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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 04094]

#### Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (AR): Estimates of Economic Cost for Antimicrobial Resistant Human Pathogens of Public Health Importance; Notice of Availability of Funds-Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a grant Applied Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (AR): Estimates of Economic Cost for Antimicrobial Resistant Human Pathogens of Public Health Importance was published in the **Federal Register** April 30, 2004, Volume 69, Number 84, pages 23759-23763. The notice is amended as follows: Page 23759, third column, section I. Funding Opportunity Description, and Page 23760, second column, Research Objective II, change action item 30 to 33.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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[Program Announcement 04101]

#### Assessing Transmission and Prevention of Community-Associated MRSA Infection Among Children, Family Members, and Close Contacts; Notice of Availability of Funds—Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement Assessing Transmission and Prevention of Community-Associated MRSA Infection

Among Children, Family Members, and Close Contacts was published in the **Federal Register** April 26, 2004, volume 69, number 80, pages 22523-22527. The notice is amended as follows: Page 22524, second column, section II. Award Information, and page 22527, first column, section V.3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates, change Anticipated Award Date to July 30, 2004.

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#### Rapid Expansion of HIV/AIDS Activities by Ivorian Nongovernmental Organizations and Associations Serving Highly Vulnerable Populations in Cote d'Ivoire Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

*Announcement Type:* New.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* 04199.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic*

*Assistance Number:* 93.941.

*Key Dates:*

*Application Deadline:* July 16, 2004.

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Authority:* This program is authorized under sections 307 and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. sections 242l and 247b(k)(2)), as amended, and under Public Law 108-25 (United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) (22 U.S.C. 7601).

*Purpose:* President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has called for immediate action to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean. Goals of the President's plan include: preventing seven million new HIV infections, treating at least two million HIV-infected people, and caring for ten million HIV-affected individuals and AIDS orphans.

Cote d'Ivoire-specific PEPFAR goals include the prevention of 265,000 new HIV infections, treating at least 77,000 HIV-infected individuals, and caring for 385,000 HIV-affected individuals, including orphans.

The primary purpose of this funding announcement is to increase the quality and coverage of HIV/AIDS prevention and care services targeting Highly

Vulnerable Populations (HVP) in Cote d'Ivoire. HVP includes, but is not limited to: displaced persons and refugees, transactional sex workers and their partners, street children, and other vulnerable women.

Services to be supported through this agreement may include, but are not limited to: comprehensive treatment for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STI), voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), prevention activities, support for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, peer education, outreach, job skills and literacy training, and legal counseling.

This will be accomplished by funding an international non-governmental organization (NGO) to provide expert technical assistance, training, and oversight to build the capacity of selected Ivorian NGOs and associations (subgrantees) to design, implement, and manage activities for HVPs. The international NGO grantee will also be responsible for helping the Ivorian NGOs and associations improve their ability to mobilize resources and manage the financial and administrative functions of their organizations. The Ivorian nongovernmental organizations and associations will be selected by the international NGO recipient of this award with input from the local CDC office. The selected Ivorian organizations will receive technical assistance and funding to assist them with rapid expansion and improvement activities serving highly vulnerable populations. The CDC office in Cote d'Ivoire will collaborate with the international NGO recipient of this award in the design and implementation of these activities.

These collaborative activities will lead to: (1) Reduction in transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in both the target and general populations; (2) HVP who are living with HIV/AIDS receiving treatment; (3) HVP who are affected by HIV/AIDS receiving better care and support services; (4) promotion and protection of human and legal rights of HVP including protection against sex trafficking; (5) reducing stigma and discrimination against people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS; and (6) building national capacity to implement and manage quality services for HVP.

The measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with goals of the Global AIDS Program (GAP) to reduce HIV transmission and improve care of persons living with HIV. They also will contribute to the goals of PEPFAR, which are: within five years treat more than two million HIV-infected persons with effective