Questions and Answers
RFA #22-001
Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)
Provision of PrEP Services including Provider Visits, PrEP Labs and TelePrEP Consultations in Broward County

DATE: March 17, 2023

TO: Applicants

FROM: Florida Department of Health in Broward County
Florida Department of Health

SUBJECT: Questions and Answers: RFA #22-001

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1. I am inquiring about our ability to apply for your upcoming Grant Opportunity - FDOH - Broward County Health Department - Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) - Provision of PrEP Services including Provider Visits, PrEP Labs, and TelePrEP Consultations.

   Department Response: All applicants are welcome to apply as along as they meet all of the required qualifications set forth in Section B of RFA22-001.

2. What is the estimated page length sought by the Department to be responsive to the listed questions?

   Department Response: There is no page length requirement. The requirements for the responses are substantive and content-based. See PP. 3-4, Sections E and F.

3. Are current grantees who were awarded under the 2020 funding announcement "Florida Department of Health Broward County – HIV Prevention request for application process: Provision of PrEP Services Including Provider Visits, PrEP Labs and TelePrEP Consultations" eligible?

This is not a competitive solicitation subject to the notice or challenge provisions of section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.

Department's Response: No. Applicants that are currently funded by the Department of Health in Broward County to provide Clinical PrEP services including Provider Visits, PrEP Labs, TelePrEP, and those via mobile unit are ineligible for this grant and will not be awarded under RFA#22-001. See P. 1, Section B.

4. Are current grantees at a disadvantage? In other words, is the Department wishing to award successful PrEP imitating entities, or to add new awardees in hopes of reaching other target populations?

   Department Response: The Department is seeking to expand the services provided to the target population by awarding the contract to an applicant that is not currently funded by the Department of Health in Broward County to provide clinical PrEP services including Provider Visits, PrEP Labs, TelePrEP, and those via mobile unit.

5. How many awards does the Department expect from this announcement?

   Department's Response: There will be one award under RFA22-001.

6. Which of the following cost centers is allowable?

   o   Reimbursement for STD lab fees
   o   Reimbursement for PrEP lab fees (Cr/CL, etc.)
   o   Reimbursement or fixed fee for medical provider visit for uninsured patients

   Department Response: Regardless of a client's insurance status, the recipient can seek reimbursement for performing and processing clinical services, as recommended by the CDC PreExposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States Clinical Practice Guideline, to include PrEP and nPEP medical visits and lab fees.

7. Will the Department be sharing scoring criteria for the different parts of the grant responses?

   Department's Response: Yes. Please see attached scoring criteria.

EHE Scorecard
Reviewer ID #:   Application ID: _____

How Proposals are Scored

Each proposal will be evaluated and scored based on the category requirements identified in **Section F**. Applications will be scored by objective Review Teams using evaluation sheets to designate the point value assigned to each application. The scores of each member of the Review Teams will be averaged with the scores of the other members to determine the final score. Application scores establish a reference point from which to make negotiation decisions. The maximum points possible are **50**. Scoring will be in the following categories up to the maximum points indicated for each category:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (20 points)	POINT VALUE
1. How comprehensive was the applicant in identifying the problem being addressed, goals, objectives, and key activities of the project, and key staff that will implement project activities.	0–10 _____
2. How comprehensive was the applicant in identifying the priority population(s)—identified in **Section A**—that the proposed project will target.	0-5 _____
3. How well did the applicant's measurable outcomes align with Broward County's Ending the HIV Epidemic goals and objectives.	0–5 _____
	Total Score for Section _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION, CAPACITY, AND STAFFING (20 Points)	POINT VALUE
1. How well does the applicant provide information about the organization, including history, mission, vision, goals, and their relevant experience performed that demonstrates and represents the ability to conduct the scope of work identified in **Section A**.	0–10 _____
2. How comprehensive was the applicant in describing their experience engaging with at least one of the priority populations identified in **Section A** and how their organization is prepared to implement the activities of the proposed project.	0–10 _____
	Total Score for Section _____

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COLLABORATIONS (10 Points)	POINT VALUE
1. How well did the applicant provide an overview of community involvement efforts that engage priority populations and local community or organizational partners. Community involvement involves the collaboration, inclusiveness, and empowerment to engage individuals in activities that encourage participation.	0–10 _____
	Total Score for Section _____

REQUIRED MATERIALS (-3 to 0 points)	POINT DEDUCTION
1. Did the applicant include a Timeline in their proposal.	Yes= 0 No= Deduction of 1 point _____
2. Did the applicant include a Budget Narrative in their proposal.	Yes= 0 No= Deduction of 1 point _____
3. Did the applicant include a Budget Summary in their proposal.	Yes= 0 No= Deduction of 1 point _____
	Total Score for Section _____

Total Score for Application: _____

Scoring Guide

Score	Descriptor
5	Excellent
4	Good
3	Satisfactory
2	Poor
1	Very Poor
0	Not included in application

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10	Exceptional
9	Outstanding
8	Excellent
7	Very Good
6	Good
5	Satisfactory
4	Fair
3	Marginal
2	Poor
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