

APPLY NOW FOR PARTICIPATION:

The Family Violence Prevention Fund's

***Project Connect: A Coordinated
Public Health Initiative to Prevent
Domestic and Sexual Violence***

Supported by
The Department of Health and Human Services,
Office on Women's Health

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Application for Participation

The Family Violence Prevention Fund together with the Office on Women’s Health is inviting applications to participate in an exciting multi-year, multi-state initiative to improve health and safety of women and children through violence prevention.

How to Apply:

Please review the enclosed information about *Project Connect: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent Violence Against Women* prior to completing the application. Please submit an application that addresses the questions below:

To: The Family Violence Prevention Fund
 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304
 San Francisco, CA 94103
 Attn: Project Connect Program

With: Contact information for yourself and key collaborators including:
 Name, Title & Organization
 Address
 Phone, Fax & Email address
 Letters of support
 Memorandum of Understanding

By: **February 8, 2010**

We encourage you to partner with other interested parties from your State, Territory or tribe but only one application is needed. Your application should be no more than 10 pages double spaced and single sided *without* the letters of support. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa James at 415-252-8900 ext. 27, lisa@endabuse.org or Keisha Walker (Keisha@endabuse.org) 202-682-1212.

Participating States, Territories or tribes will receive \$100,000 (includes direct and indirect) a year for the first two years. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a 25% match (\$25,000 – can be in-kind) in order to be selected.

Information required in your application:

1. Assess the level of interest and need in your State, locality, Territory or tribe for a public health initiative on violence against women, including a brief description of how you as the applicant want to collaborate with and/or expand any existing initiatives.
2. Under each of the following categories, please describe your vision, measurable goals and objectives for your State, Territory or tribe for how to integrate domestic and sexual violence and coercion prevention and response into at least two programs from the four areas

described below (family planning, home visitation, adolescent health programs and other maternal child health/perinatal programs). Please describe the capacity you and your potential leadership team members have to do so. Under each category, please address how you plan to integrate the needs and opinions of underserved communities:

- Public Health: Local and statewide strategies to integrate responses to domestic and sexual violence education into public health programs including: family planning programs, home visitation programs, other maternal and child health programs and adolescent health programs.
- Provider Education: Mechanisms to ensure that health care providers in your public health programs receive regular and on-going training on the impact of domestic and sexual violence and coercion on health and how to assess and respond in specific settings.
- Patient Education: Promoting education for patients accessing those services about the connection between domestic and sexual violence and their health.
- Improve Data Collection: Strengthen strategies to improve data collection and monitoring of the prevalence and health impact of violence and reproductive coercion in your state.
- Offering basic primary care, reproductive and preventive health services such as education on healthy behaviors and self care management of chronic health issues in domestic and sexual violence programs: Providing health services on site in domestic and sexual violence programs to promote women's health and safety.
- Policy Reform: Promoting legislative and administrative policies and funding sources that support assessment of and coordinated responses to victims of abuse.

Please select two programs from the list below that you would chose to target in your State, Territory or tribe and explain why. You must select *at least* two:

- Family Planning
- Home Visitation programs
- Adolescent Health programs
- Other Maternal child health and perinatal programs (please describe)

Please also indicate what domestic and sexual violence programs you target to begin offering primary care and basic reproductive health services as described above and why.

3. Please map out an initial timeline for activities during Years One and Year Two.
4. Please describe your organization's intent and ability to serve as a leader on *Project Connect* and discuss the members as well as the qualifications of your potential leadership team. (See RFP for *Project Connect* description).
5. Please describe any previous collaborative efforts between health, public health and domestic and sexual violence fields. Address any characteristics of your domestic and sexual violence or public health programs that make you uniquely positioned to do this work.
6. Please explain who from your organization or potential leadership team will staff the initiative, their qualifications and how much time will be allotted to the project. **We require**

that at least 50% of a staff person be designated to this project. Please demonstrate your ability to begin this initiative immediately upon acceptance.

7. As mentioned above, States, Territories or tribes will receive \$100,000 for their participation in the project the first year (March-Dec 2010) and must be able to demonstrate a 25% match (\$25,000 – can be in-kind) in order to be selected. Please explain the source of the \$25,000 match and describe any other financial, media, printing, and staff resources or expertise currently available to assist in this project and any resources that might potentially be available from your organization or the core organizations participating. Successful applicants can apply for continued funding of \$100,000 in year Two. Please submit a preliminary budget for years one and two. No other budget information is required at this time. If selected, we will ask you to submit a budget and Action Plan.
8. Please describe any additional resources or contributions you bring to the *Project Connect initiative*, or any other information you feel might be relevant to the project.

Definitions:

Domestic Violence: The term ‘domestic violence’ includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Sexual Assault: The term ‘sexual assault’ means any conduct prescribed by chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code, whether or not the conduct occurs in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or in a Federal prison and includes both assaults committed by offenders who are strangers to the victim and assaults committed by offenders who are known or related by blood or marriage to the victim.

Reproductive Coercion: includes intentionally exposing a partner to sexually transmitted infections (STIs); attempting to impregnate a woman against her will; intentionally interfering with a partner’s birth control, or threatening or acting violent if she does not comply with the perpetrator’s wishes regarding contraception or the decision whether to terminate or continue a pregnancy.

Public Health Programs: For the purposes of this initiative, public health programs include State, local, territorial or tribal department of health programs focused on improving maternal, child and adolescent health including: family planning, perinatal health programs, home visitation programs, STI/HIV prevention programs, adolescent health programs and other related public health programs such as injury prevention.

Selection Criteria:

Grantees will be selected based on history of collaboration between public health and domestic and sexual violence fields, creativity and vision for reform in their State, Territory or tribe and capacity and interest in pursuing a program that is focused primarily on public health initiatives and policy reform. States must have the ability to demonstrate that at every level of program planning, implementation and evaluation they will integrate the needs and opinions of communities of color, lesbian/gay/bi and transgender communities, rural and other often underserved communities. States that have applied to the program but are not selected will be invited to participate in the program and attend all meetings but will not receive any funding to do so.

Letters of Support and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Please include letters of support with your application from the State domestic and sexual violence coalition and representatives from the public health programs you plan to work in, and any other organizations with which you have coordinated this application. The application should include *a least* one MOU indicating a partnership between the lead applicant and either the public health program and/or the domestic and sexual violence prevention programs. Other letters of support from potential members of your leadership team are also welcome. The letter of support and MOU should address the following:

- The organization's intent and ability to serve as a leader on this project and attend quarterly in person meetings at a minimum.
- Any existing or intended efforts of the organization related to health care and domestic and sexual violence.
- Resources that the organization can bring to the initiative such as additional staff time, materials or key contacts, etc.

Timeline for Selection:

Please submit applications no later than **February 8, 2010**. The FVPF will make a preliminary selection of finalists and may conduct phone interviews with potential members of your leadership team during early February. Selected applicants will be contacted by phone no later than February 19th, 2010. **Please note that States, Territories or tribes selected will be asked to send five members to a kick-off meeting tentatively scheduled for March 18/19, 2010 in Washington, DC, and prospective leadership team members should try to keep those dates available.** Travel funds to attend this and all meetings will come out of the \$100,000 awarded to selected sites. Questions about applying to this RFP should be sent to Lisa James (lisa@endabuse.org) or by calling 415-252-8900 ext. 27.

Thank you!