

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

4. Strengthen the capacity of health department/ministry of health and community-based efforts to implement effective HIV prevention programs and to evaluate them.

To ensure quality programs and measure progress, applicants are required to report on a set of core program performance indicators appropriate for their program activities. (In this and other documents, these may also be referred to as core indicators, program indicators, performance indicators, or simply indicators). Each jurisdiction will set annual target levels of performance for each indicator.

Funded jurisdictions are accountable for achieving their target levels of performance. If a jurisdiction fails to achieve its target, CDC will work with the grantee to determine how to improve performance. CDC actions could include technical assistance, placing conditions or restrictions on the award of funds or, with chronic failure to improve, a reduction in funds.

Activities:

Awardee activities for this program are as follows: Recipients will implement a comprehensive HIV prevention program that includes the following components:

- a. HIV prevention program planning and implementation using a formal process that involves meaningful community input and involvement
- b. HIV prevention activities:
 - (1) HIV prevention counseling, testing, and referral services (CTR)
 - (2) Partner notification, including partner counseling and referral services (hereafter known as PCRS) with strong linkages to prevention and care services
 - (3) Prevention for HIV-infected persons
 - (4) Health education and risk reduction (HE/RR) activities
- Information on HIV prevention methods (or strategies) can include abstinence, monogamy, *i.e.*, being faithful to a single sexual partner, or using condoms consistently and correctly. These approaches can avoid risk (abstinence) or effectively reduce risk for HIV (monogamy, consistent and correct condom use).
- (5) Public information programs
- (6) Perinatal transmission prevention
- c. Evaluation of major program activities, interventions, and services, including data collection on interventions and clients served
- d. Collaboration and coordination with other related programs
- e. Laboratory support

f. Core HIV/AIDS epidemiologic and behavioral surveillance

g. Quality assurance

h. Capacity-building activities are a recommended component of a comprehensive HIV prevention program and should be implemented depending upon program needs and availability of resources.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring.

CDC Activities for this program are as follows:

- a. Provide consultation, technical assistance (TA), and support of capacity-building assistance in all aspects of grantee's comprehensive HIV prevention program, including (during the first year of this five-year project period) extensive support and assistance to design, develop, and implement a new model for HIV prevention planning and implementation that will incorporate community input and involvement
- b. Work with grantees to assess training needs and provide training to managers, supervisors, and staff of CTR, outreach, or other prevention programs, either directly or through its network of TA providers and STD/HIV prevention training centers
- c. Disseminate current information, including best practices, in all areas of HIV prevention; facilitate the adoption and adaptation of effective intervention models through workshops, conferences, and written materials; and provide TA in the development and evaluation of new or innovative prevention models
- d. Develop intervention and program evaluation guidelines and program monitoring systems (including core program indicators)
- e. Facilitate coordination of activities among other CDC-funded programs, health departments/ministries of health, community-based organizations (CBOs), national/international capacity-building assistance (CBA) providers, international governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations, and care providers and recipients of Ryan White CARE Act funds
- f. Monitor progress toward achieving target levels of performance for each core program indicator, provide feedback, and take appropriate steps when target levels of performance are not met

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement. CDC involvement in this

program is listed in the Activities Section above.

Fiscal Year funds: 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: \$1,624,005.

Approximate Number of Awards: 6.

Approximate Average Award: \$270,667.

Floor of Award Range: \$130,330.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$541,759.

Anticipated Award Date: April 1, 2004.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: Five years.

Throughout the project period, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will be conditioned on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by the six health departments/ministries of health of the United States Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are not required for this program.

III.3. Other

CDC will accept and review applications with budgets greater than the ceiling of the award range.

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.

IV. Application and Submission Information

IV.1. Address to Request Application Package

To apply for this funding opportunity use application form CDC 1246. Forms and instructions are available on the CDC Web site, 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 accessing the forms on-line, you may contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) staff at: 770-488-2700. Application forms can be mailed to you.