

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant agency must be either a local governmental entity or a non-profit organization. Applicant agencies may subcontract with other non-profit agencies to accomplish project goals and objectives. All such subcontracts must have prior permission of the Canton City Health Department and be in the approved budget.
2. Agency programs must be based on **behavioral science, theory** or are **scientifically proven** to be effective. Eighty percent (**80%**) of the funded interventions will be selected from Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) and Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions (DEBI). For details about EBI/DEBI, see: <http://www.effectiveinterventions.org>  
The agency not utilizing evidence-based modeled programs must demonstrate that the program interventions are behavioral based by; explaining the formal theory incorporated into the program design or explaining the adaptation of a behavioral science based prevention model being used.
3. Behavioral program must be culturally and linguistically appropriate and must include **comprehensive** HIV Prevention and Education. The behavioral 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 demonstrate linkage to counseling and testing sites.
5. 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).
6. **Outreach component** should include outreach to areas where the targeted population may frequent (i.e. crack houses, shooting galleries, public sex environments, beauty salons, churches, etc.) and prove to be a recruitment for the funded DEBI program.
7. 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.