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ABCD Health Services, Inc. 178 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02111 Ph. (617) 348 - 6206	Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roxbury	Youth of Color aged 15 to 25 at high risk	ABCD has been funded to provide prevention and risk reduction program for female and male youth of color aged 15-25 years old and their partners through a Mini Grant for the continuation of Sister2Sister, a structured 60-90 minute curriculum, delivered one-on-one, that provides intensive, culturally sensitive health information and skills training aimed to empower and educate women around reducing their risk for HIV/AIDS, HCV, STIs, and a reduced pilot of the BOSSUP expansion to Young Men of Color in the Boston to reduce their risk for HIV, HCV and STIs.	\$75,000
Boston Medical Center 1 Boston Medical Center Place Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 414 - 7769	Dorchester, Roxbury and The South End	PWID and other substance abusers at high risk	BMC will utilize a street outreach model and the use of social network strategy and peer education to clients in the target population with particular focus on those who are homeless and/or are engaging in transactional or commercial sex. Due to the transient nature of the population, outreach locations depend on areas the target population are congregating. Group Level Interventions will be based on the principles of Safety Counts and Empowerment. In addition, staff will utilize CRCS and Care Coordination to promote "treatment as prevention" and engage clients with medical and harm reduction services. BMC will utilize MDPH funds to conduct HCV/HIV/STI testing and other prevention activities with navigation staff being co-funded by both BPHC and MDPH. The main goals of the project are to identify PWID who may be at risk for infection/transmission of HCV, provide them with prevention and education information and materials on-site, and connect them with other existing services through referrals.	\$200,000



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<p>Children's Hospital Corporation d/b/a Boston Children's Hospital – Boston HAPPENS Program</p> <p>300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115 Ph.: (617) 919-2729</p>	<p>Longwood/ Fenway and surrounding areas</p>	<p>Underserved adolescents and young adults (AYA) aged 13-24 at high risk</p>	<p>Boston HAPPENS uses two evidence-based interventions, Testing Together and RESPECT, which provide linkage to care (including primary care) and conduct outreach to the community using existing community partners (e.g, Ostiguy High School) and newly identified sites. The target population includes: 1) Men who have sex with men (MSM), particularly those under 25 years old; 2) non-US born individuals, particularly Latinx, and persons of Haitian, Caribbean or African origin; 3) Transgender AYA 4) HIV negative patients with HIV-positive partners; 5) AYA at high risk of sexually transmitted infections (STI), including Black/African-American and Hispanic/Latinx youth of color; and 6) AYA living with HIV (YLH). These services will serve both newly diagnosed YLH (estimate 3-6 annually) and AYA currently in care with the goals of optimizing health and quality of life and achieving or maintaining engagement in care and viral suppression.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Codman Square Health Center</p> <p>637 Washington Street Dorchester, MA 02124 Ph.: (617) 825 - 9660</p>	<p>Dorchester and Mattapan</p>	<p>High risk gay, bisexual, MSM, particularly MSM of color, African American and Latinos, PWID, transgender and foreign-born residents of Dorchester and Mattapan</p>	<p>Codman Square has been funded to provide STI prevention, education, and outreach interventions to youth at risk for STIs, including MSM, particularly young MSM and Black and Latino MSM. They utilize the following strategies: testing, re-testing, PrEP, immunizations, public education and marketing, community outreach, and social determinants of health. The proposed services will be linked with other services, including clinical and non-clinical support, within and outside our agency. The program will also provide Individual Level, Group Level, and Mobile Outreach.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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<p>East Boston Neighborhood Health Center</p> <p>10 Gove Street East Boston, MA 02128 Ph.: (617) 568 - 7260</p>	East Boston	MSM, particularly MSM of Color aged 25 and under and 50+ with multiple risk factors	East Boston Neighborhood Health Center/Project SHINE utilizes the evidence-based intervention Personalized Cognitive Counseling and provides Group Level Interventions (PrEP education events) and Individual Level Interventions (Behavioral Health screening/counseling) to MSM of Color with multiple risk factors. The evidence-based theories proposed in this intervention are the Gold's Model of Self Appraisal of Risk Behavior, Meyer's Minority Stress Theory and the PrEP Care System. The settings for the outreach include: East Boston restaurants, hair salons, barber shops, parks, Latino news outlets, gay/MSM websites, community settings and events, health care facilities, and linkages to other agencies including North Suffolk Mental Health Association, MAC, and AAC's TransCEND program.	\$75,000
<p>Fenway Community Health</p> <p>1340 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02215 Ph.: (617) 267- 0900</p>	Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End	MSM of Color, transgender and genderqueer individuals, PWID and others with multiple, complex risk factors	Fenway provides community based prevention programming and targeted HIV interventions to High Risk Negative (HRN) individuals with limited PrEP awareness, knowledge, and uptake in order to improve awareness of PrEP as a tool to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV infection, to increase knowledge of the availability, efficacy and access to PrEP, and to support individuals to access, engage and adhere to PrEP regimen. Using established media campaigns, the subcontractor will direct individuals to Fenway sexual health websites, counseling and testing lines, publicly funded sexual health clinics already operating on a weekly basis at the 1340 Boylston St. and Fenway South End clinic sites, and walk-in testing services at 75 Amory St, a site which currently operates a syringe services program and navigation to substance use services. The subcontractor will provide navigation services and adherence support through the PrEP Health Navigator and the program nurse. These services will include client transportation to medical appointments, financial assistance with PrEP lab fees, and referrals to PrEPDAP and medical insurance support.	\$75,000



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<p>Justice Resource Institute, Inc.</p> <p>160 Gould Street, Suite 300 Needham, MA 02494 Ph.: (857) 399 - 1905</p>	<p>Dorchester East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Boston and The South End</p>	<p>LGBTQQ individuals at high risk with a focus on MSM and transgender individuals of color ages 18-29</p>	<p>JRI will utilize Individual, Group, Community, and Structural interventions. Individual level interventions will include Social Network Strategy for Counseling, Testing, and Referral, and Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care System to screen, enroll, prescribe, and provide follow-up to individuals at high risk for HIV/AIDS. Group level interventions will include Living Your Fears Everyday (LYFE), a structured group for LGBTQQ youth. Community Level Interventions will include Community Events, PRISMS, a drop-in group for transgender and gender nonconforming youth of color, and Vogue Hour, a weekly event with the Ballroom Community which provides a family structure and empowers youth to practice vogue, as well as Mobile encounters. Structural Interventions will include PROMISE for HIP, and condom distribution which will focus on the target population, those living with HIV, and those at high risk for HIV involved in sex work or reporting risky sexual behaviors.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>
<p>Multicultural AIDS Coalition, Inc.</p> <p>566 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 238 - 2401</p>	<p>Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>Black/African residents at high risk including MSM, persons who exchange sex, PWID and immigrants from countries with high HIV and Hepatitis prevalence ages 18-55.</p>	<p>MAC utilizes RESPECT and Personal Cognitive Counseling as part of a comprehensive continuum of Individual Interventions; SafetyNet Party as Group Level Intervention tailored to each target population; and a series of community education forums as Community Level Interventions. Settings for outreach vary by population and include: public sex environments; Drop-In centers; bars and clubs; private sex gatherings; injection drug use environments; community and faith institutions; health care facilities; social media; local businesses; social clubs; substance use treatment programs; ASOs; community events; and others.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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<p>Sociedad Latina, Inc.</p> <p>1530 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120 Ph.: (617) 442 - 4299</p>	<p>Mission Hill and Roxbury</p>	<p>Youth of Color aged 14 to 24 at high risk for STIs</p>	<p>Sociedad Latina utilizes the <i>Cuidate</i> curriculum and provides Group Level and Community Level Interventions to youth of color with multiple risk factors. The settings for outreach include community-based organizations, housing developments, faith organizations, high school afterschool programs, community events, barber/beauty shops and the Internet. The program will also connect with other agencies such as Boston Youth Services Network, Mission Hill Youth Collaborative, Greater Boston Latino Network and other groups providing services to the target population.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Victory Programs, Inc.</p> <p>965 Massachusetts Ave. Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 541 - 0222</p>	<p>Back Bay, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>PWID/PWSUD ages 18 and older from all races, genders and ethnicities at high risk</p>	<p>Victory Programs will utilize the CDC approved Safer Sex Skills Building (SSSB) curriculum (Primary, Group-Level Intervention), VPI-developed (BPHC approved) one-time Health Education Workshops (HEW) (Community-Level Intervention), and Mobile Outreach encounters, including syringe services, to individuals who use substances with multiple risk factors. The settings for SSSB and HEW are residential substance use treatment and family sober living programs including: Women's Hope, Shepherd House, New Joelyn's Home, Victory House, New Victories (Men and Women), LARC, and Portis Family Home. HEWs may also be provided at the Boston Living Center. The project includes a pilot of SSSB adapted for men in residential substance use treatment. The settings for outreach (mobile encounters) include outdoor settings where known substance users congregate and areas where there are high rates of opioid overdose, including the Copley/Newbury and Downtown Crossing/South Station areas in the Back Bay.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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<p>Whittier Street Health Center 1290 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120 Ph.: (617) 427 - 1000</p>	<p>Back Bay, Bay Village, Dorchester, Downtown, The Fens, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>High risk gay, bisexual and other Boston-area MSM of color with multiple risk factors</p>	<p>Whittier Street utilizes a RESPECT Intervention, in conjunction with Community PROMISE, and provides Mobile Outreach, Community and Individual Level Interventions to MSM of Color with multiple risk factors. The settings for the outreach include: Whittier Street Health Center, Bar/Clubs, BAGLY, Boston GLASS (vogue hour), the Internet, Gay / Ethnic press, community settings/events, and AIDS Action (trans group) in Jamaica Plain. The program will also provide linkages to services offered at the health center. The program will also refer and monitor MSM on PrEP as well as conduct HIV/HCV/STI counseling and testing among the target populations.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>