

HIV RFP Questions and Answers

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1. How much funding is available if federal funds aren't available?

Answer: MDH took a conservative approach when allocating funding amounts. The RFP dollar amounts only include state funds.

2. Can we specifically state that we propose to serve transgender and gender non-conforming people since the grants are funded by state dollars?

Answer: Yes.

3. Does MDH support PrEP 2-1-1?

Answer: Yes.

4. Can organizations that receive Part C HRSA EIS funding apply for EIS funding? Or apply if they get HRSA EIS contracted funding?

Answer: Yes. These organizations must ensure that these are unduplicated people who are tested.

5. Do we need to use evidence-based interventions?

Answer: Yes, including the organization's best practices working with specific populations.

6. Can we propose a public awareness campaign?

Answer: A small amount of funds may be allocated for public awareness campaigns, but the primary focus of funding is providing direct services.

7. Can organizations apply for a smaller dollar amount than the 120k minimum?

Answer: Yes.

8. Are budgets for the RFP applications per year, or for the entire grant period? (up to \$200,000 and \$150,000)

Answer: Per year, up to \$150,000 for EIS and \$200,000 for PrEP.

9. Can a for-profit entity serve as the Lead Applicant in a collaborative proposal if all direct programmatic activities are implemented by eligible nonprofit and/or community-based partners; If not eligible to serve as the lead, whether a for-profit organization may participate as a subcontractor or contracted implementation partner under an eligible nonprofit lead applicant?

Answer: A for-profit would not be eligible to apply/take lead on any application, but grantees are allowed to use sub-contractors to fill administrative roles, financial management tasks, etc. This should be clearly spelled out in the proposal.

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