

Referral (CTR) services for high-risk individuals.

3. Implementing one or more of the interventions below:

(a) Prevention for individuals living with HIV and their sex or injecting drug-using partners who are HIV negative or unaware of their HIV status.

(b) Prevention for individuals at very high risk for HIV infection.

(c) Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS).

You must also:

4. Set a baseline level, annual targets, and five year overall target levels of performance for each core indicator identified by CDC (*see* Attachment III for a description of program performance indicators). If your CBO is funded, CDC will meet with you within 60 days to review the indicators. CDC will help you revise the indicators if necessary. If you fail to achieve your target levels of performance, CDC will work with you to improve performance. If your performance fails to improve, CDC may reduce the award or defund your program.

5. Collect monitoring and evaluation data and report required data to CDC's Program Evaluation and Monitoring System (PEMS) (*see* Attachment IV for a description of PEMS).

6. Refer individuals living with HIV to prevention services and medical care (including STD screening) if your CBO is unable to provide them directly.

7. Refer individuals at very high risk for HIV infection to prevention services if your CBO is unable to provide them directly.

8. Collaborate and participate in the HIV prevention community planning process with your local health department.

9. Identify and address the capacity-building needs of your program and participate in mandatory CDC-sponsored training.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in program activities in addition to grant monitoring. If your CBO is funded under this announcement, CDC involvement will include:

1. Providing assistance and consultation on program and administrative issues directly or through partnerships with health departments, national and regional minority organizations, contractors, and other national and local organizations.

2. Working with you to assess your training needs and ensure that those needs are met.

3. Disseminating current information, including best practices, in all areas of HIV prevention.

4. Helping you to adopt effective intervention models through CDC

procedures, workshops, conferences, and other written materials.

5. Providing assistance and information on new rapid HIV testing technologies.

6. Helping you establish partnerships with state and local health departments, community planning groups, and other groups who receive federal funding to support HIV/AIDS activities.

7. Ensuring that successful prevention interventions, program models, and lessons learned are shared between grantees through meetings, workshops, conferences, newsletter development, Internet, and other avenues of communication.

8. Monitoring your success in program and fiscal activities, protection of client privacy, and compliance with other organizational requirements.

9. Developing program evaluation guidelines and protocols and program monitoring systems (including indicators) and protocols.

10. Monitoring your progress toward achieving your target level of performance for each core indicator, and by working with you if you fail to achieve your target levels of performance.

11. Providing assistance with required program indicators.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement.

Fiscal Year Funds: 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: \$49,000,000.

CDC anticipates the following distribution of funds: \$12 million for targeted outreach and health education/risk reduction; \$14 million for targeted outreach and counseling, testing and referral services (CTR); and \$23 million for prevention interventions.

Approximate Number of Awards: 160.

Approximate Average Award: \$300,000.

Floor of Award Range: \$100,000.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$500,000.

Anticipated Award Date: June 1, 2004.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: Up to 5 years.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be determined by the availability of funds and the best interest of the Federal Government. To be granted a continuation award, you must have:

- Completed all recipient requirements.
- Achieved your annual target levels of performance for each core indicator.
- Submitted all required reports.

III. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

Applications may only be submitted by eligible CBOs, including faith-based CBOs. CBOs may apply under one of the following categories:

Category A: Providing HIV prevention services to members of racial/ethnic minority communities who are at high risk for HIV infection.

Category B: Providing HIV prevention services to members of groups at high risk for HIV infection regardless of their race/ethnicity.

Other Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, your CBO must meet all criteria listed below. Your CBO must:

A. Have tax-exempt status.

B. Be located in the area(s) where services will be provided or have provided services in the area for at least three years.

C. Have discussed the details of your proposed CTR program with the health department and have agreed to follow their guidelines for these services if your CBO provides them (*see* Attachment V for a list of requirements).

D. Not be a government or municipal agency, private or public university or college, or private hospital.

E. Not be a 501(c) (4) organization.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

F. If applying under Category A, your CBO must:

1. Have proof that 85 percent of the persons your CBO has served in each of the last three years were of racial/ethnic minority populations.

2. Have provided HIV prevention services in each of the last three years to your proposed high-risk population.

G. If applying under Category B, your CBO must:

1. Have proof that over 50 percent of the persons your program has served in each of the last three years were from high-risk groups, regardless of their race/ethnicity.

2. Have a program that has provided HIV prevention or care services in each of the last three years to your proposed target population, or have access to high-risk populations who do not have the services funded under this announcement available in their geographic area, such as transgender, drug-injecting women, and Native American populations.

Note: All information submitted with your application is subject to verification during pre-decisional site visits.