

Supporting People with HIV as Leaders in HIV Systems of Care (HRSA-24-055) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Funding Opportunity Resources

Question: Is the recording of the pre-application webinar available?

Answer: All pre-application webinar information is available on the Target HIV website (click on the blue button “HRSA ZOOMGOV”): <https://targethiv.org/library/hrsa-24-055>.

Submission Information

Question: When are applications due?

Answer: Applications are due in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) on April 1, 2024, by 11:59 pm ET.

Eligibility

Question: If we already have Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) funding are we able to apply?

Answer: Yes. If your organization eligible for or is currently funded through a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) grant or cooperative agreement and/or if your organization receives HRSA Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative funding, you are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

Question: Are individuals eligible to apply for the HRSA-24-055 grant?

Answer: No. Only organizations that meet the eligibility requirements shown on Page 8 of the NOFO are eligible to apply.

Project Details

Question: Given that there is only one recipient of the award, are you thinking the scope of the accepted program will be national in scale? I also noticed Page 14 of the NOFO mentions conducting trainings in different regions of the country which also hints at a national scope.

Answer: Yes. This program is national in scope.

Question: Will the one award cover a region or the entire US?

Answer: There will be one recipient that is expected to offer program activities throughout the U.S.

Question: I wondered whether the project could be implemented in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) or only in the U.S.?

Answer: This project will be implemented entirely in the U.S.

Question: Was this funding available in prior years or is this a new opportunity?

Answer: This is a new initiative that will build on the work of previous and current projects. Some of the relevant past and current programs are referenced on Page 5 of the NOFO. While this is a new initiative and the training of trainers (ToT) model is notably different, we expect applicants to build upon lessons learned from and resources developed by prior initiatives.

Question: I was wondering if you could tell me who is currently funded to implement this project?

Answer: This is a new initiative that will build on the work of previous and current projects. Some of the relevant past and current programs are referenced on Page 5 of the NOFO and include Building Leaders of Color (BLOC); Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation (CQII); Engage Leadership through Employment, Validation, and Advancing Transformation and Equity for persons with HIV (ELEVATE); and Planning Community HIV/AIDS TA and Training (CHATT).

Question: Are curricula restricted to those in the Best Practices list on TargetHIV or can locally developed curricula be used?

Answer: First, please remember this initiative is not funded to develop a brand-new curriculum; instead, the recipient will use previously developed curricula and build upon them. While we encourage applicants to refer to curricula posted on TargetHIV.org, such as those listed in the Best Practices Compilation and others developed by the programs referenced on Page 5 of the NOFO, HRSA does not require that the curricula you use come from TargetHIV.org.

Question: Are the ToT's expected to be conducted in person? Will the curriculum the trainees are learning be expected to be delivered in person, virtually, or both?

Answer: It is at the applicant's discretion to propose the techniques and modalities they will use to deliver the ToTs to trainees (e.g., in-person, virtual, or both). On Page 14, the NOFO asks applicants to describe these modalities; explain the ways you will determine where, how often, and how long the trainings will take place; and explain what you will do to ensure trainings take place in different regions of the country and highlight any cost-effective ways you will maximize the number of people with HIV who attend the ToTs.

Question: After we train the trainers, do we then create the training events the ToT trainees will lead in order to accomplish the project goals? Does HRSA expect this program to deliver trainings that the TOTs trainees will provide around the country?

Answer: The recipient is not expected to create the training events that will be led by the ToT trainees. HRSA expects the awarded recipient to deliver the ToT content, and ToT trainees are expected to train others at RWHAP-funded entities or other health care settings. We expect the recipient's ToT trainings to take place in different regions of the country. The specifics of any post-ToT activities are at the discretion of recipient.

Question: What are we supposed to do with the trainees after they attend ToT events?

Answer: It is at the recipient's discretion to determine how much their involvement will be after trainees complete the ToT. Applicants should present a plan that shows how they will ensure the trainees are well-equipped to deliver trainings and meet any other obligations imposed by the recipient beyond attending the ToT training.

Question: Could there be other methods of support such as coaching and mentoring or targeted technical assistance to RWHAP agencies or their staff?

Answer: This is possible, but the priority population for this funding opportunity are people with HIV. Applicants must consider what is within the scope of this project, given the resources available.

Fiscal & Budgeting

Question: Since cash payments are not allowable to intended clients of RWHAP services, are we allowed to provide incentives to clients in any way if they are engaged in the work?

Answer: Compensation to clients is allowable, but any compensation must be in accordance with HRSA HAB [Policy Clarification Notice 16-02: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds](#). Applicants are also encouraged to review the HRSA HAB Program Letter titled [Supporting Community Engagement in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#).

Question: Can you clarify the prohibition on cash payments to intended clients of RWHAP services - does this include a stipend associated with becoming and delivering training for persons not employed by the applicant organization? Just thinking through the engagement of consumers and how to best support involvement.

Answer: Compensation to consultants for providing services is different than cash payment to intended clients of RWHAP services. Applicant organizations should follow their organization's existing policy to compensate any parties for consultant or contracted work.

Question: What is the budget cap?

Answer: HRSA estimates approximately \$800,000, per project year, to be available annually to fund one recipient. The period of performance is September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2028, for a total of four years.