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Contracting Opportunity

Title: Solicitation of Interest (SOI) #20164 – Assets Coming Together for Youth: Center for Community Action on Adolescent Health (ACT CCA) Program

Agency: Health, NYS Dept. of

Division: Division of Family Health

Contract Number: TBD

Contract Term: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2027

Date of Issue: 08/05/2022

Due Date/Time: 08/26/2022 4:00 PM

County(ies): All NYS counties

Classification(s): Miscellaneous - *Consulting & Other Services*

Opportunity Type: Grant or notice of funds availability

Description: I. Overview

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Women, Infant, and Adolescent Health (BWIAH) announces the availability of funds for a five-year award to promote a standard of excellence among community-based and clinical BWIAH programs through the provision of training, technical assistance (TA), evaluation, quality improvement, and subject matter expertise. Funding will support one Assets Coming Together for Youth: Center for Community Action on Adolescent Health (ACT CCA) contract to promote a standard of excellence among community-based adolescent sexual health and other adolescent health programs.

Through its various community-based and clinical programs, and partnerships with state and local stakeholders, BWIAH aims to prevent adverse health conditions and promote health and wellness for youth by:

- Ensuring the availability of person-centered reproductive and sexual health services as part of a reproductive justice framework that emphasizes the basic human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, and make informed choices about sexual, physical and mental health.
- Improving adolescent health outcomes.
- Reducing sexual violence against individuals by promoting safe and healthy relationships and communities.

The ability to achieve one's full health and wellness potential can be impacted by a wide range of factors beyond the control of an individual. Among those factors are legal and structural systems within the United States which were historically designed to disadvantage racial and ethnic minorities. The systems, rooted in racism,

classism, and sexism, continue to manifest in disparate health outcomes experienced by Black people, and other racial and ethnic minority groups. These health outcomes are also impacted by social determinants of health - the conditions in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age - and include factors like socioeconomic status, access to education, community environment, employment, social supports, and access to health services.^[1] Inequities among one or more of these determinants can have significant impact on the health outcomes of individuals and entire communities. To effectively improve health outcomes for individuals and families, it is important to look at both disparities and social determinants of health to identify and address the root causes (i.e., racism, classism, and sexism).

II. Eligibility

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must meet all the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- A not-for-profit academic, research, and/or educational/training organization; teaching hospital/medical center; or public/social policy organization located in New York State.
- Have a minimum of three (3) years of experience providing training and technical assistance to community-based organizations.
- Have experience publishing research findings and presenting relevant subject matter to a national audience.
- Have experience with and in-depth knowledge of youth development principles and practices.
- Have experience collaborating with adolescent medical experts to provide professional educational opportunities.
- Have experience in statewide coverage providing in-person training and site visits in the Metropolitan New York City area as well as upstate New York, as an organization or through sub-contractual relationships.

Expectations of ACT CCA

The ACT CCA will play a critical role in ensuring NYSDOH adolescent health programs are provided with the training, TA, and resources needed to implement program strategies and services that achieve intended outcomes. Funding is provided to promote positive adolescent sexual health outcomes in priority communities through outreach to community-based and clinical adolescent-serving providers (Providers) as well as the following NYSDOH Programs (Programs):

Adolescent Health Programs:

- **Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP)** - Forty-six (46) community projects that serve 10 to 21-year-olds throughout NYS by providing evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education, access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, adult preparation support, and community coordination.
- **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)** - Seven (7) community projects associated with the Federal PREP funding that also provide evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education, access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, adult preparation support, and community

coordination.

- **Title V Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (SRAE)** - Twelve (12) community projects, that serve youth ages 10 to 13 years old residing in priority populations and communities by providing evidence-based education, adult-supervised programs, and parenting education as innovative strategies to promote abstinence from sexual activity and support a healthy transition to adolescence among early adolescent youth.

III. Funding

Funding will support one (1) ACT CCA contract for five (5) years to provide training, TA, evaluation, and data collection support to community-based adolescent sexual health and other adolescent health programs, and subject matter expertise to BWIAH, its programs, and other adolescent-serving providers. The ACT CCA will support NYSDOH programs in building comprehensive service systems for adolescents including access to confidential sexual and reproductive health services and delivery of evidence-based programming to improve adolescent health and well-being with a strong focus on positive youth development.

Funding for this project is contingent on the availability of State funds and the number of eligible applicants that respond to the advertisement. Available funding to support this initiative will be limited to the amount(s) appropriate in the enacted State Fiscal Year budgets for this purpose. **This advertisement is not a guarantee or promise of funding.**

The Department reserves the right to withdraw this solicitation and/or issue a competitive procurement for this project if the number of interested and eligible parties exceed that which can be reasonably accommodated by available funds.

IV. How to Apply

To apply for participation in the ACT CCA Program 2023-2027 contract period, applications must be received by August 26, 2022. Applications must include the following:

- Document 1 - Application Form (located in Document tab);
- Description of experience providing training and technical assistance to community-based organizations, including key research/evaluation accomplishments and dates (one page);
- Description of experience publishing research findings and presenting relevant subject matter to a national audience, including key research/evaluation accomplishments and dates (one page);
- Description of experience with and in-depth knowledge of youth development principles and practices, including key research/evaluation accomplishments and dates (one page);
- Description of experience collaborating with adolescent medical experts to provide professional educational opportunities, including key research/evaluation accomplishments and dates (one page); and
- Staffing plan or existing contractual agreement(s) demonstrating statewide coverage of in-person training and site visits in the Metropolitan New York City area as well as upstate NYS.

Applications are to be submitted to: adolescenthealthunit@health.ny.gov, with the

subject line “SOI #20164 Assets Coming Together for Youth: Center for Community Action on Adolescent Health Program Application”.

[1] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Social Determinants of Health. <https://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/>

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Set Aside: No

Minority Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 0%

Women Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 0%

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Cornell University, Contract #C33137GG, 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2022

Contact Information

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Documents

Supporting document shown below:

The following supporting documents are available for download:

Document title	Description	Type
Application Form	Document 1 must be submitted with application.	docx

To download these documents, please visit the New York State Contract Reporter website: <http://www.nyscr.ny.gov>

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