



Enhanced Distribution of Safer Sex Products Among Communities Disproportionately Impacted by HIV in New York City

Request for Proposals (RFP)
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The mission of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (BHIV) in the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is to reduce the incidence of HIV infection in NYC and improve the health of residents living with HIV. This mission aligns with the New York State (NYS) Blueprint to End the Epidemic (EtE) of HIV and AIDS which aims to decrease new HIV infections to below 750 in NYS and 600 in NYC by 2020.

The NYC DOHMH promotes a combination HIV prevention approach. When offered alongside behavioral and structural interventions (e.g., counseling, education), safer sex products and antiretroviral medications serve as complementary and highly effective prevention interventions. Antiretroviral medicines can effectively eliminate the risk of sexual transmission of HIV. Used in combination with antiretroviral medicines, condoms are a fundamental components of a sexual health toolkit that contributes to the prevention of HIV and STI transmission as well as unintended pregnancies.

Through this service category, BHIV aims to 1) increase the availability, accessibility, and acceptability of safer sex products among priority populations; and 2) normalize condom use among sexually active New Yorkers across the five boroughs, thereby decreasing stigma. To implement these aims, awarded organizations are expected to:

1. Develop and maintain a network of 140-160 active non-traditional sites (e.g., barbershops, bodegas, etc.) in high priority ZIP codes (identified in Tables 1 and 2) to distribute safer sex products to their patrons;
2. Visit all non-traditional sites monthly to refill the venues' product and quarterly to conduct spot checks; and
3. Distribute safer sex products to members of the priority populations at venues and/or locations they frequent.

Contract Awards

BronxCare Health System
Diaspora Community Services
Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc
The Long Island Gay Lesbian Bisexual & Transgender Health & Human Services Network, Inc dba LGBT Network