



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)

This funding announcement is not a request for applications. This is a public notice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition

ABSTRACT

Funding Opportunity Number	CDC-RFA-GH12-1252
Title of Announcement	Construction of a Regional Reference Laboratory in Leribe
Applicant: Name, Mailing address, phone number, FAX number, email address	Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Dr. Mpolai M. Moteete, Directors General of Health Services Constitution Road P.O. Box 514 Maseru 100 Lesotho Tel: (266) 22321493 Fax: (266) 22310004 e-mail: moteeteem@health.gov.ls
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$3,000,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$1,000,000
Award Ceiling:	Budget Year 1 \$1,000,000
	Budget Year 2 \$1,000,000
	Budget Year 3 \$1,000,000
	Budget Year 4 N/A
	Budget Year 5 N/A
Award Floor:	Budget Year 1 \$0
	Budget Year 2 \$0
	Budget Year 3 \$0
	Budget Year 4 N/A
	Budget Year 5 N/A
New Award or Continuation	New
Project Period Length	3 Years
Budget Period Length	12 Months
Award Mechanism	U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements
Statutory 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, <i>et seq.</i>], 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).

CFDA # and Title	93.067 – Global AIDS
Purpose of the Award	<p>Construction of New Regional Reference Laboratory adjacent to Motebang Hospital in Leribe, support laboratory infrastructure development and increase access to quality-assured diagnostic and patient monitoring tests under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The demand for testing services has doubled in recent years due to the increased in burden of HIV/TB co-epidemics, the expansion of the ART services and the need for increased culture and drug-sensitivity testing (DST). The Regional Laboratory will provide a safe and appropriate work environment to increase its general testing capacity and expand the range of specialty testing including microbial/TB culture and DST, patient monitoring and specialized molecular testing (early infant diagnosis and viral load assays). The Regional Reference Laboratory will serve as a regional reference testing center in the adjoining districts. It will improve quality of testing services, support operational research and trainings.</p>
Single Source Justification Reasons Cited	<p>The only eligible applicant that can apply for this funding opportunity is the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW). The MOHSW is the governmental agency responsible for safeguarding public health in Lesotho. The MOHSW has been mandated by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (GOL) with the responsibility for maintaining a national laboratory system and providing decentralized and integrated laboratory services throughout the country. This responsibility is carried out by the Directorate of Laboratory services of the MOHSW.</p> <p>The MOHSW is the only qualified organization to fulfill the requirements set forth in the announcement because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MOHSW has the statutory authority to develop, implement and oversee regulations related to construction of health facilities including laboratories. • The MOHSW has the statutory authority to manage health care facilities within the public sector health care system and ensure access to quality health services to Basotho population. • The division of Health Service is required by MOHSW to oversee the reviewing, prioritizing and making decision on USG-supported site selection, design and construction. • The Division of Health Service needs the direct authority over the project to ensure facilities construction meets appropriate quality control, health and safety for staff and patients. <p>The MOHSW owns the land targeted for this construction.</p>
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