus Area 3—Strengthening Community Access to and Utilization of HIV Prevention Services

Improve the capacity of CBOs and other community stakeholders to implement strategies that will increase access to and utilization of HIV prevention and risk-reduction and avoidance services (including those under the Advancing HIV Prevention initiative) for racial/ethnic minority individuals.

4. Focus Area 4—Strengthening Community Planning for HIV Prevention

Improve the capacity of CPGs and HDs to include HIV-infected and affected racial/ethnic minority participants in the community planning process, and increase parity, inclusion, and representation (PIR) on CPGs (for more information, see the HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/hiv-cp.htm>).

Performance Indicators

To ensure quality programs and to measure progress, applicants are required to report on core performance indicators and performance indicators by focus area.

Core Performance Indicators:

The core performance indicators apply to all focus areas and are as follows:

1. proportion of all CDC-funded CBOs receiving capacity building assistance through training;
2. proportion of CDC-funded health departments receiving CBA related to HIV prevention for racial/ethnic minority populations;
3. proportion of CBOs that report agreement with timeliness in completion of CBA;