

**California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
Expanded HIV Testing Project
10-10138**

On Monday, April 11, 2011, the California Department of Public Health/Center for Infectious Diseases/Office of AIDS (OA) released a Request for Applications (RFA) to award funding received from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS10-10138 Expanded HIV Testing for Disproportionately Affected Populations (ET Project) to eligible entities (EE) in the 18 California local health jurisdictions (LHJ) with the highest HIV prevalence (not including Los Angeles and San Francisco, which received direct funding from the CDC for this initiative). This announcement includes a combination of federal HIV Prevention funds and funding through the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, Section 4002 Prevention and Public Health Fund. OA received \$3.5 million per year to implement this project. OA will allocate \$708, 803 for internal project administration required by CDC including staff dedicated to providing program coordination, data collection and monitoring and evaluation. In addition OA staff will provide training and technical assistance related to linkage to care, partner services, prevention services, quality assurance, HIV testing technology, incorporating oral consent procedures for HIV testing and obtaining reimbursement from public and private insurance providers as well as contract monitoring. OA will provide the \$2.8 million to EEs within the eligible LHJs to implement high volume HIV testing, linkage to care, partner services and prevention services. After a careful review by HIV testing experts, monitoring and evaluation specialists and OA staff, OA will be awarding these funds with contracts beginning October 1, 2011.

1. How many Letters of Intent (LOI) were received?

OA received twenty LOIs.

2. How many applications were received?

OA received seven applications.

3. Who will be awarded these funds?

Of the seven applications, three met or exceeded the evaluation criteria in order to be funded. The following three eligible entities (EE) will be awarded a total of approximately \$1.4 million to implement ET Project in their LHJs or facilities:

- AltaMed Health Services Corporation – Orange County
- County of San Diego
- UC Davis Medical Center/ Sacramento County

Four applications did not meet the minimum requirements.

4. What will be done with remaining funding?

Of the four applications that did not meet the minimum requirements, the reviewers felt that two had high potential to perform well within the intent of the RFA and thus benefit from funding. The reviewers suggested that OA discuss key unresolved issues with these EEs to further evaluate the potential of these proposals and provide technical assistance to these EEs to determine if their projects could be successful should OA decide to provide funding. OA intends to accept this recommendation and

proceed with further evaluation and TA provision to the Alameda County Office of AIDS Administration and County of Orange Health Care Agency.

After the determination of budgets for the sites awarded funding, OA will determine the amount of any remaining funding. OA will then determine if other potential high volume HIV testing venues within the eligible 18 LHJs would benefit from funding and be able to provide the required number of HIV tests and linkage to HIV care, partner services and prevention services. OA will first contact the remaining EEs that submitted LOIs and, should resources remain, will consider other potential testing and linkage to care venues. We will continue to apply to same principles as outlined in the RFA and subsequent QA, which can be found here

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OARFAExpHIVTest.aspx>.

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