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California Local HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Planning Groups
California Syringe Exchange Programs
California STD Controllers
California Viral Hepatitis Prevention Programs
Other Community Partners

Date: September 3, 2015

Subject: New Demonstration Project Announcement – Supplies Opportunity

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases (CID), Office of AIDS (OA) is offering a one-time allocation of a limited selection of supplies to organizations in California engaged in HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV) prevention efforts. This opportunity is part of a larger project established by Senate Bill 870 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2014) to develop innovative, evidence-based approaches to providing outreach, HIV and hepatitis C screenings, and linkage to, and retention in, quality health care for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals with a high risk for HIV infection. Last year three applicants, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, San Diego County, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation successfully competed for funding to establish the HIV Prevention Demonstration Projects.

OA has now added a fourth demonstration project that will allow OA to purchase supplies for California HIV and HCV prevention programs. OA will evaluate how the programs that receive these supplies can serve as locations to provide outreach, screening, linkage to care and retention in care services, either directly or through referral, with the goal of finding models that can be replicated and implemented throughout the state.

Available Supplies

For the current demonstration project CDPH/OA will make available:

- A selection of **syringe exchange supplies**;
- OraQuick **HIV** rapid test kits; and
- OraQuick **HCV** rapid test kits.

Note: This demonstration project is a “materials only” opportunity and will provide no funding.

Eligibility Criteria

The requirements organizations must meet in order to be eligible to apply are different for each category of supplies. Organizations may apply for any one, any two of three, or all three categories of supplies.

Syringe Exchange Supplies – Applicants for Syringe Exchange supplies must be *already authorized* as SEPs, which means that they operate under authorization from county, city or California state government, or under the supervision of a physician. Additionally, in order to be eligible to apply, SEP applicants must either 1) *provide referrals* to HIV testing and linkage to care, as well as referrals to HCV screening and linkage to follow-up testing or 2) *directly provide* these services. To learn more about this opportunity and to apply go to: https://ucsf.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bQONSebbBcYJ9Q1.

OraQuick HIV and/or HCV rapid test kits – In order to be eligible to receive HIV and/or HCV test kits through this opportunity, applicant organizations must already have staff in place that can administer the tests. This means that the test kit operators qualify under the strict training/personnel requirements outlined in California Health and Safety Code Section 120917. Because this is a materials-only opportunity, no funds for training or hiring trained personnel will accompany the materials.¹ To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, go to: https://ucsf.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6DzBwnhrrzG4vad.

Timeline

Thursday, September 3, 2015	Demonstration Project opportunity announced
Wednesday, September 9, 2015	Informational phone call – 2:00 p.m. Call in number: 888-398-2342, enter participant code 4209657#.
Thursday, September 17, 2015	Due date for applications; requests must be received by 5:00 p.m.

¹ To learn more about these requirements, view the [HIV Testing in Non-Healthcare Settings](#) and the [HCV Testing in Non-Healthcare Settings](#) pages on the OA web site.

Timeline (Continued)

Friday, September 25, 2015	Notification to applicants of supplies awards
October 1 - 22, 2015	Supplies start shipping out to programs
November 1, 2015 – October 31, 2017	Project begin and end dates

How to Apply

Interested organizations should complete the online applications and accompanying worksheets by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th**. The online applications are available here:

1. [Syringe Exchange Supplies Demonstration Project Application](#)
2. [HIV and/or HCV Test Kits Demonstration Project Application](#)

Further Information

The CDPH/OA Prevention Branch will hold an informational phone call on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.** Call in number: 888-398-2342, enter participant code 4209657#.

This opportunity is available to the entire state, and organizations located in all 61 local health jurisdictions, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, are invited to apply. Local health departments and other organizations that are not currently receiving OA HIV prevention funds are especially encouraged to participate.

We are happy to be able to initiate this fourth demonstration project, and to reach out to community organizations and health departments that we may have been unable to partner with in the past. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



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