

## **HIV PrEP and PEP Navigator Services Program RFA – Q&A**

**1. There were no attachments included with the RFA - will these be made available?**

Attachments will be emailed to those who submit a signed letter of intent (LOI).

**2. Can a hospital-based Emergency Department (ED) apply?**

Health and Safety Code (HSC) allows for funding to be awarded, on a competitive basis, to community-based organizations (CBOs) or local health departments (LHDs). EDs are not considered EEs and cannot apply. However, they can be included in partnerships with EEs.

**3. Could you clarify whether youth (13-24 years old) MUST also be in one of the priority populations?**

While serving youth populations is not required, it is encouraged. Agencies who can demonstrate a proven record of success or outline a credible and complete plan for reaching transgender women of color and/or youth (age 13 to 24) in any of the cited priority population categories will be eligible for additional points during the RFA scoring process.

**4. Are pharmacists considered providers covered by prep-ap, and can pharmacists/pharmacies apply to become PrEP-AP sites and provide PrEP and PrEP-related services through SB 159?**

Yes.

**5. Is harm reduction supplies distribution as a community engagement strategy allowable?**

The distribution of harm reduction supplies as a community engagement strategy is allowable but may not be paid for using this funding. Awardees using this strategy may obtain supplies from the Harm Reduction Supply Clearinghouse.

**6. What is being done at the State level to inform pharmacists about SB159?**

Magellan has been sending information in their newsletters. The Board of Pharmacy is responsible for training and is doing their own outreach.

**7. Will we be emailed the slides?**

Slides will not be emailed, however the recorded presentation will be available on the RFA website at [OA PrEP and PEP Navigator Services Program RFA \(ca.gov\)](#).

**8. I have March 29<sup>th</sup> in my notes - is anything due on that date?**

Answers to written questions will be posted on the RFA website on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Will this presentation be available after the call?**

The presentation is posted on the RFA website at [OA PrEP and PEP Navigator Services Program RFA \(ca.gov\)](#).

**10. Is there a link to RFA?**

The RFA is accessible on the [“HIV PrEP and PEP Navigator Services Program” RFA landing page](#) here: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA\\_PrEP-PEP\\_Navigator\\_RFA.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_PrEP-PEP_Navigator_RFA.aspx)

**11. Are all letters of support (LOS) included in Attachment 11 or just LOS from local health departments (LHD)?**

Attachment 11 must be completed by your LHD. Additional LOS must be provided by any organizations with who you propose to collaborate or subcontract.

**12. If submitted separately, are LOS included in the 30-pg narrative?**

No, they are not included in the page-limit. They can be included as attachments and labeled LOS.

**13. If we are already PrEP AP enrollment sites, should we submit documentation of that vs. the enrollment application request?**

Yes, please submit your enrollment site number in the response to the PrEP-AP enrollment question. 3.8.5.7 All funded EEs are required to be PrEP-AP Enrollment Sites. If the EE has a prescriber on staff, the agency must also be a PrEP-AP Clinical Provider. Indicate if the agency is already a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site and, if applicable, a PrEP-AP Clinical Provider. If not, describe the agency’s plan to become a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site and a PrEP-AP Clinical Provider (if applicable).

**14. Is an indirect amount able to be listed on the budget?**

Yes.

**15. If a site receives HRSA EHE funding for Prevention Services (grant ending Jan 2023), can the site also apply for this funding understanding that there will be an overlap period of approx. 6 months?**

Yes. Additional funding sources do not preclude you from applying for this RFA.

**16. Would the RFA consider sex trafficking/sex work (primarily female, but not exclusively) among youth a priority population?**

Yes, if these individuals are within 13-24 years of age.

**17. What is the guidance around allocating administrative costs on budget?**

You will receive a budget guidance document once you submit your LOI. Refer to this document for more information.

**18. At the beginning of this webinar you mentioned that a “3rd RFA similar to this one” would be announced soon - can you say more about it and how it’s different from the RFA you just presented?**

We cannot speak to this RFA at this time. However, we are currently collecting community feedback on the development of this RFA. You can [provide feedback](https://cdphooa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_31b0H7UboRpxSZg) here: [https://cdphooa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_31b0H7UboRpxSZg](https://cdphooa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_31b0H7UboRpxSZg)

**19. Do you have any clarification on who qualifies as "an official authorized to enter into a contractual agreement on behalf of an EE?:"**

This depends on your organizational structure. It must be a person who is legally able to enter into an agreement with CDPH-OA. If you have questions about who this individual is at your organization, please reach out to us.

**20. Can pharmacy providers offering PrEP and PEP apply?**

Health and Safety Code (HSC) allows for funding to be awarded, on a competitive basis, to community-based organizations (CBOs) or local health departments (LHDs). Pharmacy providers are not considered EEs and cannot apply. However, they can be included in partnerships with EEs.

**21. What is the indirect cost for subs (percentage cost)?**

Indirect costs cannot exceed 25% and will be evaluated for reasonableness. Please refer to the budget guidance for more information.

**22. If we have more questions after reviewing the RFQ, who can we contact? Is that on the RFQ?**

The deadline for submitting written questions for this RFA was COB on March 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to ensure parity, we cannot answer additional questions at this time.

**23. Can you elaborate on how or what the process is to apply to be a PrEP-AP clinical site?**

To apply to become a PrEP-AP clinical provider site, please reach out to [PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov) for an application. To be eligible to apply, you must be a Medi-Cal and 340B affiliated entity. After you submit your completed application to [PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov), the PrEP-AP team will review the application to ensure there are no errors or discrepancies. After the application has been reviewed and corrected, the application will be sent to the ADAP contracts team for contract execution. Contract execution may take several months to complete.

**24. Additionally, how can we find out who in our county is a PrEP-AP clinical site?**

You can utilize the [PrEP-AP site map](#) to find PrEP-AP enrollment sites and clinical provider sites in your county:  
<https://cdphdata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6878d3a1c9724418aebfea96878cd5b2>

**25. How are the additional LOS submitted if not as Attachment 11 or as Attachment 5 Project Narrative?**

You can include them as attachments labeled LOS, but will not have an attachment letter as they are not an OA generated attachment.

**26. Can funding be used to cover medical services by a medical provider (physician or nurse practitioner) or is the funding exclusively for non-medical HIV services?**

Funding may be used to cover medical services by a medical provider. Please refer to the Budget Guidance document for more information. Budget Guidance will be provided as an attachment once you submit your LOI.

**27. Since this RFA would not be through the County as the Grantee, would our epidemiologist, or any County assigned staff be able to access their LEO data to add the eHARS numbers if awarded this RFA?**

Yes. We expect this data burden to be low for LHJs as it's a PrEP initiative and not expected to include many people living with HIV.