

## **PS15-1510: Training and Technical Assistance for Health Department Demonstration Projects for Comprehensive Prevention, Care, Behavioral Health, and Social Services for Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) of Color At Risk for and Living with HIV Infection**

### **Background**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the competitive availability of \$2,500,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2015 funds to implement funding opportunity announcement (FOA) PS15-1510: Training and Technical Assistance for Health Department Demonstration Projects for Comprehensive Prevention, Care, Behavioral Health, and Social Services for Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) of Color At Risk for and Living with HIV Infection. Eligibility was limited to nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status and health departments. Total project period (September 30, 2015 to September 29, 2018) funding will be approximately \$5,500,000.

To address the racial and ethnic HIV-related health disparities and improve health outcomes among MSM of color, CDC has advanced PS15-1509: Health Department Demonstration Projects for Comprehensive Prevention, Care, Behavioral Health, and Social Services for Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) of Color At Risk for and Living with HIV Infection. PS15-1509 supports health department-led collaboratives in their demonstration of comprehensive HIV-related prevention, care, behavioral health, and social service models for MSM of color. To be effective, these comprehensive service models must be designed and delivered in a way that best reaches and retains MSM of color. Health departments and their local collaborative partners (e.g., CBOs, clinics, navigators, substance abuse treatment providers, mental health providers, housing specialists, employment counselors, etc.) must expand their workforce capacity to better respond to the needs of MSM of color living with or at high risk for HIV infection.

### **Purpose**

This program will strengthen the capacity of PS15-1509 funded health departments and their local collaborative partners (e.g., CBOs, clinics, behavioral health and social services providers, patient navigators, and others that interface with MSM of color) to plan, implement, and sustain (through ongoing engagement, assessment, linkage, and retention) comprehensive prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services models for MSM of color at risk for and living with HIV infection. Based on a set of core competency categories, this program specifically supports the innovative development and delivery of (1) information reflective of the most advanced HIV-related science and practice; (2) state-of-the-art training culminating in a certificate of completion; and (3) tailored technical assistance for PS15-1509 funded jurisdictions.

### **Program Strategies and Activities**

Strategy 1: Develop a competency-based training program to build capacity of PS15-1509 funded health departments and their partners to provide comprehensive HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services for MSM of color at risk for and living with HIV infection. (Year 1)

- Assess target audience
- Develop competency-based training-of- providers (TOP) curriculum and performance support tools
- Develop a competency-based training of trainers (TOT) curriculum
- Develop a plan to deliver the TOP and TOT curricula

Strategy 2: Provide competency-based training and technical assistance to health department trainers and staff to deliver the TOP curriculum to provider staff (e.g., CBOs, clinics, others) participating in local collaborative as described in PS15-1509. (Years 2-3)

- Deliver the TOP and TOT curricula
- Provide intensive and tailored technical assistance

Strategy 3: Conduct monitoring and evaluation of training and technical assistance provided to PS15-1509 funded health departments and their local organizational partners (Years 1-3)

- Develop a monitoring and evaluation plan
- Implement monitoring and evaluation activities

### **Project Period Outcomes**

The program is expected to demonstrate measurable progress among its target population toward addressing the following key short-term outcomes depicted in the logic model. These include:

- Increased availability and accessibility of competency-based training and technical assistance for the delivery of comprehensive HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services for MSM of color;
- Increased utilization by target population (i.e., PS15-1509 funded health departments and their local organizational partners) of competency-based training and technical assistance for the delivery of comprehensive HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services for MSM of color; and
- Improved capacity of target population to implement competency-based training-of-trainer (TOT) and training-of-provider (TOP) curricula, as appropriate, for the delivery of comprehensive HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services for MSM of color.
- A measurable intermediate outcome will be ongoing PS15-1510 program improvements based upon the additional short-term outcomes of the awardee and CDC collaboratively develop, collect, and monitor strong process and outcome measures; and increased data sharing among the awardee, CDC, and other partners including local and state health departments.

### **Current Status**

As of June 1, 2014, CDC received and deemed eligible seven applications. These applications will be objectively reviewed and scored during a panel scheduled for July 16, 2015. DHAP will make its single award determination and submit a funding package to PGO late July. PGO will conduct the budget negotiation and notice of award in late July. The award (start) date is September 30, 2015. The awardee will be funded as follows: 1st Year (FY15): \$2,500,000, 2nd Year (FY16): \$2,000,000, and 3rd Year (FY17): \$1,000,000.

### **Important Information to Know**

- PS15-1510 is funded with HHS Secretary Minority AIDS Initiative Funds. Therefore, HHS has been heavily involved with this program's development and will continue to be very interested in its implementation.
- PS15-1510 is one of three DHAP programs specifically targeting MSM. Ongoing efforts to ensure internal communication, collaboration, and coordination among DHAP branches for administration of PS15-1510, PS15-1509, and PS15-1506.
- PS15-1510 new awardee orientation is scheduled for December 4, 2015.

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