Sponsor: Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Program: Increase Access to Care for Black Men Who Have Sex with Men RFA-PS-16-004  
Estimated Award Amount: $1,500,000 over 3 years  
JHU Nomination Limit: 1 total  
For more detailed information: [CDC Access to Care](#)

Under this FOA, applicant organizations will implement a structural intervention to remove an obstacle to health care access: lack of health insurance. Applicant organizations will implement and evaluate provision of an in-person assistance intervention to help black MSM clients, age 18 and older, regardless of their HIV status, to enroll as policy holders in health insurance or Medicaid according to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) at the end of their HIV testing session (7). The intervention aligns with the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) emphasis on application of behavioral insights (8,9). Behavioral insights are used to restructure the context in which health-related decision-making occurs in order to promote the selection of beneficial options. Enrollment assistance changes choice context by improving the convenience of the enrollment process, reducing anxiety about making mistakes, providing guidance on choice of insurance plans, and reducing clients’ time costs, because health insurance enrollment is combined with another activity (HIV testing).

The goals of this FOA are to design and implement an in-person assistance intervention and to evaluate the effects of the intervention on insurance uptake, insurance coverage, and rates of linkage to, and retention in, HIV-related health care (i.e., HIV treatment, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP]) and other associated health services (e.g., mental health counseling, substance use treatment) among black MSM age 18 or older. Intervention cost-benefit will also be assessed.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- The PI from the applying organization must have at least two years of experience delivering HIV-related services targeted to black MSM and this should be evident in the PI’s biosketch, included as part of the application.
- Proposal should propose partnering with more than one type of community-based organization (CBO) to demonstrate the ability to evaluate different ways to implement the intervention.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should send the following documents in sequence in one PDF to resapp@jhu.edu no later than 4 p.m. on January 11, 2016:

1. **JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet**
2. Abstract (one page, double-spaced)
3. Proposal (maximum of four pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)  
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material should not be included as text)
4. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications  
5. Budget (two pages maximum)
6. Letter of Recommendation from the Department Chair/Director: Letters of Recommendation can be submitted separately to resapp@jhu.edu stating applicant’s name in the subject line)

Each applicant should expect to receive a confirmation of receipt of their materials. If an applicant does not receive an acknowledgement, or has any questions, please contact Charles Bartunek via resapp@jhu.edu.