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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Part F AIDS Education and Training Centers

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of non-competitive, HRSA-initiated, Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (SMAIF) supplemental funding award: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) to the National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC) at the University of California, San Francisco.

SUMMARY: This non-competitive supplemental funding award will provide a phone consultation line staffed by clinicians dedicated to providing technical support and real-time clinical consultation to health professionals who treat people living with HIV (PLWH) who are coinfecting with the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sherrilyn Crooks, Chief, HIV Education Branch, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, 09N09, Rockville, MD 20857, Phone: (301) 443-7662, Email: scrooks@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipient of the Award: The University of California, San Francisco.
Amount of Non-Competitive Award: \$200,000.

Period of Funding: July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

CFDA Number: 93.145.

Authority: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31), Division H, Title II.

Justification

HRSA's SMAIF HIV/HCV initiatives seek to improve the prevention, screening, care, treatment, and cure of HCV in areas affected by HIV/HCV coinfection, particularly in disproportionately affected low-income, uninsured and underserved racial and ethnic minority populations in the

United States. Despite the fact that HIV treatment outcomes continue to improve among PLWH, HIV/HCV coinfection remains a major concern with approximately one quarter of PLWH also coinfecting with HCV.

The University of California, San Francisco's NCCC is funded under the RWHAP AETC Program, which comprises a network of three national centers and eight regional centers (with more than 130 local affiliated sites) that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education, training, and technical assistance to health care providers who treat PLWH. The NCCC provides nationwide expert technical support, and clinical consultation services to health professionals who treat PLWH. Supplemental funding will enable the NCCC to leverage its existing infrastructure to add an HIV/HCV phone consultation line to deliver immediate clinical consultation and education services to RWHAP clinical providers funded through the SMAIF HIV/HCV initiatives and to clinical providers nationwide. Clinical providers will receive guidance based on up-to-date clinical HCV guidelines. Subject to the availability of funds and the recipient's satisfactory performance, up to \$200,000 will also be awarded in FY18 (budget period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) and FY19 (budget period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

Denial of this request will prevent RWHAP clinical providers from achieving the goals of the SMAIF HIV/HCV initiative and from gaining critical and immediate access to a national network of HIV/HCV resources, including clinical experts who would provide education and technical assistance that meets the unique needs of this initiative.

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George Sigounas,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Request for Comments on the Draft Department Strategic Plan for FY 2018-2022

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Comments on the Draft Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking public comment on its draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-2022.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 26, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments can be provided by email, fax or U.S. mail.

Email: HHSPlan@hhs.gov.

Fax: (202) 690-5882.

Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Strategic Planning Team, Attn: Strategic Plan Comments, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 415F, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Potter, (202) 260-6518.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft Department of Health and Human Services Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022 is provided as part of the strategic planning process under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA-MA) (Pub. L. 111-352) to ensure that Agency stakeholders are given an opportunity to comment on this plan.

This document articulates how the Department will achieve its mission through five strategic goals. These five strategic goals are (1) Reform, Strengthen, and Modernize the Nation's Health Care System, (2) Protect the Health of Americans Where They Live, Learn, Work, and Play, (3) Strengthen the Economic and Social Well-Being of Americans across the Lifespan, (4) Foster Sound, Sustained Advances in Sciences, and (5) Promote Effective and Efficient Management and Stewardship. Each goal is supported by objectives and strategies.

The strategic planning consultation process is an opportunity for the Department to refine and strengthen the HHS Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022. The Department has made significant progress in its strategic and performance planning efforts. As we build on this progress we look forward to receiving your comments by October 26, 2017. The text of the draft HHS Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022 is available through the Department of Health and Human Services Web site at <https://www.hhs.gov/draft-strategic-plan>.

For comparison purposes, the current HHS Strategic Plan FY 2014-2018 can be viewed at <https://www.hhs.gov/about/strategic-plan/index.html>.

For those who may not have Internet access, a hard copy can be requested from the contact point, Sarah Potter, (202) 260-6518.