

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Division of HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program is issuing this competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for HIV Prevention Services to support highly targeted and evidence-based HIV prevention services. Through this RFP, the ISDH intends to support a variety of targeted interventions that will have a measurable impact on reducing HIV. Interventions will link prevention programming to specific at-risk populations through epidemiological analysis and result in a high degree of effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of prevention services.

The Indiana HIV Prevention Community Planning Group collaborated with the ISDH to produce the *Indiana 2008-2010 Statewide HIV Prevention Plan* which (1) identifies priority populations to be targeted in Indiana's HIV prevention programming and (2) recommends prevention strategies or interventions believed to be effective and appropriate for the prioritized populations. *The Plan* is intended to guide statewide efforts in the assessment, implementation, and evaluation of HIV prevention services and is available at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23725.htm>.

B. Available Funds and Grant Period

The ISDH expects to award at least \$1 million in grants through this application process. 12-month contracts will be issued to organizations that successfully compete for grants.

C. Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include the following:

1. Community based organizations (CBOs) and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
2. Local Health Departments (LHDs)
3. Government Agencies
4. Community Health Centers/And Other Not-For-Profit Health Care And Other Health Care Systems
5. Colleges/Universities

D. Eligible Interventions

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires the ISDH to implement a comprehensive HIV prevention program. The following activities are eligible interventions for funding:

1. HIV prevention counseling, testing, and referral services (CTR)
 - a. All testing interventions will include counseling, testing, and referral services.
 - b. Rapid testing will occur primarily in out-of-office settings so that HIV, Hepatitis, and STD testing may be encouraged during in-office interventions.
 - i. Out-of-office settings include commercial sex worker, bath house, bar, correctional facility, and emergency departments
 - c. Resource for Emergency Department CTR:
http://www.nastad.org/Docs/highlight/2007103_NASTAD_ED_Primer_FINAL.pdf
 - d. Resource for CTR: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/testing/guideline.htm>
2. Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services (CRCS) and other Case Management
 - a. Resource for CRCS:
http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/prev_prog/CRCS/resources/CRCS_Manual/introduction.htm
3. Health education and risk reduction (HE/RR)
 - a. Resource for HE/RR:
http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/guidelines/herrg/gen-con_core_elements.htm

http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/guidelines/herrg/activities_ind-group.htm
 - b. Recommended interventions
 - i. Social networking or technology focused on youth, GLBT, and MSM
 - ii. Pilot or assessment: female condom use in MSM population
 - iii. Pilot or assessment: intertwining epidemics in HIV prevalence and high risk sexual behavior (syndemics)
4. Pilot or Assessment: Improving linkage between diagnosis and entrance into care coordination or medical follow-up for HIV-infected persons.
 - a. Resource: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/r050120.htm>.

5. Popular Opinion Leader Intervention (POL)
 - a. Resource for POL: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/research/prs/resources/factsheets/POL.htm>
6. Project START
 - a. Resource for Project START: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/research/prs/resources/factsheets/Project_STA RT.htm
7. Other Evidence-Based Interventions included in the DEBI project such as SISTA, VOICES, etc.
 - a. Resource for other EBIs: <http://www.effectiveinterventions.org/>
8. Other Evidence-Based Interventions

The ISDH will consider funding only those interventions that are:

1. Evidence-based
2. Culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate and competent
3. Responsive to identified prevention needs within the target population defined in the scope of work

E. Use of Funds

The following are examples of activities that are **not** eligible for support under this RFP:

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| 1. The acquisition of real property | 8. Fines and/or penalties |
| 2. Building construction or renovation | 9. Fees for health services |
| 3. Automobile purchase or lease | 10. Accounting expenses for government agencies |
| 4. Contributions, gifts, donations or dues to societies, federations, or organizations | 11. Repayment of bad debts |
| 5. Entertainment or food | 12. Contingency funds |
| 6. Accrued interest of other financial costs | 13. Executive expenses |
| 7. Costs for hospital expenses | 14. Legislative lobbying |

F. Response Date

All proposals must be received by **5:00 p.m. EST, on October 5, 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted or reviewed. No extensions will be granted. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. If applications are submitted via the U.S. Postal Service or express carriers, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the carrier can guarantee delivery by the closing date and time.

Proposals should be submitted to:

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Division of HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis
2 N. Meridian St. 6-C
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Attn: HIV Prevention RFP