Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Program: Improving Access to Care: Using Community Health Workers to Improve Linkage and Retention in HIV Care
Estimated Award Amount: up to $6,000,000 over 3 years
JHU Nomination Limit: 1
For more detailed information: HRSA CHW HIV

This award will support a single organization to serve as the Technical Assistance and Evaluation Center (TAEC) for a new initiative entitled “Improving Access to Care: Using Community Health Workers to Improve Linkage and Retention in HIV Care.” The goal of this cooperative agreement is to increase the utilization of community health workers (CHW) to improve access to, and retention in, health care; and to improve health outcomes for people living with HIV (PLWH) by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthier communities, and achieving health equity among racial and ethnic minority populations. The project will focus on assisting HIV medical care provider sites, particularly those funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by providing support needed to integrate CHWs into an HIV multidisciplinary team model through training, direct technical assistance, and collaborative learning sessions.

The TAEC will provide three levels of training and/or technical assistance (TA): Direct TA, Webinars/Webcasts, and Learning Collaboratives. Direct TA will be provided to up to 10 RWHAP medical provider sites serving racial/ethnic minority populations in geographic locations with low rates of retention and/or viral suppression as reported in the 2014 Ryan White Services Report (RSR). The selected sites will also receive a subaward to support the development and implementation of their CHW program. The sites will be required to demonstrate need, interest, and capacity to sustain a CHW program both during and after the project, and to fully cooperate with the TAEC in the multi-site evaluation.

HRSA will hold an optional informational webinar on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Please see the FOA for connection information.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- There are no restrictions on who may serve as the principal investigator.
- TAECs will be responsible for identifying the RWHAP medical provider sites to receive both the Direct TA and a subaward, as well as for administering the subawards.

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 June 7, 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 the 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 Brittany McMahon via resapp@jhu.edu.