

HAB: Ryan White HIV Part A HIV/AIDS Program Part A
Emergency Relief Grant
Objective Review Committee Final Summary Statement

Score: 99

Application Number: 134128

Application Name: COUNTY OF MARICOPA

State: AZ City: Phoenix

NEED

Criterion 1.1: Jurisdictional Profile

Strength:

The application contains an HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Table and a Demographic Table that uses the most recent data available and clearly cites sources of data.

The applicant organization provides a thorough discussion of the epidemiological profile of the EMA.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.2: HIV Care Continuum FY 2016

Strength:

The application evidences a thorough understanding of the HIV epidemic for the jurisdiction by table and by narrative.

The applicant organization provides a clear discussion about how they have taken steps to decrease the linkage to care timeframe from 58 days to 26 days.

The applicant organization thoroughly outlines how it has overcome barriers to data collection through collaborative efforts that not only focus on strengthening the HIV Care Continuum but reduce the administrative burden on clients and sub-recipients.

Weakness:

None

Demonstrated Need

EIIHA

Criterion 1.3.1.1: EIIHA Data

Strength:

The application provides a complete and comprehensive chart of diagnosed positive HIV test events.

The application provides comprehensive and complete data in chart and narrative form for the three target populations.

The application provides clear evidence of routine testing paired with early intervention. Since implementation of this EIIHA strategy, the number of screening tests has increased by about 40,000 annually.

The applicant organization provides EIIHA Data tables that are thorough and cited.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.3.1.2: FY16 EIIHA Plan

Strength:

The application clearly contains outcomes that will be achieved for the target populations as a result of implementing the EIIHA Plan activities.

The applicant organization provides a clear outline of the target populations for the EIIHA plan that includes rationale for the selection of each population.

The applicant organization provides a thorough discussion of their EIIHA Plan that outlines its comprehensive activities and collaborative efforts.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.3.2: Unmet Need

Strength:

The applicant organization provides a thorough discussion of its unmet need framework with a detailed outline of how the calculation has changed and how they will continue to address the need.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.3.3: Service Gaps

Strength:

In Table 10, the applicant organization provides a detailed outline of the service gaps in the EMA and how they will use RWPA funds to address these gaps.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.3.4: Minority AIDS Initiative

Strength:

The application clearly identifies minority populations based on data presented in the epidemiology table and narrative.

The application clearly identifies the impact of MAI funded programs on barrier reduction and improving health outcomes.

The applicant organization clearly identifies the need for culturally and linguistically appropriate services to the refugee population in the EMA by identifying and providing MAI funds to the Refugee Women's Health Clinic.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 1.3.5: Special Pops and Complexity of Providing Care

Strength:

The application thoroughly demonstrates an understanding of the disproportionate impact on emerging populations.

The application contains an excellent narrative and chart on the impact of co-morbidities and co-factors and on the cost and complexity of care.

The application clearly describes how peer mentors provide an especially useful intervention for undocumented residents who fear deportation, and who are young.

Weakness:

None

RESPONSE

Planning and Resource Allocation

Criterion 2.1.1: Strength of the Community Input Process

Strength:

The applicant organization clearly describes the use of the Planning Council's Guiding Principles for Decision Making and Phoenix EMA's 2012-2015 Comprehensive Plan in the development of their decision making process.

The applicant organization provides a robust discussion of its community input process for priority setting, and funds allocation.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 2.1.2: The Letter of Assurance of Concurrence Signed...

Strength:

The letter of assurance from the planning council contains all required information.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 2.1.3: Coordination of Services Funding Streams

Strength:

The applicant organization provides a detailed Attachment 7 outlining how funding streams are coordinated to ensure ongoing service provision.

Weakness:

None

Funding for Core and Support Services

Criterion 2.2.1: FY 2016 Service Category Plan (Attach 8)

Strength:

The application contains a thorough and clear chart on its Service Category Plan.

The applicant organization clearly states how the expansion of Medicaid/Medicare and Healthcare Marketplace has helped to increase the availability of RWPA funds, thus allowing the EMA to increase funding other core and support services.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 2.2.2: Allocation Table

Strength:

The application contains a clear and thorough Allocation Table.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 2.3: Resolution of Challenges

Strength:

The applicant organization presents well organized approaches to resolve challenges and barriers.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 3: EVALUATIVE MEASURES

Strength:

The application evidences a solid infrastructure for the CQM program.

The application evidences strong performance measures.

Table 16 in the application provides a comprehensive crosswalk between HAB/HHS performance measures and their relation to the EMA's HIV Care Continuum.

Weakness:

None

IMPACT

Criterion 4.1: Impact of Affordable Care Act

Strength:

The application evidences a thorough understanding of the impact of insurance expansion, outreach and enrollment, marketplace options, and successes and outcomes.

The applicant organization clearly discusses how the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the subsequent expansion of Medicaid and the development of the Marketplace have allowed them to refund services that were previously defunded.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 4.2: Impact and Response to Reduction in RW HIV/AIDS Program

Strength:

The applicant organization has not experienced a reduction in funds.

Weakness:

None

RESOURCES/CAPABILITIES

Criterion 5.1: Grant Admin/Program Organization

Strength:

The application demonstrates a strong capacity for administration as evidenced by staff FTEs and fiscal management experience.

The applicant organization demonstrates a complex grants administration structure that ensures thorough oversight of RWPA funds.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 5.2: Grant Admin/Recipient and Subrecipient Accountability

Strength:

The application evidences a strong monitoring plan as well as a strong corrective action plan.

The applicant organization has a thorough oversight process for sub-recipients that includes site visits and fiscal management.

Weakness:

None

Criterion 5.3: Fiscal Oversight

Strength:

The application demonstrates a strong fiscal staff with a sound oversight plan.

Weakness:

None

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Criterion 6: SUPPORT REQUESTED

Strength:

The application contains a detailed budget and budget narrative.

The applicant organization provides a thorough budget narrative.

Weakness:

None