Limited Submission Funding Opportunities

Health Resources and Services Administration

Using Evidence-Informed Interventions to Improve Health Outcomes among People Living with HIV (PLWH)

Opportunity #1: Technical Assistance Center
Opportunity #2: Evaluation Center

SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES
These announcements solicit applications to support one organization that will serve as the Evidence-Informed Interventions Coordinating Center for Technical Assistance (E2i CCTA) and one organization that will serve as the Evidence-Informed Intervention Evaluation Center (E2i EC) for a new initiative entitled Using Evidence-Informed Interventions to Improve Health Outcomes among People Living with HIV (PLWH).

Opportunity #1: Technical Assistance Center (HRSA-17-044)

The goal of this four-year cooperative agreement is to identify and provide support for the implementation of evidence-informed interventions to reduce HIV-related health disparities and improve health outcomes, including increasing retention in care, improving treatment adherence, and improving viral suppression for PLWH. The project will focus on implementing effective and culturally appropriate evidence-informed interventions that will be tailored to meet the needs of the target populations, using the framework of implementation science, and assessing and adapting the interventions at interim intervals throughout the project period.

The evidence-informed interventions will be in four focus areas:

1. Improving HIV health outcomes for transgender women
2. Improving HIV health outcomes for Black men who have sex with men (MSM)
3. Integrating behavioral health with primary medical care for PLWH
4. Identifying and addressing trauma among PLWH

In consultation with the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), the E2i CCTA will be responsible for soliciting, selecting, issuing, and monitoring subawards of up to $170,000 each to up to twenty-four (24) RWHAP recipients/subrecipients to support the development and implementation of evidence-informed interventions. The E2i CCTA will provide technical assistance (TA) to the selected subawardees for implementing the evidence-informed
interventions. The E2i CCTA will also address the long-term sustainability of the interventions and associated costs.

The E2i CCTA will be expected to work in close collaboration with the E2i EC funded under HRSA-17-049.

**Award:** Approximately $5,325,000 is expected to be available annually to fund one (1) recipient. Applicants should note that the award amount includes approximately $4,000,000 to fund up to 24 subrecipients at a ceiling amount of up to $170,000 each. The project period is four years.

**Opportunity #2 Evaluation Center (HRSA-17-049)**

The goal of this four-year cooperative agreement is to evaluate the outcomes and impact of the evidence-informed interventions implemented through the E2i CCTA. The E2i CCTA will identify and provide support for the implementation of effective and culturally appropriate evidence-informed practices to reduce HIV-related health disparities and improve health outcomes, including increasing retention in care, improving treatment adherence, and improving viral suppression for PLWH. The recipient will serve as the E2i EC and will evaluate the outcomes and impact of the evidence-informed interventions implemented in the four focus areas of the E2i CCTA. In collaboration with HRSA, the cooperative agreement recipient’s responsibilities will include:

1. **Identification of evidence-informed interventions and implementation strategies:** The E2i EC will work with the E2i CCTA to assess the needs of the populations served by each subawardee and identify evidence-informed interventions and specific interventions.
2. **Conduct multi-site evaluation:** The E2i EC will design, implement, and conduct a rigorous multi-site evaluation that includes outcome, process, and cost measures to assess the effectiveness of evidence-informed interventions and implementation strategies, implemented by E2i CCTA subawardees, in improving HIV-related health outcomes.
3. **Learning session evaluation:** The E2i EC will work in collaboration with the E2i CCTA to develop an assessment of learning session activities.
4. **Dissemination:** In collaboration with the E2i CCTA, the E2i EC also will engage in dissemination of findings, including best practices and lessons learned to foster rapid, efficient replication of these evidence-informed interventions by other HIV care organizations.

**Award:** Approximately $550,000 is expected to be available annually to fund one (1) recipient. The project period is four years.
**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
One application per institution is allowed for each program: Technical Assistance Center (HRSA-17-044) and the Evaluation Center (HRSA-17-049).

**KEY DATES**
- Internal Letter of Intent Due: January 10, 2017 (by midnight)
- Sponsor Proposal Due: March 1, 2017

**SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT**
Faculty members interested in applying for either the Technical Assistance Center (HRSA-17-044) or the Evaluation Center (HRSA-17-049) are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI) by the deadline specified above. If interest exceeds the number of submissions the university is allowed, an internal competition will be held. Typically, all investigators that submit an LOI will be invited to submit an internal proposal. Occasionally, as appropriate, based on the LOI, only selected applicants will be invited to submit an internal proposal.

1. Click [here](#) to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-HRSA-PLWH-2017”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Submit your LOI by completing this [web form](#). Note: Supplemental documents are not accepted.
4. To receive a confirmation email and copy of your submission, check the box (“Send me a copy of my responses”) and enter your email address.
5. Click “Submit”.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Nicole Moore ([nicole.moore@northwestern.edu](mailto:nicole.moore@northwestern.edu)), Director, for more information.

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