



FY 2016 HIV CLIENT SERVICES RFP
Additional Information & Frequently Asked Questions
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Q: In order to be eligible to apply, do applicants need to meet BOTH criteria of being MAI eligible and propose to serve greater than 50% Latino PLWH?

A: Yes, applicants must meet both criteria to be considered eligible to apply.

Q: Does receiving funding from MDPH for Medical Case Management disqualify an agency from applying?

A: No. However, the applicant must demonstrate in the application how there would not be a duplication in funding or service, in addition to describing processes used to track clients and services by funding streams.

Q: If we are currently funded by BPHC Part A for one of the service categories up for bid in this RFP, can we apply to request more funding for a funded service?

A: No, this RFP will only fund applicants that currently do not receive Part A funding for a specific service. An example could be that an agency that fits the required criteria of this RFP was previously, successfully funded for Medical Case Management, but was interested in having a Peer Support program funded by BPHC; since the agency is not currently funded for Peer Support, they can apply to have this new program funded. Agencies that already receive Part A funding for services have other mechanisms to expand their scope of services through contract negotiations or annual contract extension processes.

Q: When are applications due to BPHC?

A: For this re-bid, applications are due to BPHC on Friday, July 22, 2016 at 12:00PM (noon). Late submissions will not be considered for funding.

Q: What are the requirements to be considered a Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) eligible agency?

A: As stated in the RFP, applicants must have a board or governing body consisting of greater than 50% minorities, have a professional staff consisting of greater than 50% minorities, and have a current client base consisting of greater than 50% minorities.

Q: What is the target population for this re-bid?

A: For this re-bid, applicants must propose to serve greater than 50% Hispanic/Latino PLWH residents in the EMA. Applicants must also demonstrate historic and current experience and expertise in serving members of those communities, including appropriate cultural and linguistic competence.

Q: My agency does not currently meet a specific requirement for this re-bid. Can I still apply if I partner with an agency that meets the requirement?

A: The lead agency submitting the application must meet the applicant eligibility requirements, including MAI status.

Q: My organization previously applied under the HIV Client Services RFP last year. Can I apply again?

A: Applicants that previously applied can submit during this re-bid, but must meet the additional requirements.

Q: What is the funding period for the first year?

A: For this re-bid, successful applicants will be funded for a six month period, starting September 2016. FY 2017 funding will be a normal 12-month budget period (March 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018).