

Amendment I: Q&As

- 1. The RFA indicates that this is a competitive bit with preference given to DPS Cabo Delgado and Maputo. It is possible that other entities may apply and win this competitive bid?*

Yes, you are correct. It is open and competitive, with the above mentioned funding preference so it is still possible for others to apply.

- 2. The proposal refers to activities in year 1 to be in Maputo and Cabo Delgado Province and project length 5 years (page 10). We have been encouraged to support DPS Maputo and Cabo Delgado to each apply for funds each in their province. Please clarify how potential additional provinces will be included in year 2-5 in this project i.e. whether this will be through same award or additional, separate awards considering funding preference for DPS.*

It is our intention to eventually fund new DPS directly. This will be done through new and different FOAs (RFA) that would come out next year or in subsequent years. Cabo Delgado and Maputo would be the only recipients of this current FOA.

- a) Our understanding is that each of them would apply to conduct activities in only one of the 2 provinces listed in the RFA to be part of the project and each province has its own project.*

Correct – the intention is that each province will be funded to provide activities in their province only.

- b) Also, our understanding is that year 2-5 these applicants will only include activities in these 2 provinces under the proposal prepared by the DPS of these 2 province*

Correct.

- 3. Pages 6-8 list a number of performance goals for this project. Both provinces also receive support from a clinical partner to implement quality HIV services. How will these performance goals of this project be evaluated?*

The evaluation of this particular FOA (activities) will be to those written in the application they submit (based on the FOA requirements). We will not take into consideration (for the purposes of this FOA) what the clinical partner is supporting. If there some overlap, that's great, but they will also be responsible for reporting on the outcome and process measures included in the FOA as it's written.

4. *Page 10 lists in service training for staff from at least 24 districts as one of the activities to be implemented by the grantee. Cabo Delgado Province has 17 districts and Maputo Province 8 (total 25). We assume that this is 24 districts across the two awards and each DPS would be responsible for implementing this activity for the total number of districts in the province.*

That number could be revisited as we have somewhat re-defined the scope of the first award, but yes the intention is that after 5 years they would be covering all their districts...

5. *Should proposal cover 5 years budget and work plan? Detailed budget for each year or details budget and work plan for year and followed by illustrative budget and plan for year 2-5?*

Include details on budget and work-plan for 1st year and then a more macro budget and work-plan for further years. Details for subsequent budgets will be included as part of their yearly continuations.

6. *Should proposal be submitted in English or can it be submitted in Portuguese?*

Must be submitted in English and will need to be uploaded through Grants.gov, unless you have strong justification that the DPS was unable to due to system issues

7. *Page 25: Applicants are required to have a DUN. Does this also apply to DPS? If yes, should each DPS apply separately for a DUN in this case?*

All applicants must not only have a DUNS number, but also complete the registration process through grants.gov. A member of our staff has already working with both DPS to get this done. This is complex and takes a few weeks so please ensure (as much as you can) that they continue to work on their registration. My team is also making sure and monitoring closely.

8. *Can you please specify to what extend DPS will be required to submit usual additional documentation?*

- a. *CVs of key staff*
- b. *Job descriptions*
- c. *Corporate capacity statements*
- d. *Letter of support*
- e. *Evidence of legal organizational structure*

This is a fully and open competition FOA (and even if it was not) the requirements of documentation submission is the same, if their application is to be deemed eligible. In

other words, they need to provide all required documentation as asked by in the published FOA. Please don't forget they will also require an abstract.

9. *How will the DPS be required to demonstrate compliance with the administrative requirement listed under VII on page 40 (Administrative and National Policy requirements)*

A letter would suffice. Information is included in the FOA; this is standard language for all FOAs

10. *Page 28 states that foreign recipients are subject to an audit if recipient receives a total of \$500,000 or more under HHS awards. Considering the funding the DPS of Cabo Delgado and Maputo already receives through grants from a clinical partner, DPS may be eligible for such an audit. Please explain specific process and requirements for DPS in this case.*

This requirement only related to \$ they directly get from USG. They will not be responsible for this audit until our direct award goes over \$500k. Probably will not happen the first couple of years, but could potentially become an issue for the later years.

11. *Page 28 also refers to fiscal Recipient Capacity Assessment. Please explain specific process and requirements for DPS.*

This is actually boiler plate language and we have not done this as of yet with any one of our recipients. This may be required and if it is, there would be more details at that time.

12. *Given that USG rules prohibit paying MOH staff for work that is part of their government responsibilities, it will be difficult to allocate percents of salary lines of current provincial health authorities to this project. Thus, oversight of these funds will be additional uncompensated work for the DPS, except when new positions can be added and fully funded. Has USG defined any guidance for directly funding host government entities that would be helpful here?*

If MOH has a direct relationship with the USG, they can use funds from the COAg to pay for those staff. These are allowable and encourage expenses. As budgets are developed, we would encourage the Provincial MOH identify staff to manage and serve as POC 's for this project and pay them from the agreement's funds.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**Improving Implementation of Programs for Care & Treatment of HIV/AIDS in the
Republic of Mozambique under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
(PEPFAR)**

I. Authority of Intent

Announcement Type: New

Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-PS10-1081

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.067

Application Deadline: May 26, 2010

Key Dates:

Note: Application submission is not concluded until successful completion of the validation process.

After submission of your application package, applicants will receive a "submission receipt" email generated by Grants.gov. Grants.gov will then generate a second e-mail message to applicants which will either validate or reject their submitted application package. This validation process may take as long as two (2) business days. Applicants are strongly encouraged check the status of their application to ensure submission of their application package is complete and no submission errors exists. To guarantee that you comply with the application deadline published in the Funding Opportunity Announcement, applicants are also strongly encouraged to allocate additional days prior to the published deadline to file their application. Non-validated applications will not be accepted after the published application deadline date.

In the event that you do not receive a "validation" email within two (2) business days of application submission, please contact Grants.gov. Refer to the email message generated at the time of application submission for instructions on how to track your application or the Application User Guide, Version 3.0 page 57.

Authority:

This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601, et seq.] and Public Law 110-293 (the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008).

Background:

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. As called for by the PEPFAR Reauthorization Act of 2008, initiative goals over the period of 2009 through 2013 are to treat at least three million HIV infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy (ART); care for twelve million HIV infected and affected persons, including five million orphans and vulnerable children; and prevent twelve million infections worldwide (3,12,12). To meet these goals and build sustainable local capacity, PEPFAR will support training of at least 140,000 new health care workers in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; in addition selected activities formerly implemented by international partners through the Track 1 centrally procured mechanism will be transitioned over a 3 –year period to local partners. Local partners include central, provincial, and district government authorities. The Emergency Plan *Five-Year Strategy* for the initial five year period, 2003 - 2008 is available at the following Internet address: <http://www.pepfar.gov>.

Purpose:

Under the leadership of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, as part of the President's Emergency Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS/CDC) works with host countries and other key partners to assess the needs of each country and design a customized program of assistance that fits within the host nation's strategic plan and partnership framework.

HHS/CDC focuses primarily on two or three major program areas in each country. Goals and priorities include the following:

- Achieving primary prevention of HIV infection through activities such as expanding confidential counseling and testing programs linked with evidence based behavioral change and building programs to reduce mother-to-child transmission;
- Improving the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and related opportunistic infections by improving STI management; enhancing laboratory diagnostic capacity and the care and treatment of opportunistic infections; interventions for intercurrent diseases impacting HIV infected patients including tuberculosis (TB); and initiating programs to provide anti-retroviral therapy (ART);
- Strengthening the capacity of countries to collect and use surveillance data and manage national HIV/AIDS programs by expanding HIV/STI/TB surveillance programs and strengthening laboratory support for surveillance, diagnosis, treatment, disease monitoring and HIV screening for blood safety.

In an effort to ensure maximum cost efficiencies and program effectiveness, HHS/CDC also supports coordination with and among partners and integration of activities that promote Global Health Initiative principles. As such, grantees may be requested to participate in programmatic activities that include the following activities:

- Implement a woman- and girl-centered approach;
- Increase impact through strategic coordination and integration;
- Strengthen and leverage key multilateral organizations, global health partnerships and private sector engagement;
- Encourage country ownership and invest in country-led plans;
- Build sustainability through investments in health systems;
- Improve metrics, monitoring and evaluation; and
- Promote research, development and innovation.

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop and strengthen the direct implementation of HIV care and treatment services by the provincial level government. HHS/CDC Mozambique, in conjunction with other U.S. Government agencies, supports the government of Mozambique (GOM) in expanding HIV services throughout the country. The aim of this announcement is to engage the provincial government in Mozambique to continue to expand and sustain quality HIV services without life-threatening disruptions of services to the people who need these services. This FOA covers a wide range of activities primarily within the

spectrum of HIV treatment services but also includes other services such as HIV prevention and care.

The recipients (grantees) will work in collaboration with the HHS/CDC Mozambique office and National Ministry of Health (MoH) in Mozambique to achieve program outcomes. All activities implemented under this program should follow national and local policies and guidelines for HIV service delivery. The grantees will work in collaboration with the MoH, the U.S.

Government in-country PEPFAR team and the HHS/CDC Mozambique office to improve the breadth, scale, and quality of HIV services available in the provinces receiving support.

Through this new initiative, CDC Mozambique will work with grantees and the government of Mozambique to strengthen capacity and expand activities in the areas of: (1) HIV care, support, and treatment; and (2) human resource capacity and infrastructure development, especially for disease surveillance and training.

Two awards will be made under this announcement in the first round of funding. Awards may focus on, but not necessarily be limited to HIV prevention, care and treatment activities that focus on one or more of the following: the provision of antiretroviral treatment (ART); comprehensive HIV care and support services for target populations including linkages between community based care for HIV-infected or affected persons; prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) services; linkage to HIV services for individuals infected with tuberculosis (TB/HIV); expansion of HIV counseling and testing (C&T) services; and program,

administrative and financial management support to the provincial government health office. Additional awards may focus on antiretroviral service provision, comprehensive care service delivery, including PMTCT, HIV C&T, TB/HIV, commodities logistics and laboratory support. All applicants should consider linkages between the various program areas within their application, either by proposing to provide linked services or by proposing to ensure linkages to existing services that are not specifically provided by the applicant. Property or supplies may be granted under this cooperative agreement using direct assistance.

Measurable outcomes of the program for the project period will be in alignment with one (or more) of the following performance goal(s):

Antiretroviral treatment Services

1. 10% individuals newly enrolled on ART are children less than 15 years of age in a given province
2. 70% individuals ever started on treatment receiving ART at the end of the reporting period in a given province where grantee has activities
3. 10% individuals currently on 2nd line treatment regimen in a given province where grantee has activities
4. One training on pediatric ART for health care workers conducted each year in a given province where grantee has activities

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

1. Provision of HIV testing and ARVs for PMTCT at 80% of MCH health service facilities in a given province where grantee has activities
2. 80% uptake of counseling and testing among all pregnant women and all maternity clients in a given province where grantee has activities
3. Provision of ARVs to 80% of HIV-infected pregnant women to reduce the risk of mother to child transmission in a given province where grantee has activities
4. Provision of ARVs to 80% of HIV exposed infants to reduce the risk of MTCT in labor and delivery settings in a given province where grantee has activities

HIV Testing and Counseling

1. 70% individuals received counseling and testing (C&T) services for HIV and received their test results

Care and Support

1. 80% HIV infected persons receiving cotrimoxazole prophylaxis in the province where grantee has activities
2. 60% HIV infected individuals receiving ART and pre-ART services who were screened for TB in HIV care/treatment settings
3. 10% HIV positive patients in care and treatment (pre-ART or ART) who started TB treatment
4. 70% infants born to HIV positive women who received an HIV test within 12 months

5. 85% children <18 months born to HIV positive pregnant women who are started on cotrimoxazole prophylaxis within two months of birth

Laboratory

1. 50% of ART service sites with (laboratories) with capacity to perform clinical laboratory tests in the province where the grantee has activities

Program Management and Human Capacity Development

1. Two provincial trainings conducted per year on HIV treatment, prevention and care for health workers in the province where the grantee will work
2. One supervision visit conducted to HIV service sites and districts every quarter to monitor ART service , data quality checks and stock checks
3. One computer and equipment per district HIV service site procured in the province where grantee works
4. Distribute 1,000 HIV prevention, care and treatment training materials, monitoring tools, supervision tools, job aides and clinical guidelines distributed to service sites in a given province where grantee works,
5. Prepare minutes of provincial ART committee meetings convened once every month;
6. Hire or train two provincial staff (as needed) to oversee financial and program management of program activities in the province where the grantee is working
7. Hire seventy-five (75%) of care and treatment, staff sites (as needed) for counseling, data management and administrative staff in the province where grantee is working.

This announcement is intended for non-research activities supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within HHS (HHS/CDC). If an applicant proposes research activities, HHS/CDC will not review the application. For the definition of “research,” please see the HHS/CDC Web site at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/regs/hrpp/researchdefinition.htm>

II. Program Implementation

Activities:

Partners receiving HHS/CDC funding must place a clear emphasis on developing local capacity deliver HIV/AIDS related services to the Mozambican population and must also coordinate with activities supported by Mozambicans, international or USG agencies to avoid duplication.

Partners receiving HHS/CDC funding must collaborate across program areas whenever appropriate or necessary to improve service delivery.

The selected applicant(s) (grantee) of these funds is responsible for activities in multiple program areas.

The recipient will implement activities both directly and, where applicable, through sub-grantees; the recipient will, however, retain overall financial and programmatic management under the oversight of HHS/CDC and the strategic direction of the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. The recipient must show measurable progressive reinforcement of the

capacity of health facilities to respond to the national HIV epidemic as well as progress towards the sustainability of activities.

Applicants should describe activities in detail that reflect the policies and goals outlined in the *Five-Year Strategy* for the President's Emergency Plan and the Partnership Framework for the Republic of Mozambique. The grantee will produce an annual operational plan, which the U.S. Government Emergency Plan team on the ground in the Republic of Mozambique will review as part of the annual Emergency Plan review-and-approval process managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

The grantee may work on some of the activities listed below in the first year and in subsequent years, and then progressively add others from the list to achieve all of the Emergency Plan performance goals as cited in the previous section. *Activities in Year 1 of the project period, will be implemented in Maputo and Cabo Delgado.* HHS/CDC, under the guidance of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, will approve funds for activities on an annual basis, based on availability of funding and USG priorities, and based on documented performance toward achieving Emergency Plan goals, as part of the annual Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review-and-approval process.

Grantee activities for this program are as follows:

1. Conduct in-service trainings of health providers in or from at least 24 districts in the provision and monitoring of HIV prevention, care and treatment services.

2. Conduct routine supervision visits and provide mentoring support to district health teams at least once every quarter.
3. Procure fuel and clinic and administrative supplies needed to maintain operations at health centers, provincial and district health sites in order to ensure the provision of quality services; this activity also includes providing the logistical support needed for the procurement and distribution of these supplies and commodities
4. Reproduce and distribute, as needed, HIV prevention, care and treatment training materials, monitoring tools, supervision tools, job aides and clinical guidelines
5. Conduct program Monitoring and Evaluation activities including holding monthly provincial ART committee meetings
6. Hire and support additional staff needed in the DPS's and within care and treatment sites to provide quality services. These include, but are not limited to, clinical, technical and administrative staff (e.g. accountants, financial managers and administrators)

CDC Activities:

The selected applicant (grantee) of this funding competition must comply with all HHS/CDC management requirements for meeting participation and progress and financial reporting for this cooperative agreement (See HHS/CDC Activities and Reporting sections below for details), and comply with all policy directives established by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. 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:

1. Organize an orientation meeting with the awardee to brief it on applicable U.S. Government, HHS, and Emergency Plan expectations, regulations and key management requirements, as well as report formats and contents. The orientation could include meetings with staff from HHS agencies and the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
2. Review and make recommendations to the process used by the awardee to select key personnel and/or post-award subcontractors and/or sub-awardees to be involved in the activities performed under this agreement, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
3. Review and make recommendations to the awardees' annual work plan and detailed budget, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review-and-approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
4. Review and make recommendations to the awardees' monitoring-and-evaluation plan, including for compliance with the strategic-information guidance established by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
5. Meet on a monthly basis with the awardee to assess monthly expenditures in relation to approved work plan and modify plans, as necessary.
6. Meet on a quarterly basis with the awardee to assess quarterly technical and financial progress reports and modify plans as necessary.
7. Meet on an annual basis with the awardee to review annual progress report for each U.S. Government Fiscal Year, and to review annual work plans and budgets for subsequent year,

as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief review and approval process for Country Operational Plans, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

8. Provide technical assistance, as mutually agreed upon, and revise annually during validation of the first and subsequent annual work plans. This could include expert technical assistance and targeted training activities in specialized areas, such as strategic information, project management, confidential counseling and testing, palliative care, treatment literacy, and adult-learning techniques.
9. Provide in-country administrative support to help awardee meet U.S. Government financial and reporting requirements approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 0920-0428 (Public Health Service Form 5161).
10. Collaborate with the awardee on designing and implementing the activities listed above, including, but not limited to the provision of technical assistance to develop program activities, data management and analysis, quality assurance, the presentation and possibly publication of program results and findings, and the management and tracking of finances.
11. Provide consultation and scientific and technical assistance based on appropriate, HHS/CDC and Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator documents to promote the use of best practices known at the time.
12. Assist the awardee in developing and implementing quality-assurance criteria and procedures.
13. Facilitate in-country planning and review meetings for technical assistance activities.
14. Provide technical oversight for all activities under this award.

15. Provide ethical reviews, as necessary, for evaluation activities, including from HHS/CDC headquarters.

16. Supply the awardee with protocols for related evaluations.

Please note: Either HHS staff or staff from organizations that have successfully competed for funding under a separate HHS contract, cooperative agreement or grant will provide technical assistance and training.

III. Award Information and Requirements

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement.

HHS/CDC's involvement in this program is listed in the Activities Section above.

Award Mechanism: U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements

Fiscal Year Funds: 2010

Approximate Fiscal Year Funding: \$300,000

Approximate Total Project Period Funding: \$2,500,000 (This amount is an estimate, and is subject to availability of funds and includes direct costs and indirect costs in the case of domestic grantees.)

Approximate Number of Awards: 2

Approximate Average Award: \$150,000 (This amount is for the first 12 month budget period, and includes direct costs and indirect costs in the case of domestic grantees.)

Floor of Individual Award Range: none

Ceiling of Individual Award Range: none (This ceiling is for the first 12 month budget period and includes direct costs and indirect costs in the case of domestic grantees.)

Anticipated Award Date: September 30, 2010

Budget Period Length: 12 Months

Project Period Length: Five years

Throughout the project period, HHS/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 U.S. Government, through the Emergency Plan review and approval process for Country Operational Plans, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

IV. Eligibility

IV.1. Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants that can apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

- *Public nonprofit organizations*
- *Private nonprofit organizations*
- *For profit organizations*
- *Small, minority, women-owned business*
- *Universities*
- *Colleges*
- *Research institutions*
- *Hospitals*

- *Community-based organizations*
- *Faith-based organizations*
- *Federally recognized Indian tribal organizations*
- *Alaska Native tribal governments*
- *Indian tribes*
- *Tribal Epidemiology centers*
- *Indian tribal organizations*
- *State and local governments or their Bona Fide Agents (this includes 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, and the Republic of Palau)*
- *Political subdivisions of States (in consultation with States)*
- *Non-domestic (non U.S.) entity*
- *Other (specify)*

A Bona Fide Agent is an agency/organization identified by the state as eligible to submit an application under the state eligibility in lieu of a state application. If applying as a bona fide agent of a state or local government, a letter from the state or local government as documentation of the status is required. Attach with "Other Attachment Forms" when submitting via www.grants.gov.

IV.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are not required for this program. If applicants receive funding from other sources to underwrite the same or similar activities, or anticipate receiving such funding in the next 12 months, they must detail how the disparate streams of financing complement each other.

V.3. Other

If a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the award range is requested, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet the submission requirements.

The successful applicant may be responsible for planning, implementing, and coordinating infrastructure development requirements supporting the primary public health purpose of this FOA.

PEPFAR Local Partner definition:

A “local partner” may be an individual or sole proprietorship, an entity, or a joint venture or other arrangement. However, to be considered a local partner in a given country served by PEPFAR, the partner must meet the criteria under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) below within that country: *

(1) an individual must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of and have his/her principal place of business in the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the individual is or may become involved, and a sole proprietorship must be owned by such an individual; or

(2) an entity (e.g., a corporation or partnership): (a) must be incorporated or legally organized under the laws of, and have its principal place of business in, the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the entity is or may become involved; (b) must be at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), or by other corporations, partnerships or other arrangements that are local partners under this paragraph or paragraph (3); (c) at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the entity's staff (senior, mid-level, support) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), and at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the entity's senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; and (d) where an entity has a Board of Directors, at least 51% of the members of the Board must also be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; or

(3) a joint venture, unincorporated association, consortium, or other arrangement in which at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the funding under the PEPFAR award is or will be provided to members who are local partners under the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) above, and a local partner is designated as the managing member of the organization.

Host government ministries (e.g., Ministry of Health), sub-units of government ministries, and parastatal organizations in the country served by the PEPFAR program are considered local partners. ** A parastatal organization is defined as a fully or partially government-owned or

government-funded organization. Such enterprises may function through a board of directors, similar to private corporations. However, ultimate control over the board may rest with the government.

The Global AIDS Coordinator may waive the above criteria where justified to address the circumstances in a specific case.

* HHS will only implement paragraph 2 (entity) of the definition.

** USAID and its partners are subject to restrictions on parastatal eligibility for USAID funding. See 22 CFR 228.33

Special Requirements:

If the application is incomplete or non-responsive to the special requirements listed in this section, it will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet submission requirements.

- Late submissions will be considered non-responsive. See section “V.3. Submission Dates and Times” for more information on deadlines.
- 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 U.S. Government funds constituting a grant, loan, or an award.

V. Application Content

V.1. Address to Request Application Package

To apply for this funding opportunity, the application forms package posted in Grants.gov must be used.

Electronic Submission:

HHS/CDC requires applicants to submit applications electronically by utilizing the forms and instructions posted for this announcement on www.Grants.gov, the official U.S. Government agency wide e-grant website.

Registering an applicant organization through www.Grants.gov is the first step in submitting applications online. Registration information is located in the “Get Registered” screen of www.Grants.gov. Applicants are required to use this online tool.

Please visit www.Grants.gov at least 30 days prior to filing an application to become familiar with the registration and submission processes. Under “Get Registered,” the one time registration process will take three to five days to complete. Only the person who registers the organization on grants.gov can submit the application. This is important to remember if the person who originally registered an organization on grants.gov is no longer working for that particular organization.

Foreign organizations must include a NATO Commercial and Governmental Entity (NCAGE) Code to complete their Grants.gov registration. Instructions for obtaining an NCAGE Code may be found at:

http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/NATO_Commercial_and_Governmental_Entity_12-18-06.doc.

If the applicant encounters technical difficulties with Grants.gov, the applicant should contact Grants.gov Customer Service. The Grants.gov Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Contact Center provides customer service to the applicant community. The extended hours will provide applicants support around the clock, ensuring the best possible customer service is received any time it's needed. You can reach the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at support@grants.gov. Submissions sent by e-mail, fax, CD's or thumb drives of applications will not be accepted.

Organizations that encounter technical difficulties in using www.Grants.gov to submit their application must attempt to overcome those difficulties by contacting the Grants.gov Support Center (1-800-518-4726, support@grants.gov). After consulting with the Grants.gov Support Center, if the technical difficulties remain unresolved and electronic submission is not possible to meet the established deadline, organizations may submit a request prior to the application deadline by email to the PGO TIMS for permission to submit a paper application. An organization's request for permission must: (a) include the Grants.gov case number assigned to the inquiry, (b) describe the difficulties that prevent electronic submission and the efforts taken with the Grants.gov Support Center (c) be submitted to PGO TIMSs at least 3 calendar days prior to the application deadline. Paper applications submitted without prior approval will not be considered.

If a paper application is authorized, the applicant will receive instructions from TIMS to submit the original and two hard copies of the application by mail or express delivery service.

V.2. Content and Form of Submission

Application:

A Project Abstract must be submitted with the application forms. All electronic project abstracts must be uploaded in a PDF file format when submitting via Grants.gov. The abstract must be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum of 2-3 paragraphs;
- Font size: 12 point unreduced, Times New Roman;
- Single spaced;
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches (preferred), or generally accepted paper size; and
- Page margin size: One inch.

The project abstract must contain a summary of the proposed activity suitable for dissemination to the public. It should be a self-contained description of the project and should contain a statement of objectives and methods to be employed. It should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields and insofar as possible understandable to a technically literate lay reader. This abstract must not include any proprietary/confidential information.

A Project Narrative must be submitted with the application forms. All electronic narratives must be uploaded in a PDF file format when submitting via Grants.gov. The narrative **MUST** be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: 25 (If your narrative exceeds the page limit, only the first pages which are within the page limit will be reviewed.);
- Font size: 12 point, unreduced, Times New Roman;
- Double spaced;
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches (preferred), or generally accepted paper size;
- Page margin size: One inch;
- Number all pages of the application sequentially from page one (Application Face Page) to the end of the application, including charts, figures, tables, and appendices; and

The narrative should address activities to be conducted over the entire project period and must include the following items in the order listed:

- *Project Context and Background (Understanding and Need):* Describe the background and justify the need for the proposed project. Describe the current infrastructure system; targeted geographical area(s), if applicable; and identified gaps or shortcomings of the current health systems and AIDS control projects;
- *Project Strategy - Description and Methodologies:* Present a detailed operational plan for initiating and conducting the project. Clearly describe the applicant's technical approach/methods for implementing the proposed project. Describe the existence of, or plans to establish partnerships necessary to implement the project. Describe linkages, if appropriate, with programs funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development;
- *Project Goals and Objectives:* Describe the overall goals of the project, and specific objectives that are measurable and time phased, consistent with the objectives and

numerical targets of the Emergency Plan and for this Cooperative Agreement program as provided in the “Purpose” Section at the beginning of this Announcement;

- *Project Outputs:* Be sure to address each of the program objectives listed in the “Purpose” Section of this Announcement. Measures must be specific, objective and quantitative so as to provide meaningful outcome evaluation;
- *Project Contribution to the Goals and Objectives of the Emergency Plan:* Provide specific measures of effectiveness to demonstrate accomplishment of the objectives of this program;
- *Work Plan and Description of Project Components and Activities:* Be sure to address each of the specific tasks listed in the activities section of this announcement. Clearly identify specific assigned responsibilities for all key professional personnel;
- *Performance Measures:* Measures must be specific, objective and quantitative;
- *Timeline* (e.g., GANTT Chart); and
- *Management of Project Funds and Reporting.*

Additional information may be included in the application appendices. The appendices will not be counted toward the narrative page limit. **The total amount of appendices must not exceed**

80 pages and can only contain information related to the following:

- *Project Budget Justification:*

With staffing breakdown and justification, provide a line item budget and a narrative with justification for all requested costs. Be sure to include, if any, in-kind support or other

contributions provided by the national government and its donors as part of the total project, but for which the applicant is not requesting funding.

Budgets must be consistent with the purpose, objectives of the Emergency Plan and the program activities listed in this announcement and must include the following: line item breakdown and justification for all personnel, i.e., name, position title, annual salary, percentage of time and effort, and amount requested.

The recommended guidance for completing a detailed budget justification can be found on the HHS/CDC Web site, at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/budgetguide.htm>.

For each contract, list the following: (1) name of proposed contractor; (2) breakdown and justification for estimated costs; (3) description and scope of activities the contractor will perform; (4) period of performance; (5) method of contractor selection (e.g., competitive solicitation); and (6) methods of accountability. Applicants should, to the greatest extent possible, employ transparent and open competitive processes to choose contractors;

- ***Curricula vitae*** of current key staff who will work on the activity;
- ***Job descriptions*** of proposed key positions to be created for the activity;
- ***Applicant's Corporate Capability Statement***;
- ***Letters of Support*** (5 letters maximum);
- ***Evidence of Legal Organizational Structure; and***

If the total amount of appendices includes more than 80 pages, the application will not be considered for review.

The agency or organization is required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access the Dun and Bradstreet website or call 1-866-705-5711.

Guidance that may require the submission of additional documentation with the application is listed in section “VII.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.”

V.3. Submission Dates and Times

Note: Application submission is not concluded until successful completion of the validation process.

After submission of your application package, applicants will receive a “submission receipt” email generated by Grants.gov. Grants.gov will then generate a second e-mail message to applicants which will either validate or reject their submitted application package. This validation process may take as long as two (2) business days. Applicants are strongly encouraged check the status of their application to ensure submission of their application package is complete and no submission errors exists. To guarantee that you comply with the application deadline published in the Funding Opportunity Announcement, applicants are also strongly encouraged to allocate additional days prior to the published deadline to file their application. Non-validated applications will not be accepted after the published application deadline date.

In the event that you do not receive a “validation” email within two (2) business days of application submission, please contact Grants.gov. Refer to the email message generated at the time of application submission for instructions on how to track your application or the Application User Guide, Version 3.0 page 57.

Application Deadline Date: May 26, 2010

Explanation of Deadlines: The HHS/CDC Procurement and Grants Office must receive applications by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date.

Electronic Submissions:

Applications may be submitted electronically at www.Grants.gov. Applications completed on-line through Grants.gov are considered formally submitted when the applicant organization's Authorizing Organization Representative (AOR) electronically submits the application to www.Grants.gov. Electronic applications will be considered as having met the deadline if the application has been successfully submitted electronically by the applicant organization's AOR to Grants.gov on or before the deadline date and time.

When submission of the application is done electronically through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>), the application will be electronically time/date stamped and a tracking number will be assigned, which will serve as receipt of submission. The AOR will receive an e-mail notice of receipt when HHS/CDC receives the application.

Organizations that encounter technical difficulties in using www.Grants.gov to submit their application must attempt to overcome those difficulties by contacting the Grants.gov Support Center (1-800-518-4726, support@grants.gov). After consulting with the Grants.gov Support Center, if the technical difficulties remain unresolved and electronic submission is not possible to meet the established deadline, organizations may submit a request prior to the application deadline by email to the PGO TMS for permission to submit a paper application. An organization's request for permission must: (a) include the Grants.gov case number assigned to the inquiry, (b) describe the difficulties that prevent electronic submission and the

efforts taken with the Grants.gov Support Center (c) be submitted to PGO TIMSs at least 3 calendar days prior to the application deadline. Paper applications submitted without prior approval will not be considered.

If a paper application is authorized, the applicant will receive instructions from TIMS to submit the original and two hard copies of the application by mail or express delivery service.

V.4. Intergovernmental Review of Applications

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

V.5. Funding restrictions

Restrictions, which must be taken into account while writing the budget, are as follows:

- Recipients may not use funds for research.
- Recipients may only expend funds for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services, such as contractual.
- The direct and primary recipient in a cooperative agreement program must perform a substantial role in carrying out project objectives and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provider who is ineligible.
- The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

- The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities (including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required.)
- All requests for funds contained in the budget, shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through the issuance of supplemental awards.
- Foreign recipients are subject to audit requirements specified in 45 CFR 74.26(d). A non-Federal audit is required, if during the recipients fiscal year, the recipient expended a total of \$500,000.00 or more under one or more HHS awards (as a direct recipient and/or as a sub-recipient). The recipient either may have (1) A financial related audit (as defined in the Government Auditing Standards, GPO stock #020-000-00-265-4) of a particular award in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, in those case where the recipient receives awards under only one HHS program; or, if awards are received under multiple HHS programs, a financial related audit of all HHS awards in accordance with Government Auditing Standards; or (2) An audit that meets the requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133.
- A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, prior to or post award, in order to review the applicant's business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

The 8% Rule

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) seeks to promote sustainability for programs through the development, use, and strengthening of local partnerships. The diversification of partners also ensures additional robust capacity at the local and national levels.

To achieve this goal, the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) establishes an annual funding guideline for grants and cooperative agreement planning. Within each annual PEPFAR country budget, OGAC establishes a limit for the total amount of U.S. Government funding for HIV/AIDS activities provided to a single partner organization under all grant and cooperative agreements for that country. **For U.S. Government fiscal year (FY) 2010, the limit is no more than 8 percent of the country's FY 2010 PEPFAR program funding (excluding U.S. Government management and staffing costs), or \$2 million, whichever is greater.** The total amount of funding to a partner organization includes any PEPFAR funding provided to the partner, whether directly as prime partner or indirectly as sub-grantee. In addition, subject to the exclusion for umbrella awards and drug/commodity costs discussed below, all funds provided to a prime partner, even if passed through to sub-partners, are applicable to the limit. PEPFAR funds provided to an organization under contracts are not applied to the 8 percent/\$2 million single partner ceiling. PEPFAR publishes the single-partner funding limits annually as part of guidance for preparing the Country Operational Plan (COP). U.S. Government Departments and agencies must use the limits in the planning process to develop Requests for Applications (RFAs), Annual Program Statements (APSs), or Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). However, as PEPFAR country budgets are not final at the COP planning stage, the single partner limits remain subject to adjustment. The current limit applicable to this FOA is \$18,110,245 (8

percent or \$2 million, whichever is greater, of the country's PEPFAR program funding). (Grants officers should insert the following sentence if the Department or agency issues the RFA prior to Congressional appropriation and final COP approval: "Please note that the current limit is based on an estimated country budget developed for planning purposes; thus, the limit is also an estimate and subject to change based on actual appropriations and the final approved country budget.") Exclusions from the 8 percent/\$2 million single-partner ceiling are made for (a) umbrella awards, (b) commodity/drug costs, and (c) Government Ministries and parastatal organizations. A parastatal organization is defined as a fully or partially state-owned corporation or government agency. For umbrella awards, grants officers will determine whether an award is an umbrella for purposes of exception from the cap on an award-by-award basis. Grants or cooperative agreements in which the primary objective is for the organization to make sub-awards and at least 75 percent of the grant is used for sub-awards, with the remainder of the grant used for administrative expenses and technical assistance to sub-awardees, will be considered umbrella awards and, therefore, exempted from the cap. Agreements that merely include sub-grants as an activity in implementation of the award but do not meet these criteria will not be considered umbrella awards, and the full amount of the award will count against the cap. All commodity/drug costs will be excluded from partners' funding for the purpose of the cap. The remaining portion of awards, including all overhead/management costs, will be counted against the cap.

Applicants should be aware that evaluation of proposals will include an assessment of grant/cooperative agreement award amounts applicable to the applicant by U.S. Government

fiscal year in the relevant country. An applicant whose grants or cooperative agreements have already met or exceeded the maximum, annual single-partner limit may submit an application in response to this RFA/APS/FOA. However, applicants whose total PEPFAR funding for this country in a U.S. Government fiscal year exceeds the 8 percent/\$2 million single partner ceiling at the time of award decision will be ineligible to receive an award under this RFA/APS/FOA unless the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator approves an exception to the cap. **Applicants must provide in their proposals the dollar value by U.S. Government fiscal year of current grants and cooperative agreements (including sub-grants and sub-agreements) financed by the Emergency Plan, which are for programs in the country(ies) covered by this RFA/APS/FOA.** For example, the proposal should state that the applicant has \$_____ in FY 2010 grants and cooperative agreements (for as many fiscal years as applicable) in the Republic of Mozambique. For additional information concerning this RFA/APS/FOA, please contact the Grants Officer for this RFA/APS/FOA. (Grants officers: Where the statement of work indicates awards will be made as umbrella awards, add the following language to the RFA/APS/FOA): Based on the statement of work for this RFA/APS/FOA, PEPFAR will consider awards hereunder as umbrella awards, and they will be exempt from the single-partner funding limit.

Prostitution and Related Activities

The U.S. Government is opposed to prostitution and related activities, which are inherently harmful and dehumanizing, and contribute to the phenomenon of trafficking in persons.

Any entity that receives, directly or indirectly, U.S. Government funds in connection with this document “recipient” cannot use such U.S. Government funds to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides.

A recipient that is otherwise eligible to receive funds in connection with this document to prevent, treat, or monitor HIV/AIDS shall not be required to endorse or utilize a multisectoral approach to combating HIV/AIDS, or to endorse, utilize, or participate in a prevention method or treatment program to which the recipient has a religious or moral objection. Any information provided by recipients about the use of condoms as part of projects or activities that are funded in connection with this document shall be medically accurate and shall include the public health benefits and failure rates of such use.

In addition, any recipient must have a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any “exempt organizations” (defined as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Health Organization and its six Regional Offices, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative or to any United Nations agency).

The following definition applies for purposes of this clause:

Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. 22 U.S.C. § 7102(9).

All recipients must insert provisions implementing the applicable parts of this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities,” in all subagreements under this award. These provisions must be express terms and conditions of the subagreement, must acknowledge that compliance with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities,” is a prerequisite to receipt and expenditure of U.S. government funds in connection with this document, and must acknowledge that any violation of the provisions shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement prior to the end of its term. Recipients must agree that HHS may, at any reasonable time, inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the recipient in the usual course of its operations that relate to the organization’s compliance with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities.”

All prime recipients that receive U.S. Government funds in connection with this document must certify compliance prior to actual receipt of such funds in a written statement that makes reference to this document (e.g., [Prime recipient's name] certifies compliance with the section, ‘Prostitution and Related Activities.’) addressed to the agency’s grants officer. Such certifications by prime recipients are prerequisites to the payment of any U.S. Government funds in connection with this document.

Recipients' compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," is an express term and condition of receiving U.S. Government funds in connection with this document, and any violation of it shall be grounds for unilateral termination by HHS of the agreement with HHS in connection with this document prior to the end of its term. The recipient shall refund to HHS the entire amount furnished in connection with this document in the event HHS determines the recipient has not complied with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities."

VI. Application Review Information

VI.1. Criteria

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the "Purpose" section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative and must measure the intended outcome. The measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

The application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Ability to Carry Out the Proposal (20 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate the local experience in the Republic of Mozambique and some institutional capacity (both management and technical) to achieve the goals of the project with documented good governance practices? Is there evidence of leadership support and evidence of

current or past efforts to enhance HIV prevention, care and treatment? Does the applicant have the capacity to reach rural and other underserved populations in the Republic of Mozambique? Does the organization have the ability to target audiences that frequently fall outside the reach of the traditional media, and in local languages? To what extent does the applicant provide letters of support?

Technical and Programmatic Approach (15 points):

Does the application include an overall design strategy, including measurable time lines, clear monitoring and evaluation procedures, and specific activities for meeting the proposed objectives? Does the applicant display knowledge of the President's Emergency Plan, and are the proposed activities consistent with PEPFAR? Does the applicant describe activities that are evidence based, realistic, achievable, measurable and culturally appropriate to achieve the goals of the President's Emergency Plan? Does the application propose to build on and complement the current national response in with evidence-based strategies designed to reach underserved populations and meet the goals of the President's Emergency Plan? Does the application include reasonable estimates of outcome targets? (For example, the numbers of sites to be supported, number of clients the program will reach.) To what extent does the applicant propose to work with other organizations?

Capacity Building (15 points):

Does the applicant have a record of building the capacity of its staff? Does the applicant have relevant experience in using participatory methods, and approaches, in project planning and implementation? Does the applicant describe an adequate and measurable plan to progressively build the capacity of district level government and potential local organizations to respond to the epidemic? Does the capacity building plan clearly describe how it will contribute to improved quality and geographic coverage of service delivery to achieve the Republic of Mozambique's national targets, and work towards achieving the "3,12,12"¹ targets of the President's Emergency Plan?

Monitoring and Evaluation (15 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate the local experience and capability to implement rigorous monitoring and evaluation of the project? Does the applicant describe a system for reviewing and adjusting program activities based on monitoring information obtained by using innovative, participatory methods and standard approaches? Does the plan include indicators developed for each program milestone, and incorporated into the financial and programmatic reports? Are the indicators consistent with the President's Emergency Plan Indicator Guide? Is the system able to generate financial and program reports to show disbursement of funds, and progress towards achieving the numerical objectives of the President's Emergency Plan? Is the plan to measure

¹ The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. As called for by the PEPFAR Reauthorization Act of 2008, initiative goals over the period of 2009 through 2013 are to treat at least three million HIV infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy (ART); care for twelve million HIV infected and affected persons, including five million orphans and vulnerable children; and prevent twelve million infections worldwide.

outcomes of the intervention, and the manner in which they will be provided, adequate? Is the monitoring and evaluation plan consistent with the principles of the "Three Ones²?" Applicants must define specific output and outcome indicators must be defined in the proposal, and must have realistic targets in line with the targets addressed in the Activities section of this announcement.

Understanding of the Problem (10 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate a clear and concise understanding of the current national HIV/AIDS response and the cultural and political context relevant to the programmatic areas targeted? Does the applicant display an understanding of the President's Emergency Plan? To what extent does the applicant justify the need for this program within the target community?

Personnel (15 points):

Are the staff roles clearly defined? As described, will the staff be sufficient to meet the goals of the proposed project? Are staff involved in this project qualified to perform the tasks described?

²²² The Emergency Plan supports the multi-sectoral national responses in host nations, adapting U.S. support to the individual needs and challenges of each nation where the Emergency Plan is at work. Countries and communities are at different stages of HIV/AIDS response and have unique drivers of HIV, distinctive social and cultural patterns (particularly with regard to the status of women), and different political and economic conditions. Effective interventions must be informed by local circumstances and coordinated with local efforts. In April 2004, OGAC, working with UNAIDS, the World Bank, and the U.K. Department for International Development (DfID), organized and co-chaired a major international conference in Washington for major donors and national partners to consider and adopt key principles for supporting coordinated country-driven action against HIV/AIDS. These principles became known as the "**Three Ones**": - **one national plan, one national coordinating authority, and one national monitoring and evaluation system** in each of the host countries in which organizations work. Rather than mandating that all contributors do the same things in the same ways, the Three Ones facilitate complementary and efficient action in support of host nations.

Curricula vitae provided should include information that they are qualified in the following: management of HIV/AIDS prevention activities, especially confidential, voluntary counseling and testing; and the development of capacity building among and collaboration between Governmental and non-governmental partners.

Administration and Management (10 points):

Does the applicant provide a clear plan for the administration and management of the proposed activities, and to manage the resources of the program, prepare reports, monitor and evaluate activities, audit expenditures and produce collect and analyze performance data? Is the management structure for the project sufficient to ensure speedy implementation of the project? Does the applicant have a proven track record running transparent and competitive procurement processes; supervising consultants and contractors; using subgrants or other systems of sharing resources with community based organizations, faith based organizations or smaller non-governmental organizations? The grantee must demonstrate an ability to submit quarterly reports in a timely manner to the HHS/CDC office.

Budget (Reviewed, but not scored):

Is the itemized budget for conducting the project, along with justification, reasonable and consistent with stated objectives and planned program activities? Is the budget itemized, well justified and consistent with the goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief? If

applicable, are there reasonable costs per client reached for both year one and later years of the project?

VI.2. Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed for completeness and for responsiveness jointly by the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) and HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program staff. Incomplete applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants will be notified the application did not meet submission requirements.

An objective review panel will evaluate complete and responsive applications according to the criteria listed in the “VI.1. Criteria” section above. All persons who serve on the panel will be external to the U.S. Government Country Program Office. The panel may include both U.S. Federal Government and non-U.S. Federal Government participants.

VI.3. Applications Selection Process

Applications will likely be funded in the order by score and rank determined by the review panel. However, the following “*Funding Preferences*” may affect the funding decision:

The complexities of transitioning HIV clinical services to more in-country institutions during an epidemic of great magnitude in Mozambique requires the involvement and expertise of specialized institutions such as the Mozambican Provincial Health Directorates (DPS), whose

core mission is providing these services in their provinces, to the people of Mozambique. The combination of these factors gives funding preference to those Provincial Health Directorates, Ministry of Health, Mozambique. These DPS have worked and will continue to work very closely with the central level Ministry of Health to serve the people of Mozambique, have already an established and respected presence in Mozambique (as they are the sole provider of clinical services), and possess the cultural and language skills needed to work with the Mozambican population.

VI.4. Anticipated Award Announcement

The anticipated date for announcing the award is September 30, 2010

VII. Award Administration Information

VII.1. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NoA) from the CDC Procurement and Grants Office. The NoA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and CDC. The NoA will be signed by an authorized Grants Management Officer and emailed to the program director and a hard copy mailed to the recipient fiscal officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review by mail.

VII.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Successful applicants must comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 CFR Part 74 and Part 92, as appropriate. The following additional requirements apply to this project:

- AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions
- AR-6 Patient Care
- AR-7 Executive Order 12372
- AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-14 Accounting System Requirements
- AR-16 Security Clearance Requirements
- AR-23 States and Faith-Based Organizations
- AR-24 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Requirements
- AR-25 Release and Sharing of Data

Additional information on the requirements can be found on the CDC Web site at the following

Internet address: http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/Addtl_Reqmnts.htm.

For more information on the Code of Federal Regulations, see the National Archives and Records Administration, at the following Internet address:

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>.

Applicants must include an additional Certifications form from the PHS5161-1 application in the Grants.gov electronic submission only. Applicants should refer to the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PHS5161-1-Certificates.pdf>. Once the applicant has filled out the form, it should be attached to the Grants.gov submission as an Other Attachments Form. CDC Assurances and Certifications can be found on the CDC Web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/foamain.shtm>

Terms and Conditions

VII.3. Reporting Requirements

The applicant must provide HHS/CDC with an original, plus two hard copies, of the following reports:

1. Interim progress report, due no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period.

The progress report will serve as the non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Activities and Objectives for the Current Budget Period;
- b. Financial Progress for the Current Budget Period;
- c. Proposed Activity and Objectives for the New Budget Period Program;
- d. Budget and budget narrative;
- e. Measures of Effectiveness, including progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for Mozambique;
- f. SF424A; and

- g. Additional Requested Information
2. Quarterly progress reports, due at the end of each budget period quarter. Reports should include activities for the reporting quarter, including success and challenges; activities planned for the next quarter; budget; measures of effectiveness; and, any other requested information;
 3. Annual progress report, due 90 days after the end of the budget period. Reports should include progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for Mozambique;
 4. Financial status report, due no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
 5. Final financial FSR and progress reports, due no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

These reports must be mailed to the Grants Management Specialist listed in the "VIII. Agency Contacts" section of this announcement.

VIII. Agency Contacts

HHS/CDC encourages inquiries concerning this announcement.

For program technical assistance, contact:

Paula Morgan, Project Officer

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7th Floor, Maputo, Mozambique

Telephone: 21-30 89 34

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For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact:

Valerie Naglich, Grants Management Specialist

Procurement and Grants Office

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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For general questions, contact:

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Procurement and Grants Office

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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IX. Other Information

Other CDC funding opportunity announcements can be found on www.grants.gov and on the website of the HHS Office of Global Health Affairs, Internet address: www.globalhealth.gov.