

**HIV/AIDS, HEPATITIS, STD, & TB ADMINISTRATION (HAHSTA)
Harm Reduction Program: Transgender Health Initiatives
RFA #HAHSTA_HRP 07.24.20**

AMENDMENTS

Page 5-6 The NOFA has been inserted into this RFA.

All other amendments are highlighted in red.

1. Page 12 Remove ~~DC HEALTH Application Profile (Attachment B)~~
2. Page 12 Changed from Workplan Attachment ~~C~~ to Attachment B
3. Page 12 Changed from ~~Budget and Budget Justification~~ Attachment ~~D~~ to Budget Format and Guidance Attachment C
4. Page 12 Changed from Assurances Certifications and Disclosures (Attachment ~~E~~) to Attachment D.
5. Page 14 Changed from ~~Categorical Budget and Budget Narrative~~ to Budget Format and Guidance
6. Page 17-18 Review Process and Funding Decisions Change from

Applications will be reviewed by HAHSTA staff and a panel of reviewers. The applications will be reviewed and scored based on the criteria below. Please review the criteria carefully as it provides guidance on what constitutes a successful application.

Technical Review Panel

The technical review panel will be composed of HAHSTA staff members who will examine each application for application completeness prior to evaluation by external reviewers.

Review Panel

The review panel will score and rank each application and make recommendations for awards. HAHSTA shall make the final funding determinations. Applicants' submissions will be objectively reviewed against the following specific scoring criteria listed above.

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All applications will be reviewed initially for completeness, formatting and eligibility requirements by DC Health personnel prior to being forwarded to the external review panel. Incomplete applications and applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not advance to the external review. Applicants will be notified if the applications did not

meet the eligibility requirements.

External Review Panel

The review panel will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals who have been selected for their unique experiences in human services, public health nutrition, health program planning and evaluation, and social services planning and implementation.

The panel will review, score and rank each applicant's proposal based on the criteria outlined in the RFA. Individual panel members are required to provide a summary of strengths and weaknesses found in the application.

Internal Review Panel

DC Health program managers will review the individual and summary recommendations of the external review panel and make recommendations for awards. Program Managers will weigh the results of the review panel against other internal and external factors in making the final funding determinations. Those factors will include minimally a past performance review, risk assessment as required in the RFA.

In this phase of the review process, DC Health reserves the right to request clarifying supplemental information from applicants and request on-site pre-decisional reviews for those applicants being considered for award. Any request for supplemental information or on-site visits is not a commitment by DC Health to fund the applicant.

The internal review panel prepares and submits a formal recommendation of prospective awardees, funding levels and service/activities to the DC Health Director for signature. The DC Health Office of Grants Management is responsible for certifying that all District rules and standards were followed for the RFA process.

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