

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03190]

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for monitoring, evaluation, and information systems improvement to implement integrated care and prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.941.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Ministry of Health (MOH) of Guyana. The MOH is the only appropriate and qualified organization to conduct a specific set of activities supportive of the CDC Global AIDS Program's technical assistance to Guyana for the following reasons: (1) The MOH is uniquely positioned, in terms of legal authority, ability, and credibility among Guyanese citizens, to collect crucial data on HIV/AIDS as well as to provide care to HIV infected patients; (2) The MOH is mandated by Guyanese laws to implement care and treatment activities necessary for the control of epidemics, including HIV/AIDS; (3) The MOH already has an established network of health care facilities throughout the country. These treatment facilities include treatment centers, maternal-child health clinics, and infectious disease centers which take care of a significant number of HIV/AIDS patients. These facilities are accessible and provide health information and care for patients with HIV/AIDS, enabling the Ministry to become immediately engaged in the activities listed in this announcement; and (4) The MOH has trained physicians, nurses, and social workers already working in their network of health care facilities around the country who can carry out the activities listed in this announcement. On April 4, 2003, the United States Department of Health and Human Services signed a memorandum of understanding with the Guyanese Ministry of Health to collaborate on program implementation

related to HIV/AIDS, including operations research.

C. Funding

Approximately \$200,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before September 15, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimate may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact:

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[Program Announcement 03150]

Expansion of Youth and Young Adult-Focused HIV & STD Prevention Activities In the Republic of Tanzania; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: September 15, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 307 of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 242l) as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.941.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement

program for the expansion of youth-focused HIV/STD prevention activities in the Republic of Tanzania.

The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to a Tanzania-based public, private non-profit, or faith-based organization in the provision of a youth-focused HIV/STD prevention program that includes information, education and communication (IEC), voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), and support services for HIV positive youth in Tanzania; and in the development of strategies for extending successful youth-focused services to other private and public sector organizations.

Information on HIV prevention methods (or strategies) can include abstinence, monogamy, *i.e.*, being faithful to a single sexual partner, or using condoms consistently and correctly. These approaches can avoid risk (abstinence) or effectively reduce risk for HIV (monogamy, consistent and correct condom use).

Measurable outcomes of this program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Global AIDS Program (GAP): Working with other countries, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and U.S. government agencies, reduce the number of new HIV infections among 15-24 year olds in sub-Saharan Africa from an estimated two million by 2005.

C. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations, and faith-based organizations based in Tanzania, with current capacity for providing IEC, VCT, and support services to 25,000 youth per year. Organizations based outside Tanzania are not eligible to apply.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(C)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$250,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 15, 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.