DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F; AIDS Education and Training Centers;

National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform: Technology Operations and Maintenance Project

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of supplemental award.

SUMMARY: HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau will award $100,000 in supplemental funding to the University of Washington to support the AIDS Education and Training Centers’ (AETC) National HIV Curriculum (NHC) e-Learning Platform: Technology Operations and Maintenance project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and, pending the availability of funds, in each succeeding year of the project’s period of performance. This supplemental funding will enable the recipient to implement technological enhancements to the NHC e-Learning Platform to increase access and improve efficiency of new online training modules and learning activities that respond to specific needs, as identified, by Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America (EHE) initiative jurisdictions. These system enhancements will help increase the number of health professionals that have access to state of the art HIV treatment interventions and protocols.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Amount of Award: $100,000 is available in FY 2020.

Project Period: March 1, 2020 – August 31, 2022

CFDA Number: 93.145

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 300ff-111(a) (section 2692(a) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act), 42 U.S.C. 300ff-121 (section 2693 of the PHS Act), and Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94).

Justification: The University of Washington currently manages the e-Learning platform, which hosts the AETC’s web-based NHC. The NHC e-Learning Platform provides state of the art HIV care training and resources to providers nation-wide. With additional supplemental funding, the University of Washington will strengthen the existing capacity of the e-Learning platform to ensure that additional, up-to-date HIV treatment resources and information are available, with a special focus on jurisdictions targeted by the EHE initiative.

The supplemental award will enable the recipient to leverage its existing infrastructure to meet the learning needs of the HIV workforce in EHE designated areas. The recipient will be able to enhance and maintain an e-Learning Platform that provides a valuable and accessible tool designed to strengthen the skills and knowledge base of professionals that care for people with or
at risk for HIV. In addition, supplemental funding will allow this recipient to ensure that providers in EHE target areas are aware of the National HIV Curriculum and know how to access and use it. Expanding the availability of state-of-the-art HIV care and treatment training resources will help prepare for the projected increase in demand for well-trained HIV care professionals as a result of the EHE rollout. This award recipient has the demonstrated expertise and scalable experience required to swiftly address these time-sensitive training and technical assistance needs.

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