

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02213]

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL); Notice of Award of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the award of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program with The National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to:

1. Educate African-American State Legislators, legislative staff, State government employees, and other stakeholders on HIV/AIDS, syphilis and other STD.
2. Provide access to accurate, comprehensive and timely information on HIV/AIDS, syphilis and other STD to African-American State legislators, legislative staff, State government employees, and other stakeholders.

This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of HIV, STD and Educational and Community-Based Programs.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance is provided only to the NBCSL. No other applications were solicited.

NBCSL is the only nonpartisan organization serving as a national network, and clearinghouse for African-American State legislators from all 50 States. NBCSL is the only organization of African-American State legislators that provides policy research tailored to meet the needs of their constituents, publications, consulting services, and educational and networking forums for African-American State legislators, committees, and their staff using a variety of information technologies and resources. No other organization has this unique role, credibility, and established rapport with African-American State legislators and their staff.

C. Funds

Approximately \$150,000 is being awarded in FY 2002. The award will begin on or about September 30, 2002 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Ann Cole, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: 770-488-2731, E-mail address: zlr5@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Dave Brownell, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: 404-639-5208, E-mail address: dfb2@cdc.gov.

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[Program Announcement 02228]

Men Involved in STD Training Empowerment Research Study (MISTERS): A Community-Based STD/HIV Intervention for Men Newly Released From Jail; Notice of Award of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the award of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a grant program, "MISTERS, Men Involved in STD Training Empowerment Research Study" to be performed by STAND, Inc. Persons entering correctional facilities have been shown to have a high prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). This is of profound public health importance in the United States. Approximately 5% of the population can be expected to serve a sentence in federal or state prison. Many crimes are in some way associated with drug use, which is, in turn, associated with high-risk sexual behavior. Correctional facilities are not consistent in the use of STD screening among inmates, often relying on inmate self-reporting of symptoms. Even in cases where arrestees are routinely screened, they are often released within 48 hours, too soon for screening results to be

available. Since there is a proven association between drug use and high risk sexual behaviors, and a strong likelihood that detainees will be released either without being screened for STDS or too soon for the screening results to be available, there is a significant public health need for post-release services that include a STD prevention intervention that includes early STD screening, treatment and risk-reducing behaviors. The MISTERS project will test the feasibility of such an intervention using a community-based organization, STAND, Inc. STAND is already working with men who have histories of substance use and incarceration.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance is provided only to STAND, Inc. STAND's application contained an important and unique scientific proposal that was not submitted in response to any existing program announcement, but does fall under the broad embrace of the Government's public health initiative Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention. The CDC Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention (DSTD) performed a thorough review of STAND's proposal and determined that it would significantly advance the state of medical knowledge and provide a unique contribution to the understanding of the effectiveness of post-incarceration behavioral intervention in the reduction of high-risk sexual behavior.

C. Funds

Approximately \$500,000 is being awarded in FY 2002. The award will begin on or about September 30, 2002, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of one year.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For business management technical assistance, contact: William J. Ryan, Jr., CPCM, Grants Management Officer, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146. Telephone number: 770-488-2717. E-mail address: wfr4@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Samantha Williams, Ph.D., Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NCHSTP/DSTD, 10 Corporate Square Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30329. Telephone number 404-639-8620. E-mail address SWilliams@cdc.gov.