

**San Francisco Department of Public Health  
AIDS Office**

**RFP 12-2008**

**HIV Health Services – Out Patient Mental Health Services:  
Support Group for Heterosexually Identified HIV+ African-American Men**

**Introduction/Overview:** The City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), AIDS Office - HIV Health Services (HHS), is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Outpatient Mental Health services to HIV+ heterosexually identified African-American male residents of the San Francisco EMA who are: uninsured/under-insured, multiply diagnosed (defined as HIV infection with concurrent substance abuse and/or mental health problems), have histories of incarceration, homeless/marginally housed, have low/no income, are out of treatment, and need psychosocial support.

**Goal:** To provide a client centered support group whose members: will have improved quality of life and better health outcomes, will maintain or improve their commitment to self care and to the prevention of HIV transmission to their sexual and injection partner(s), and will be linked to and/or maintained in primary health care.

**Services Solicited:**

A support group program for HIV+ heterosexually identified African-American men whose design and structure, member recruitment, implementation, retention and evaluation is well planned, executed and informed by a community process, including: linkage to and/or maintenance in primary HIV medical care and case management; treatment adherence and/or medication assistance; services that follow established Standards of Care (SOC) as supplied in “Making the Connection: Standards of Care for Client-Centered Services” for mental health services; and Prevention with Positives (PWP) interventions.

**Amount Available:**

- Depending on availability of funds, up to \$50,000 in Federal Ryan White Part B funds for FY 2008/09 is available through this solicitation.
- HIV Health Services (HHS) will fund at least one program to provide Out Patient Mental Health Services: Support Group for Heterosexually Identified HIV+ African-American Men.
- Funds for this service may be renewable annually, depending on the availability of funds, successful performance of contract obligations, and compliance with the HIV Health Services mandates. Annual funding may increase or decrease depending on availability of funding.

**Evaluation:** Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by a Technical Review Panel using the criteria specified in the RFP. At any time during the Evaluation Process, the City may require a Proposer to provide oral or written clarification of the proposal submitted. No Proposer shall have any legal or equitable right or obligation to enter into a contract or to perform the Work as a result of such Proposer being notified of an Invitation to Negotiate.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Publication of RFP		May 20, 2008
<b>Mandatory Letter of Intent</b>	<b>By 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Wednesday - June 4, 2008</b>
Emailed Questions		From Tuesday, June 10 until Noon on Thursday, June 12, 2008
<b>Proposals Due*</b>	<b>By 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Wednesday - July 9, 2008</b>
Technical Review		July/August 2008
Invitation to Negotiate		August 2008
Start Date of Services		September 1, 2008

*\*Proposals will be accepted only from Proposers that have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI).*

For questions please contact Nancy Foote, SFDPH AIDS Office Contracts Unit, at (415) 554-9005.

To download a complete copy of the application, please point your browser to the RFP page of the SF Department of Public Health at: <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/Contracts/default.asp>