

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)
HIV/AIDS, HEPATITIS, STD & TB ADMINISTRATION (HAHSTA)**

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
RFA #HAHSTA_RWPS073115**

Psychosocial Support Services for Transgender Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration (HAHSTA) is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to provide psychosocial support services to indigent, uninsured and under-insured transgender persons who are living with HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA).¹

Approximately **\$90,000** is expected to become available for up to two awards. Funds are made available through a grant received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Resources and Services Administration, (H89HA00012) and authorized by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.² All awards are contingent upon the continued availability of funds.

All providers must be located in the EMA. Eligible applicants are public or nonprofit private entities or private for-profit entities (only if evidence is provided that the providers are the only organization able to provide the requested service).

Psychosocial Support Services are support and counseling activities offered via support groups for transgender individuals living with HIV in the DC EMA. Support group services can be led or co-led by peer-facilitators. Services will be provided to individuals to help them successfully deal with the daily stressors of life that may impact their engagement with medical care.

Programs are expected to begin on or about October 1, 2015 for a period of five months.³ Funding for one option year may be available based on performance and funding availability.

The Request for Application (RFA) **release date is Friday, July 31, 2015**. The RFA will be available on the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services, District Grants Clearinghouse website, <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>. It will also be available for pick up at the HAHSTA offices located at 899 North Capitol Street NE, 4th floor. **Government-issued identification is required for access.**

The Pre-Application Conference will be held on **Wednesday, August 5, 2014 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** at 899 North Capitol St. NE, 4th floor, Washington, DC.

The submission deadline for RFA #HAHSTA_RWPS073115 is 4:45 pm Monday, August 31, 2015. Proposals not delivered by this deadline will not be considered for funding. Please contact **T’Wana Holmes at (202) 671-4900** for additional information.

¹ The EMA is comprised of the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia and Jefferson and Berkeley counties in West Virginia.

² Pub. L. No. 111-87, 123 Stat. 2885.

³ Funding for the first year will be prorated to the five-month period.