Prospective Applicant Webinar:

Collaborative HIV/AIDS Policy Research Center Award

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CHRP Program Overview



Grants Activities

- Emphasis on innovative research that does not duplicate research elsewhere
- Emphasis on collaboration (also cross-sector)
- Emphasis on leverage of grant funds
- Emphasis on the California epidemic

Note that a new strategic plan covering the next four years has been released.



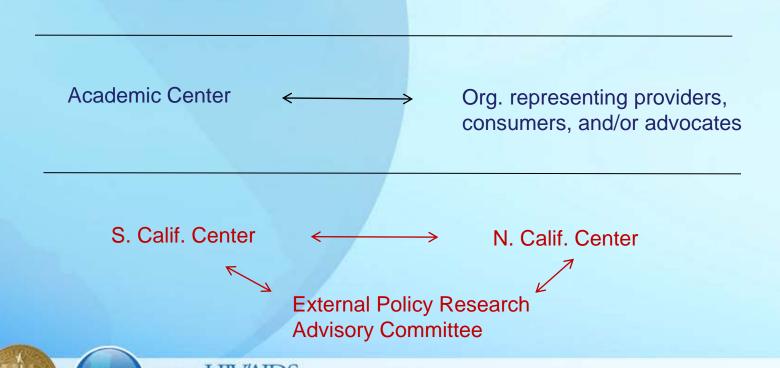
Call for Applications Overview

- Overview of award mechanism
 - Multi-disciplinary teams of investigators partnered with providers, consumers, and advocates.
 - Policy research on important and timely issues.
 - Strengthen local, state, and national policy.
 - Studies that examine access, availability, cost, quality, delivery, organization, policy and/or financing.



Call for Applications Overview

- Intent of award mechanism
 - One each in N. California and S. California
 - Cross-sector collaboration



Overview (cont.)

- Research Studies:
 - Longer-Term
 - Rapid-Response
- External Policy Research Advisory Committee



Award Amount, Duration, and Requirements

- Fund two collaborative research centers of up to \$500,000 in direct costs per year for four years.
- Indirect Costs. Up to 25% for non-University of California Applicants.
- Minimum of 25% for Rapid Response Research Studies.
- One institution takes the lead in preparing and submitting application materials, including the LOI.
- Option of separately receiving funds.
- Principal Investigators.
 - Academic PI status at a non-profit California research institution
 - Service/Advocacy Org executive, program or project director
 - Minimum 1.2 person months per 12 months



Merit Review Criteria

- The degree to which the proposal directly responds to applied HIV policy issues in California;
- Qualifications of the investigators and capacity and experience of the participating institutions to carry out the research;
- The feasibility of identifying issues, research design and methods, dissemination of findings, and evaluation of the impact of the rapid response policy research mechanism and its effectiveness in addressing policy issues likely to emerge during the course of the project duration;
- Identification of the research problem(s) and specific aims of the longer-term policy research projects, including the rationale, research design and methods, plan of analysis, dissemination of findings, and the extent to which the results will contribute to advancing systems of HIV/AIDS prevention and care in California;

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Merit Review Criteria Cont.

- The extent to which the participating institutions have complementary and substantive roles in the proposed research and appear to have collaborated in the preliminary studies/activities and planning for the proposed studies;
- The extent to which plans for the collaboration of both Policy Research Centers will strengthen research efforts;
- The contribution that the proposed external Advisory committee would make regarding policy research and dissemination; and
- Reasonableness of the proposed budget and duration of the project in relation to the proposed research and Center activities.



The Research Grant Programs Office Contracts and Grants Unit

- Created February 1, 2011
- C and G works in collaboration with multiple research programs, including CHRP.
- C and G serves as the interface on procedural and administrative aspects of your application and the preparation and submission process
- C and G contact info: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu; 510-987-9386



Letters of Intent

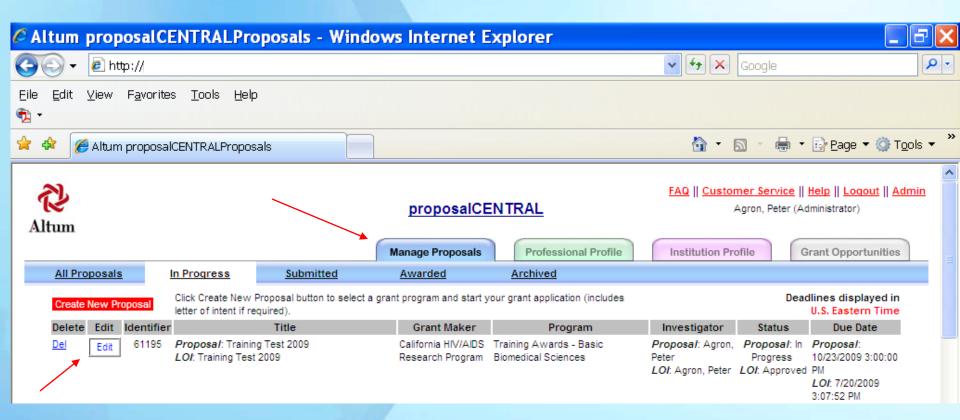
- Required as a prerequisite for all applications
 - a. Information is entered on-line
 - b. Letter of Intent Narrative
 - Prepared off-line according to the instructions
 - •PIs, institutions, subcontractors, and research capabilities
 - Rolling approvals: get it in early (& before noon Tuesday, October 11)
 - c. Reviewed by CHRP for eligibility

TIPS:

- Follow the instructions and guidelines, use template provided
- For submission on proposalCENTRAL, Applicant must initiate the LOI, then can enable access by others
- Recommend that Applicant provide access to collaborator(s) on proposalCENTRAL



From Approved LOI to Application:



LOI Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 11th, before noon Pacific Time



Application

- LOI approval required for access to application.
- Study section.
- Would it be acceptable for two distinct applications to coordinate a list of potential Advisory Committee members and to each propose the same list?
- Budget Issues
 - Both institutions provide 'Detailed Budget and Budget Justification' forms
 - 25% Minimum of Direct Costs for Rapid Response Studies
 - Travel Combined Direct Costs



Important Dates

- October 11, 2011: LOI due before noon, Pacific Time.
- November 17, 2011: Applications due before noon, Pacific Time.
- March 2012: Funding notification
- April 1, 2012: Award start date



Contacts

To obtain Technical Support for **proposalCENTRAL**, contact:

Phone: 800-875-2562, weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time

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Questions

