

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant agency must be either a local governmental entity or a non-profit organization in one of the Counties in region four.
2. The following funding distribution is available:

One agency with a successful application for a Prevention for Positives program that is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) program that is an Evidence Based Intervention (EBI) and/or Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Intervention (DEBI);

For details about EBI/DEBI, see: <http://www.effectiveinterventions.org>

Three to four agencies with a successful application for Counseling, Testing and Referral Services (CTRS) focused on one or more of the priority populations; and

One agency for a successful application for a DEBI focused on a priority population with a CTRS component (this component can be in partnership with another agency already providing CTRS).

3. All programming must be culturally and linguistically appropriate and must include **comprehensive** HIV Prevention and Education. The program will address one or more **co-factors** that lead to HIV infection as they relate to the targeted population. Such as: alcohol and other drug use and abuse, low self esteem, physical/emotional/sexual abuse, socioeconomic factors, sexual addiction, peer pressure, cultural/ethnic barriers, religious beliefs, health factors common to at risk populations for example: unplanned pregnancies, stress related illnesses, etc..
4. Agency must **document current knowledge and experience** in working with the target population (i.e. culture-specific norms, values, realities of the target population, gender and cultural norms in sexual decision making, HIV/AIDS related experience with target population).
5. **Outreach component** is a requirement for all EBI/DEBI programming and to be included in the proposal. It should include outreach to areas where the targeted population may frequent (i.e. crack houses, shooting galleries, public sex environments, beauty salons, churches, etc.). Limited funding should be appropriated to the outreach component.
6. Agency must indicate **collaboration and partnerships** with other local agencies involved with HIV/STD prevention, education and/or services, as well as other

local organizations with connections and experience with the target populations.

7. Agency must reach target groups consistent with the region four plans.

Target populations established by the RAG are as follows:

- (1) PLWH\* – Persons living with HIV;
- (2) MSM\* – Men-who-have-sex-with-men;
- (3) Youth\* – male and females aged 15-24 years;
- (4) HRH\* – High Risk Heterosexuals – males and females

\* Includes a focus on the African American population due to the disparities seen in region four.

8. A separate budget and narrative must be submitted for each intervention.