

## HIV Prevention Behavioral Assessments Project RFP

The purpose of this project is to provide technical assistance for the collection of behavioral data at public events targeted to groups not traditionally reached by behavioral surveillance activities. The events will be eligible for the purpose of collecting behavioral data are community gay pride events in small cities that attract men who have sex with men (MSM).

The goal of the Rapid Behavioral Assessment, a portion of the Behavioral Assessment Project, is to collect behavioral data from MSM attending Gay Pride events in areas with low HIV morbidity. The Rapid Behavioral Assessments consist of a brief behavioral survey administered with a handheld computer. Survey topics include demographic characteristics, sexual behavior, drug use, HIV testing, STD diagnosis, and an assessment of prevention services. Eligible events would take place in a city or state where the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance project is not being conducted (i.e., the following states and territories are not eligible for participation: CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, NJ, NV, NY, PA, Puerto Rico, TX, VA, WA, and Washington DC). Sites wishing to participate in this portion of the project must be health department sites. CDC will provide a coordinator and data manager to the site. The CDC team will provide the health department with technical assistance prior to and during the Rapid Behavioral Assessment event. The CDC team will also train the interviewers, develop the survey instrument, and furnish the handheld computers. The health department will have primary responsibility for coordinating the Rapid Behavioral Assessments with their pride committee, recruiting volunteer interviewers, and obtaining booth supplies. In addition, the site will host one day of training prior to the community gay pride event.

Sites applying for any portion of the Behavioral Assessments Project must provide a two-page application including the name, date, location and expected duration of the event(s) for which you plan to conduct project activities. (See the accompanying Budget Request Letter for mailing address and additional instructions.) Eligible events are those that have a start date no sooner than June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. All applications must be received by May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. US Conference of Mayors will fund up to three events at \$3,000 each. Organizations interested in conducting activities without funding may submit requests for technical assistance.

Sites must complete the activities checklist which must be sent in with the application. Preference will be given to sites that have a working knowledge and/or experience working with the event(s).

For questions regarding the award process, applicants may contact Larry Tate at the U.S. Conference of Mayors at 202-861-6751 or [ltate@usmayors.org](mailto:ltate@usmayors.org). For technical assistance questions, applicants may contact our partners at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Elin Begley at 404-639-5175 or [EBegley@cdc.gov](mailto:EBegley@cdc.gov) or Diedra Green at 404-639-6148 or [DDGreen@cdc.gov](mailto:DDGreen@cdc.gov).