

—Ability to demonstrate the capacity to coordinate and support a comprehensive system of family-centered, community-based, coordinated care by documenting:

(1) service linkages to agencies/organizations providing primary care, HIV care, MCH programs, and tertiary care;

(2) the ability to establish linkages with planning bodies and community coalitions involved in the provision of HIV services and women's health care services within the proposed catchment area (e.g., State Title V agencies, other Ryan White Programs, and Healthy Start agencies);

(3) expertise in providing family centered, coordinated care and the ability to support other providers in the provision of such care; and

(4) the organizational structure and staffing necessary to implement proposed goals and objectives.

—Adequacy of efforts to identify and address the needs unique to the racial/ethnic minority populations infected/affected with HIV within the proposed project area, by documenting:

(1) the social and cultural issues unique to the racial/ethnic minority populations infected/affected with HIV within the proposed project area, that impact outreach, prevention, and the receipt of care;

(2) the existing provider capacity for conducting outreach and prevention activities, and to provide services in a manner that acknowledges the social and cultural issues that impact the provision and receipt of care to these populations;

(3) a plan to conduct outreach and prevention and provide HIV services that: enhances racial/ethnic minority access to care; acknowledges the social and cultural issues that impact the provision of care; and supports the receipt of ongoing care.

—Adequacy of efforts to develop linkages which facilitate access to clinical trials and other research activities.

—Consistency of the plan with the goals of the Title IV program and the extent to which the plan addresses issues identified in the needs assessment; clearly defined, time framed goals and objectives for the grant period.

—Adequacy of the strategy and proposed steps to utilize and report data and evaluation for program planning and management, as well as for measuring the efficacy and effectiveness of the program.

—Adequacy of the proposed budget; budget justification based on project methodology and required resources.

—The extent to which the application is responsive to the special concerns and program priorities specified in this notice.

—Demonstration of an organized, comprehensive system of care, and for competing renewal applicants, progress in meeting the goals of the current project period will be assessed.

Eligible Applicants

Grants may be awarded to public or nonprofit private entities that provide or arrange for primary health care. Eligible entities may include, but are not limited to, State or local health departments, university medical centers, public or nonprofit private hospitals, community health centers (as defined in section 330(a) of the Act), hemophilia treatment centers, drug abuse treatment agencies, tribal health programs, school based clinics and institutions of higher education.

Allowable Costs

The MCHB may support reasonable and necessary costs of HIV Project grants within the scope of approved projects. Allowable costs may include salaries, equipment and supplies, travel, contractual, consultants, and others, as well as indirect costs. The MCHB adheres to administrative standards reflected in the Code of Federal Regulation 45 CFR Part 92 and 45 CFR Part 74. All other sources of funding to support this project must be accurately reflected in the applicant's budget.

Reporting Requirements

A successful applicant under this notice will submit reports in accordance with the provisions of the general regulations which apply under 45 CFR Part 74, Subpart J, Monitoring and Reporting of Program Performance, with the exception of State and local governments to which 45 CFR Part 92, Subpart C reporting requirements will apply. Financial reporting will be required in accordance with 45 CFR Part 74, Subpart H, with the exception of State and local governments, to which 45 CFR Part 92.20 will apply.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937-0195). Under these requirements, the community-based nongovernmental applicant must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement

(PHSIS). The PHSIS is intended to provide information to State and local health officials to keep them apprised of proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental applicants are required to submit the following information to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date:

(a) A copy of the face page of the application (SF 5161).

(b) A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:

(1) A description of the population to be served.

(2) A summary of the services to be provided.

(3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State and local health agencies.

Executive Order 12372

The HIV Program for Children, Youth, Women, and Families has been determined to be a program which is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs by appropriate health planning agencies, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. The application packages to be made available under this notice (Form PHS 5161-1 with revised face sheet HHS Form 424 and with Program Narrative and Checklist approved under OMB 0937-0189) will contain a listing of States which have chosen to set up such a review system and will provide a single point of contact (SPOC) in the States for review. Applicants (other than federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State SPOCs as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. The due date for State process recommendations is 60 days after the application deadline for new and competing awards. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" State process recommendations it receives after that date. (See Part 148, Intergovernmental Review of PHS Programs under Executive Order 12372 and 45 CFR Part