



NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

Ending the Epidemic NYC DOHMH Responds to the New York State Plan to End the Epidemic REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP Release Date: **Wednesday, March 23, 2016**
Pre-Proposal Conference: **Tuesday, March 29, 2016**
Proposal Submission Deadline: **Monday, April 25, 2016**

Public Health Solutions announces the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) on behalf of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (BHIV). These funds are available to support the goals outlined in the [New York State Plan to End AIDS](#) by funding additional services in New York City.

Contract Period

Contracts will be awarded for a term of up to three years, with the option to renew for additional year(s). Each subsequent year after the first year will be formally authorized for program continuation contingent on the availability of funds and successful performance of contractual obligations. Service Categories 9 and 10 are exceptions and will be subject to contract terms shorter than three (3) years. See Service Category sections in the RFP for additional details.

Pre-Proposal Conference

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held for this RFP on *Tuesday, March 29, 2016*. Attendance is not mandatory; however, organizations interested in responding to this RFP are strongly urged to attend. The time and location details are included in the RFP.

Scope of Work

Funds are available to eligible organizations that demonstrate the expertise, relevant experience and organizational capacity to successfully implement and achieve the desired outcomes described in the RFP. Proposals are sought for the following services:

Service Category 1: PEP Centers of Excellence – Support biomedical prevention through evidence-based/evidence-informed interventions for persons at risk. The program aims to increase timely access to Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and appropriate linkage/care for PEP-eligible New Yorkers. PEP Centers of Excellence that provide services at brick and mortar sites will be established using an urgent care model that avoids emergency room visits for potentially exposed individuals.

Service Category 2: PEP Center of Excellence – On Call Clinical Service – Support biomedical prevention through evidence-based/evidence-informed interventions for persons at risk. The program aims to increase timely access to Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and appropriate linkage/care for PEP-eligible New Yorkers. A PEP Center of Excellence will provide On Call Clinical Services, including initial triage and PEP eligibility assessment services, without in-person contact.

Service Category 3: PrEP for Adolescents – Support biomedical prevention through evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions for adolescents, ages 13 to 24, at risk of HIV. The program aims to mitigate barriers to effective

engagement in HIV biomedical prevention services by leveraging the clinical environment to provide additional support to adolescents who might benefit from these interventions.

Service Category 4: “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression Program – Based on “Undetectables”, a pilot project that was initially developed, implemented, and evaluated by Housing Works Community Healthcare, a clinic providing comprehensive clinical and non-clinical services primarily to PLWH. Support for implementation of the “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression model, which was designed to increase Viral Load Suppression (VLS) among clients with multiple psychosocial cofactors that are traditionally associated with poor VLS outcomes (e.g., unstable housing, substance use disorder, mental illness).

Service Category 5: “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression Technical Assistance (TA) – Based on “Undetectables”, a pilot project that was initially developed, implemented, and evaluated by Housing Works Community Healthcare, a clinic providing comprehensive clinical and non-clinical services primarily to PLWH. Provides intensive technical assistance and training in program design and implementation support for agencies who are funded for Service Category 4: “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression Program.

Service Category 6: Status-Neutral Care Coordination – Support for active Ryan White (RW) Care Coordination Programs (CCP) to expand their services to include HIV negative individuals at risk for HIV infection. Care Coordination for those at risk will require a strong emphasis on support and navigation through the service system to realize the personal and public health benefits of available biomedical tools.

Service Category 7: Crystal Methamphetamine Harm Reduction Services (Community-Based) – Support for a collaborative, consisting of one (1) community-based program and one (1) clinic-based program in New York City, to expand or develop a program to help people, who use methamphetamine, manage or reduce their use and reduce the harms associated with use, including the transmission of HIV, other STIs and Hepatitis C. Community-based and clinical-based agencies submitting an application for this service category must apply as part of a collaborative. The two programs will work together to provide coordinated clinical, counseling and support services to people who use methamphetamine.

Service Category 8: Transgender Organizational Support – Promote the development and sustainability of grassroots transgender-focused organizations, so that these organizations may increase their ability to broadly promote the well-being of transgender persons in New York City by addressing social exclusion and health inequities.

Service Category 9: Transgender Organizational Capacity Building Assistance – Provide capacity building resources and ongoing technical assistance to support the organizational development of the transgender-focused organizations funded in Service Category 8 and other organizations serving transgender communities in NYC.

Service Category 10: LGBTQ Coalition – Support proposals that emerge from the LGBTQ #beHIVsure Coalition process.

General Applicant Eligibility Requirements

Organizations eligible to be funded include New York City-based AIDS service providers, hospitals, clinics, community-based organizations (CBOs), social service organizations, and/or other eligible not-for-profit organizations that:

- 1) are legally incorporated in the State of New York as a not-for-profit corporation;
- 2) have federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- 3) are currently operating in New York City.

Note that additional Service Category-specific applicant eligibility requirements are detailed in the RFP.

Anticipated Funding Range by Service Category

SERVICE CATEGORY	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING	APPROXIMATE FUNDING RANGES	ANTICIPATED # OF AWARDS
1. PEP Centers of Excellence	\$1,752,804	\$300,000 - \$400,000	5
2. PEP Center of Excellence – On Call Clinical Service	\$350,000	\$350,000	1
3. PrEP for Adolescents	\$467,290	\$200,000 - \$250,000	2
4. “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression Program	\$1,345,794	\$175,000 - \$250,000	6
5. “Undetectables” Viral Load Suppression Technical Assistance	\$242,991	\$242,991	1
6. Status-Neutral Care Coordination	\$1,065,421	\$125,000 - \$150,000	8
7. Crystal Methamphetamine Harm Reduction Services	\$542,056	\$542,056	1
8. Transgender Organizational Support	\$658,879	\$175,000 - \$225,000	3
9. Transgender Organizational Capacity Building Assistance	\$219,626	\$219,626	1
10. LGBTQ Coalition	\$300,000	\$50,000	6
TOTAL	\$6,944,861		34

Availability of RFP

The RFP and all associated documents are available for download from Public Health Solution’s website:

www.healthsolutions.org/rfp

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