

Questions and Answers from 1.28.14 TA Call

Question #1: Has the CDC considered extending the application due date?

Yes. In response to requests, the new due date for eligible state health departments to submit funding packages has been changed to March 31, 2014. Note that this adds an additional 11 days from the original application due date of March 20, 2014.

Question #2: Please clarify what is included in the 25 page narrative. Specifically, is the work plan described on page 40 to be included in the 40 page limit?

The work plan is included in the 25 page narrative. However, the work plan can also be a stand-alone document containing the elements described on pages 30 – 31 of the FOA. This file can be uploaded separately as described on page 40 of the FOA. However, creating a stand-alone document is not expected or required.

Question #3: Please clarify the health center eligibility criteria including the expectation that they provide dental, mental health, and enabling services.

See also: Must a health center currently provide dental services to adults?

Health center eligibility criteria include all of the following:

1. Receive operational funding under section 330 of the PHS Act, as amended, at the time of application.
2. Do not receive operational funding under the HRSA HAB Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Early Intervention Services Program.
3. Did not receive initial Health Center Program funding in FY 2013 or FY 2014 (e.g., new start New Access Point funding).
4. Have fewer than five Conditions of Award related to Health Center Program requirements in 60- day status and no Conditions of Award in 30-day status.
5. Have not been notified by HRSA of material non-compliance within the current project period.
6. Use an electronic health record (EHR) system at all service sites.
7. At least 30% of total patients are members of racial/ethnic minority groups.

The provision of dental, mental health and enabling services are **not** eligibility criteria. However, as part of the project, health centers will be expected to provide these services to PLWH, directly or indirectly. This is described on page 19 of the FOA.

Question #4: Is there a minimum total HIV positive caseload that we should be seeking to achieve in our partnerships with community health centers?

There is no minimum HIV case load for health center eligibility. Additionally, please see Question #3 above or page 16 of the FOA for additional information about health center eligibility.

Question #5: Must the health centers meet all requirements listed in the FOA? Is it all or nothing? For example, they meet all but not an EHR system?

Health centers must meet all of the eligibility requirements. Most health centers have an EHR system given a long standing BPHC initiative to increase EHR use. Approximately 80% of all health center grantees have adopted EHR at all sites and use EHR to varying degrees. Please see page 16 of the FOA for full details on health center eligibility.

Question #6: Will jurisdictions be required to submit three (3) one year budgets with this FOA or will an initial 1 year budget be required?

A detailed line-item budget and budget narrative for year 1 is required in the application. Subsequent project years will require separate budgets.

Question #7: Could you please confirm that Bona Fide Agents of the State are also eligible to apply on behalf of the State?

Bona Fide Agents are eligible to apply (see page 4 of the FOA).

Question #8: Will the CDC award a state with more than one geographic focal area?

The inclusion of multiple geographic areas is acceptable.

Question #9: What is the likelihood that health centers will receive the supplemental funding from HRSA?

Health center funding is an integral aspect of this project and it is expected that all eligible health centers specified in MOAs included in successful state health department applications and that submit an acceptable application to HRSA will receive supplemental grants from HRSA. Signed MOAs between the state health departments and health center partners are required.

Question #10: Does the Part C funding exclusion for health centers include subcontractors?

Health centers that receive direct Part C funding from HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau are not eligible. Health centers that receive Part C funding via a subcontract from a directly funded Part C grantee are eligible.

Question #11: Are there specific expectations for PCAs?

Given the key role PCAs play in providing support to health centers and shaping the health care environment, PCAs are encouraged to assist health department staff in identifying eligible and viable health centers who may be interested in joining this project.

Question #12: Can cities that are directly funded by CDC participate?

Directly-funded cities are not eligible to apply for this funding. Only state health departments are eligible to apply. However, state health departments can implement project activities within cities that are directly funded by CDC. State health departments can also subcontract to directly funded cities.

Question #13: Is the primary focus on expanding HIV services in clinics that are already providing HIV care and treatment or, rather, is it on growing this capacity at clinics that are not currently providing any of these services?

The primary focus of the project is to establish new access points for HIV prevention, routine HIV testing, and basic HIV care and treatment (as defined in the FOA). Health centers that are currently providing a comprehensive array of HIV services, with or without Ryan White Part C funding, are not the primary targets. Given the three year project period, eligible health centers that have not provided any HIV services may face more challenges meeting the goals of the

project than health centers that have provided some level of HIV services (e.g., targeted HIV testing, HIV education, formal referrals for HIV treatment). However, with high interest and organizational capacity to expand services, a health center that has not provided HIV services may be very successful in implementing the project. State health departments are encouraged to engage in discussions with health centers of interest about their existing infrastructure and capabilities prior to selection.

Question #14: Is it acceptable for health centers that are funded by Ryan White Part C to be located in the service area that will be affected by the project (i.e., served by participating health centers)?

Yes, state health departments may partner with health centers that have service areas which overlap with Ryan White Part C funded clinics service areas. State health departments should use surveillance and other needs assessment data to determine whether there is unmet need within the service area for the health center to address. This should be clearly described in the application narrative.

Question #15: Are the health center activities, listed on pages 16-19, services that the health centers must currently be providing (i.e., eligibility criteria) or are these activities that the health centers will do once funded by HRSA as part of this overall project?

The health center activities listed on pages 16-19 are activities that health centers must implement under this project using supplemental grant funds received from HRSA. These activities are not eligibility criteria.

Question #16: Could additional information be provided to assist state health department applicants in determining health centers that do not meet [health center] eligibility criteria #2 and #3? Specifically, is a health center that is a new access point and/or receives Ryan White Part C funding eligible?

The lists below provide names of health centers that are not eligible to participate in PS-14-1410 because they are **EITHER**: new health center grantees funded in FY 2013 or 2014 **OR** they are health center grantees that are also Ryan White Part C grantees (i.e., specific to Health Center Eligibility Criteria #2 and #3 below).

Any health center on these lists would **not be eligible** to receive federal funding for this project. Please note that these lists only provide information about two of the seven eligibility

criteria. A full assessment of eligibility should be confirmed through discussions with each potential health center partner.

Full Set of Criteria for Health Center Eligibility as described in the FOA:

State health department grantees will have the flexibility to consider appropriate health center partnerships; however, state health departments should consider jurisdictions within the state most affected by HIV when selecting these partnerships. Health centers must meet the eligibility criteria listed below to participate in this project.

1. Receive operational funding under section 330 of the PHS Act, as amended, at the time of application.
2. Do not receive operational funding under the HRSA HAB Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Early Intervention Services Program.
3. Did not receive initial Health Center Program funding in FY 2013 or FY 2014 (e.g., new start New Access Point funding).
4. Have fewer than five Conditions of Award related to Health Center Program requirements in 60- day status and no Conditions of Award in 30-day status.
5. Have not been notified by HRSA of material non-compliance within the current project period.
6. Use an EHR system at all service sites.
7. At least 30% of total patients are members of racial/ethnic minority groups.

NEW ACCESS POINT FUNDING

Core Grant Number	Grantee Name	City	State
H80CS26588	CHRIST HEALTH CENTER, INC.	BIRMINGHAM	AL
H80CS26613	ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY CLINIC	LANCASTER	CA
H80CS26623	OPERATION SAMAHAN	NATIONAL CITY	CA
H80CS26629	TOIYABE INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.	BISHOP	CA
H80CS26614	APLA HEALTH & WELLNESS	Los Angeles	CA
H80CS26627	SERVE THE PEOPLE, INC.	SANTA ANA	CA
H80CS26611	ACHIEVABLE FOUNDATION THE	CULVER CITY	CA
H80CS26612	ALL-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	BURBANK	CA
H80CS26607	GREENVILLE RANCHERIA	GREENVILLE	CA
H80CS26618	HERALD CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER	SAN GABRIEL	CA
H80CS26625	SANTA BARBARA NEIGHBORHOOD CLINICS	SANTA BARBARA	CA
H80CS26621	Los Angeles Gay And Lesbian Community Services Center, The	Los Angeles	CA
H80CS26610	HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT	JOSHUA TREE	CA
H80CS26628	St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers	Fullerton	CA
H80CS26624	POMONA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	POMONA	CA

H80CS26616	BENEVOLENCE INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED	LOS ANGELES	CA
H80CS26615	ASIAN AMERICANS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OF SANTA CLARA, INC, THE SAN JOSE		CA
H80CS26619	KEDREN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	LOS ANGELES	CA
H80CS26622	NHAN HOA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC, INC.	GARDEN GROVE	CA
H80CS26617	Bienvenidos Community Health Center	Los Angeles	CA
H80CS26608	COPPERTOWER FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER INC	CLOVERDALE	CA
H80CS26620	KOREAN HEALTH, EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER	LOS ANGELES	CA
H80CS26609	RITTER CENTER	SAN RAFAEL	CA
H80CS26589	CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC., THE	MIAMI	FL
H80CS26590	Empower U, Incorporated	Miami	FL
H80CS26626	FOUNDCARE INC.	WEST PALM BEACH	FL
H80CS26638	ISLAND HEALTH INC	VINEYARD HAVEN	MA
H80CS26639	SOUTH END COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	BOSTON	MA
H80CS26633	OWENSVILLE PRIMARY CARE INC	WEST RIVER	MD
H80CS26571	DETROIT CENTRAL CITY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH INC	DETROIT	MI
H80CS26570	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF ST JOSEPH COUNTY	CENTREVILLE	MI
H80CS26572	MyCare Health Center	Mount Clemens	MI
H80CS26573	TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC AND COALITION	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
H80CS26511	UPPER GREAT LAKES FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	MARQUETTE	MI
H80CS26631	LA CASA DE SALUD INC.	BRONX	NY
H80CS26630	JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES INC.	BUFFALO	NY
H80CS26597	CARE NET OF LANCASTER	LANCASTER	SC
H80CS26586	BEE BUSY WELLNESS CENTER	HOUSTON	TX
H80CS26587	SAINT HOPE FOUNDATION	HOUSTON	TX

RYAN WHITE PART C FUNDING

Grant Number	Grantee Name	City	State
H76HA00082	FRANKLIN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Mobile	Alabama
H76HA00081	MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	Mobile	Alabama
H76HA00595	WHATLEY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	Tuscaloosa	Alabama
H76HA00797	OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	Arcata	California
H76HA00659	EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO, INC	Arleta	California

H76HA00165	CLINICA SIERRA VISTA	Bakersfield	California
H76HA00169	ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION	Commerce	California
H76HA00823	SOLANO COUNTY HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT.	Fairfield	California
H76HA00160	TRI-CITY HEALTH CENTER	FREMONT	California
H76HA00149	WEST COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	Guerneville	California
H76HA26212	BARTZ=ALTADONNA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	Lancaster	California
H76HA00734	CLINIC INC, THE	Los Angeles	California
H76HA24733	JWCH INSTITUTE, INC.	Los Angeles	California
H76HA00158	LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER, THE	Los Angeles	California
H76HA00832	WATTS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION	Los Angeles	California
H76HA00618	CONTRA COSTA, COUNTY OF	Martinez	California
H76HA01701	COUNTY OF VENTURA	OXNARD	California
H76HA00616	SHASTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	Redding	California
H76HA00154	SAN BERNARDINO, COUNTY OF	San Bernardino	California
H76HA00150	FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC.	San Diego	California
H76HA00159	NORTHEAST VALLEY HEALTH CORPORATION	San Fernando	California
H76HA00163	SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY CLINIC CONSORTIUM	San Francisco	California
H76HA00157	SANTA CLARA, COUNTY OF	San Jose	California
H76HA00168	NORTH COUNTY HEALTH PROJECT, INC	San Marcos	California
H76HA10747	CENTRO DE SALUD DE LA COMUNIDAD DE SAN YSIDRO, INC.	San Ysidro	California
H76HA00193	SANTA BARBARA, COUNTY OF	Santa Barbara	California
H76HA00153	SANTA CRUZ, COUNTY OF	Santa Cruz	California
H76HA19262	SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	Santa Rosa	California
H76HA00191	COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTERS, INC.	Stockton	California
H76HA00170	MENDOCINO COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC, INC.	Ukiah	California
H76HA00207	VENICE FAMILY CLINIC	Venice	California
H76HA00794	DEL NORTE CLINICS INC (aka Ampla Health)	Yuba City	California
H76HA00210	NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT	Fort Lauderdale	Florida
H76HA00086	COLLIER HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	Immokalee	Florida
H76HA01709	HEALTH, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF (aka Duval Cty HD)	Jacksonville	Florida
H76HA00758	BORINQUEN HEALTH CARE CENTER INC	Miami	Florida

H76HA00103	MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER INC.	Miami Beach	Florida
H76HA00097	JESSIE TRICE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Miami Springs	Florida
H76HA00786	MANATEE COUNTY RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	Parrish	Florida
H76HA00710	BOND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER INC	Tallahassee	Florida
H76HA00080	CHASE BREXTON HEALTH SERVICES, INC	BALTIMORE	Maryland
H76HA00809	PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC., THE	BALTIMORE	Maryland
H76HA00609	TOTAL HEALTH CARE, INC.	BALTIMORE	Maryland
H76HA00683	GREATER BADEN MEDICAL SERVICE INC	UPPER MARLBORO	Maryland
H76HA00707	BOSTON HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM, INC., THE	Boston	MA
H76HA00020	EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER CORPORATION	Boston	MA
H76HA00015	FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Boston	MA
H76HA00755	BROCKTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Brockton	MA
H76HA00016	HARBOR HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	Dorchester	MA
H76HA00201	HOLYOKE HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Holyoke	MA
H76HA00008	GREATER LAWRENCE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER INC	Lawrence	MA
H76HA00768	LYNN COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC.	Lynn	MA
H76HA00013	GREATER NEW BEDFORD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	New Bedford	MA
H76HA00012	DIMOCK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Roxbury	MA
H76HA00010	OUTER CAPE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	Wellfleet	MA
H76HA00019	FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF WORCESTER, INC.	Worcester	MA
H76HA00117	DETROIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CONNECTION	Detroit	Michigan
H76HA00110	TRINITY HEALTH CORPORATION (aka St. Mary's)	Grand Rapids	Michigan
H76HA00032	WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR., HEALTH CENTER, INC.	Albany	New York
H76HA00056	THE ADDABBO JOSEPH P FAMILY HEALTH CENTER INC	Arverne	New York
H76HA00521	BRONX COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK	Bronx	New York
H76HA24731	HELP/PSI SERVICES CORP.	Bronx	New York
H76HA00045	MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER	Bronx	New York
H76HA00061	MORRIS HEIGHTS HEALTH CENTER INC	Bronx	New York
H76HA00173	BROOKLYN PLAZA MEDICAL CENTER	Brooklyn	New York
H76HA00759	ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER COALITION ON HIV/AIDS, INC	New York	New York
H76HA00046	CARE FOR THE HOMELESS	New York	New York

H76HA00049	COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NETWORK, INC.	New York	New York
H76HA00055	EAST HARLEM COUNCIL FOR HUMAN SERVICES INC	New York	New York
H76HA21502	INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY HEALTH, THE	New York	New York
H76HA00645	PROJECT RENEWAL, INC.	New York	New York
H76HA00024	RYAN, WILLIAM F COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER INC	New York	New York
H76HA00028	OPEN DOOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER, INC.	Ossining	New York
H76HA00029	HUDSON RIVER HEALTHCARE, INC.	Peekskill	New York
H76HA00738	HUDSON HEADWATERS HEALTH NETWORK INC.	Queensbury	New York
H76HA24740	EAU CLAIRE COOPERATIVE HEALTH CENTER	Columbia	SC
H76HA00584	LOW COUNTRY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM INC	Fairfax	SC
H76HA00789	HOPEHEALTH INC	Florence	SC
H76HA00542	NEW HORIZON FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, INC	Greenville	SC
H76HA00713	CARE SOUTH CAROLINA INC	Hartsville	SC
H76HA00813	SANDHILLS MEDICAL FOUNDATION	Jefferson	SC
H76HA24735	LITTLE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER, INC.	Little River	SC
H76HA00206	BEAUFORT-JASPER-HAMPTON COMPREHNSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INC	RIDGELAND	SC
H76HA00122	CENTRO DE SALUD FAMILIAR LA FE, INC	El Paso	Texas
H76HA00128	HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	Houston	Texas
H76HA00124	EL CENTRO DEL BARRIO	San Antonio	Texas