

Expanded HIV Testing RFA Clarification for Questions and Answers 5, 12 and 28

5.	<p>Bottom of First Page 6 and Top of Second Page 6: Is it true that the requested funds can be spent only on coordinating personnel and HIV testing expenses? For example, could the funds be spent on office supplies associated with administering the tests?</p> <p>Funds cannot be used to pay for the cost of the test itself (conventional), the cost of the test kit (rapid), personnel to process the test, nor staff to perform patient-associated tasks related to HIV testing. Technically, requested funding can be spent on costs associated with administering HIV tests, i.e. office supplies, travel, etc. However, the spirit of the requirement is to avoid using these funds to pay for all costs associated with test administration. The requirements above aim to encourage funded entities to integrate HIV testing into the healthcare setting in the same manner as other health screening and diagnostic procedures and discourages development of a parallel system of HIV testing.</p>
12.	<p>Can the funds be used to purchase test kits (such as rapid test kits) for patients who have no other funding source to cover an HIV test? Can the funds pay for blood testing (HIV EIA ½ and Western Blot)?</p> <p>Yes, funds can be used for all HIV screening and confirmation testing for patients with no other source of funding or private or public insurance.</p>

Clarification of Questions 5 and 12

Expanded HIV Testing funds can only be used for HIV test expenses such as HIV test kits and laboratory-based HIV testing such as EIA and confirmation testing for patients who do not have private or public insurance coverage.

28.	<p>There is a lot of discussion of “implementation” in this RFA. If we are currently performing high volume HIV testing, do we still qualify?</p> <p>It is unlikely that a site currently providing high volume HIV screening would qualify. The goal of this initiative is to build the capacity of EEs to provide high volume HIV screening during the funded period and beyond.</p>
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Clarification of Question 28

The goal of Expanded HIV Testing funding is to develop or increase current capacity for HIV testing in eligible entities. To the extent that an eligible entity is able to increase capacity with these funds, consideration may be given for funding.