**Boston University Medical Campus**

**LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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<td>SUBJECT:</td>
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**OBJECTIVES:** The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) [Quality Improvement Solutions for Sustained Epidemic Control Project (QISSEC)](https://www.hrsa.gov) program is to facilitate improvements in quality across the HIV care continuum at the facility level (defined as the location where persons diagnosed with HIV receive care and treatment), and to support dissemination and spread of these improvements to other facilities and implementing partners in low to middle-income countries (LMIC), supported by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This funding opportunity will fund two cooperative agreements in support of the PEPFAR focus on the management of evidence-informed interventions for scale up and spread.

The successful applicant will facilitate solutions for long-term change management approaches and sustainability of quality improvement activity. The QISSEC shall focus on developing innovative strategies to improve the delivery of HIV quality care and treatment for use by facilities that serve the most vulnerable individuals in PEPFAR-supported LMICs. Using quality improvement methodologies, tools, and techniques, the project will identify gaps in service delivery, and develop culturally and medically appropriate, sustainable interventions targeted to PEPFAR identified vulnerable and key populations.

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** up to $20,000,000.

**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](https://www.hrsa.gov)
- A letter of recommendation from the appropriate department chair or dean
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their achievements and proposed project including a clear description of facility plans/upgrades and their impact;
- 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: Friday, March 27
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.