

Capacity Building Assistance for High-Impact HIV Prevention – PS14-1403

Program Backgrounder

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the competitive availability of fiscal year (FY) 2014 funds for Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS14-1403: “Capacity Building Assistance for High-Impact HIV Prevention”. This FOA will support multiple awards for organizations to implement capacity building programs that meet or exceed FOA requirements and performance targets. Total fiscal year funding will be approximately \$26 million, culminating in total project period funding of approximately \$130 million. The 5-year project period is from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019.

Purpose

This program will strengthen the capacity of the HIV prevention workforce to optimally plan, implement, and sustain high-impact prevention (HIP) interventions and strategies within health departments, community-based organizations, and healthcare organizations to reduce HIV infections and related morbidity, mortality, and health disparities across the United States and its territories.

Program Strategies

Awardees will constitute a national Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Provider Network (CPN), implement all program requirements, and deliver free (not for fee) high-quality CBA services including:

- Information - collect, monitor, synthesize, package, and disseminate;
- Training - skills development; and
- Technical assistance (TA) - consultations, services, and facilitation of peer-to-peer mentoring.

Available funding is categorized by the primary organizational consumers of CBA services: **A. Health Departments**, **B. Community-based Organizations**, and **C. Healthcare Organizations**. To provide overarching coordination and support of the CPN, there is also funding category **D: CBA Provider Network Resource Center**.

Per funding category, target populations may include but not be limited to the following:

- 1. Category A: Health Departments** – State, tribal, local, and territorial health departments.
- 2. Category B: Community-Based Organizations** – Private, nonprofit organizations that directly provide HIV prevention services to people living with or at greatest risk of HIV infection including African Americans/Blacks, Latinos/Hispanic and all races/ethnicities of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDUs), and transgender individuals.
- 3. Category C: Healthcare Organizations** – Venues that clinically diagnose and medically treat HIV infection. Healthcare organizations include but are not limited to hospitals, hospital emergency departments, urgent care clinics, community health centers, federally qualified health centers, clinics based within health departments and CBOs.

- 4. Category D: CBA Provider Network (CPN) Resource Center** – CPN membership (i.e., all FOA awardees), CPN target populations (i.e., health departments, CBOs, and healthcare organizations), and general public.

Applicants may apply for **no more than two** of the four available funding categories. If applying for two categories, applicants must submit two separate applications. Applicants may apply for one award per selected funding category.

Program Requirements

All applicants (Categories A, B, C, and D) should incorporate all of the following requirements into their proposed programs:

- 1. Competent Staff** – The applicant should have a plan to ensure competent staff throughout the duration of the 5-year project. Staff, inclusive of consultants, must have a breadth of subject matter expertise and experience to conduct all proposed work.
- 2. CBA Delivery Plan** – The applicant should have a systematic approach to the delivery of CBA services, using all CBA delivery methods (i.e., information, training, and TA).
- 3. CBA Services and Products** – The applicant should plan to use existing and develop new training curricula and technical assistance materials and tools.
- 4. Cultural Competence** – The applicant should have a strategy to ensure that the development and delivery of all training and technical assistance is culturally, linguistically, and educationally appropriate to meet the capacity building needs of the requesting primary target population (i.e., health departments, CBOs, healthcare organizations, or the CPN) and secondary target populations including people living with and at greatest risk of HIV infection.
- 5. Marketing** – The applicant should have a strategy to nationally market their CBA services to the target populations and work in partnership with the CPN Resource Center.
- 6. CPN Participation** – The applicant should plan to participate in post-award orientation events, training sessions, conference calls, meetings, and other activities to enhance communication, coordination and collaboration among all FOA awardees comprising the national CPN.
- 7. Reporting** – The applicant should have a strategy for reporting all necessary program data, including full real-time utilization of CDC's CBA Request Information System. (CRIS).

Table 1 summarizes the scope of work under PS14-1403. Under each funding category, CBA services will be delivered for a range of HIP and supporting activities within prioritized program components. Applicants for Categories A, B, and C must limit the foci of their proposed CBA programs to three of the program components listed for their respective funding categories. Applicants for Category D must address all listed program components.

Table 1. PS14-1403 Program Requirements, Categories, and Components

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 1.) Competent Staff, 2) CBA Delivery Plan, 3) CBA Services and Products, 4) Cultural Competence, 5) Marketing, 6) CBA Provider Network Participation, and 7) Reporting			
CATEGORY A: Health Departments Component Options:	CATEGORY B: Community-based Organizations Component Options:	CATEGORY C: Healthcare Organizations Component Options:	CATEGORY D: CPN Resource Center Required Components:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV Testing 2. Prevention with HIV-Positive Persons 3. Prevention with High-Risk HIV-Negative Persons 4. Condom Distribution 5. Organizational Development and Management 6. Policy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV Testing 2. Prevention with HIV-Positives 3. Prevention with High-Risk HIV-Negative Persons 4. Condom Distribution 5. Organizational Development and Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV Testing 2. Prevention with HIV-Positives 3. Prevention with High-Risk HIV-Negative Persons 4. Condom Distribution 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing of CPN 2. Supplemental Development of CPN 3. CPN Coordination and Meeting Support

Project Period Outcomes

The program will demonstrate measurable progress toward addressing the following outcomes among its target populations (i.e., health departments, CBOs, and healthcare settings):

1. Increased accessibility and availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate CBA including state-of-the-science information, training, and technical assistance for high-impact HIV prevention (HIP) and supporting activities;
2. Increased utilization by target audience members of culturally and linguistically appropriate CBA including state-of-the science information, training, and technical assistance for HIP and supporting activities; and
3. Improved capacity of target audience members to implement HIP and supporting activities, including increases in their knowledge, skills, self-efficacy and intended use of capacity.

Awards

Based on availability of funds and desired programmatic coverage, there may be up to 25 awards (i.e., Category A – up to 10; Category B – up to 9; Category C – up to 4; and Category D – up to 2). The average award is an estimated \$1.25 million, with a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$3 million depending on the funding category.

Technical Assistance

Pre-application technical assistance includes a webcast overview of FOA PS14-1403 and opportunities to pose questions to CDC. Applicants may submit questions to HIPTA@CDC.GOV or (404) 639-2918. CDC will provide responses within 2 business day. Interested applicants are also encouraged to regularly visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/policies/funding/announcements/PS14-1403/index.html> for updates. This website provides information regarding the FOA, scheduled TA events, and access to additional resources and tools.

More Information

For more detailed information, see the unabridged FOA PS14-1403, as published on www.grants.gov. This document serves as the primary application guidance. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other resources may be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/policies/funding/announcements/PS14-1403/index.html>.