TO: BUMC Faculty
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SUBJECT: HRSA- Enhancing Engagement of People with HIV through Organizational Capacity Development and Leadership Training (E2tDLT) Program

OBJECTIVES: The Enhancing Engagement of People with HIV through Organizational Capacity Development and Leadership Training (E2tDLT) program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Under this program HRSA will fund an organization to provide training and technical assistance (TA) to support leadership development and enhance community engagement for people with HIV in health care planning and programs.

The program also focuses on improving organizational readiness and strengthening the capacity of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients and sub recipients to employ people with HIV. Funding for this program will be awarded through a cooperative agreement. The Enhancing Engagement of People with HIV through Organizational Capacity Development and Leadership Training (E2tDLT) builds on existing HRSA program curricula and resources to enhance leadership skills, community engagement, and organizational readiness to employ people with HIV. These existing programs include: the Building Leaders of Color (BLOC), the Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation (CQII) Training Consumers in Quality Plus, Improving Access to Care: Using Community Health Workers to Improve Linkage and Retention in Care (Among People of Color), Planning Community HIV/AIDS TA and Training (CHATT), and Access, Care, and Engagement (ACE) Technical Assistance (TA) Center’s health literacy. The Enhancing Engagement of People with HIV through Organizational Capacity Development and Leadership Training (E2tDLT) program aims to leverage the knowledge base of these existing programs to achieve the following program objectives:

- Increase leadership, representation, and engagement of people with HIV in RWHAP planning, development, implementation, and clinical quality management activities;
- Develop skills and support knowledge transfer through peer coaching for people with HIV;
- Support organizational readiness to employ people with HIV in RWHAP recipient and sub recipient organizations.

The cooperative agreement activities should be offered through various modalities of training and TA to support people with HIV, RWHAP recipients, and sub recipients with the overall goal of enhancing leadership development, community engagement, and organizational readiness to employ and support people with HIV in RWHAP health care planning and treatment and support services programs. The types of training and TA activities, expanded later in this announcement, are:

A. Training for people with HIV in leadership and community engagement;
B. Peer coaching for people with HIV and RWHAP recipients and sub recipients;
C. Virtual support to RWHAP recipients and sub recipients to enhance organizational readiness to employ and support people with HIV as part of the HIV workforce.

Training and TA provided under this cooperative agreement must utilize or enhance existing curricula and resources. Unless identified as a gap in the existing training curricula and resources, funding may not be used to develop new curricula.
**FUNDING INFORMATION:** $800,000.

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** BUMC Interested investigators should submit the following materials via InfoReady Review by Monday, Feb. 10, 2020. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project including how the proposed program will recruit and the curricula to be used;
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project
- Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**
- **Internal Deadline:** Monday, Feb. 10
- **Sponsor Deadlines:** Tuesday, March 10

In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](mailto:).