UCSF May Submit 1 Application

Internal Deadline: **11:59 PM, Monday, March 15**, 2021

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS**

**WHAT:** HRSA Quality Improvement Solutions for Sustainable Epidemic Control (QISSEC) ([https://rdo.ucsf.edu/sites/rdo.ucsf.edu/files/HRSA-21-096.pdf](https://rdo.ucsf.edu/sites/rdo.ucsf.edu/files/HRSA-21-096.pdf))

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER:** HRSA-21-096

**PURPOSE:**
- To facilitate improvements in quality across the HIV care continuum at the site level (defined as the location where persons diagnosed with HIV receive care and treatment) and within the community.
- To improve the effectiveness, efficiency, patient-centeredness, safety, accessibility, and equity of the HIV services in low to middle-income countries (LMIC) as identified by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program.
- FY21 PEPFAR priorities recognize quality health services as essential in order to ensure that optimal health outcomes are met on a daily and routine basis. Therefore, all PEPFAR country programs must incorporate explicit quality management (QM) practices, including both quality assurance (QA) and quality improvement (QI) activities into service delivery and partner management. Focused on building the capacity of countries to sustain and spread QI methodologies, improve documentation of efforts and continuously enhance staff knowledge, QISSEC strives to impact the delivery of quality HIV services, improve health outcomes and support HIV/AIDS epidemic control.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Eligible applicants include domestic or foreign public or non-profit private entities, including schools of medicine, nursing, public health, management and public administration, and academic health centers, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and consortia consisting of such eligible organizations.
- Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply.

**BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:**
- Award Budget: up to $20,000,000 total costs per year
  - UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.
- Project Period: 5 years
- Funding beyond the first year is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for QISSEC in subsequent fiscal years, satisfactory recipient performance, and a decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government. HRSA may reduce recipient funding levels beyond the first year if a recipient is unable to fully succeed in achieving the goals listed in the application.
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1

APPLICATION TYPES ALLOWED: New

DUE DATES:
- **Internal**: 11:59 PM, Monday, March 15th, 2021. If multiple groups submit an LOI, an additional pre-application will be due Sunday, March 21st, 2021.
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- Sponsor: Friday, May 7th, 2021

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by **11:59 PM, March 15th**, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submission Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp

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