



ILLINOIS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Request For Applications (RFA) – Regional HIV Prevention Projects Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

For Projects July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Applications Due: 9/21/2026 at 5:00 p.m. CT

TA Call: August 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89838302939?pwd=eyteRm6ZmjRjWp880xpWb7m3veE9vy.1>

A. Program Description

Illinois State Government and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allocate grant funds to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide HIV prevention services to Illinois residents at highest risk for transmitting or acquiring HIV Disease. This Request for Applications will select agencies in regions 1 through 7 (Table 1 and map below) to implement the service objectives needed from each region to achieve the Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) PS24-0047 objectives by selecting subgrantees in their respective regions to deliver HIV prevention services. These objectives are compiled by region and by service type in the attached SFY27 Regional Service Plan. This grant will fund a one-year grant cycle, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Illinois HIV Prevention Regional Grant funds are contracted to lead agencies chosen to fund and monitor subgrantees to implement Regional HIV prevention service plans for prioritized highest risk Illinois residents in each region except Region 9, the City of Chicago (see Table 1 and map, pages 2 and 3). IDPH selected HIV Prevention Regional Grant Lead Agencies for Regions 1 through 8 through a competitive application process in July 2026.

Status Neutral Approach

All applicants must apply a status neutral approach, implementing HIV prevention navigation for both HIV-positive and HIV-negative clients. Status neutral is an approach to HIV education, testing and treatment that emphasizes a continuum of care whether someone is found to be HIV negative or positive. The status neutral approach employs HIV testing as a gateway to additional prevention or other services. This approach promotes

the same engagement of priority populations in the provision of HIV prevention and care services regardless of HIV status.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6016418/>

Partners in Care – Regional Prevention Service Roles and Responsibilities:

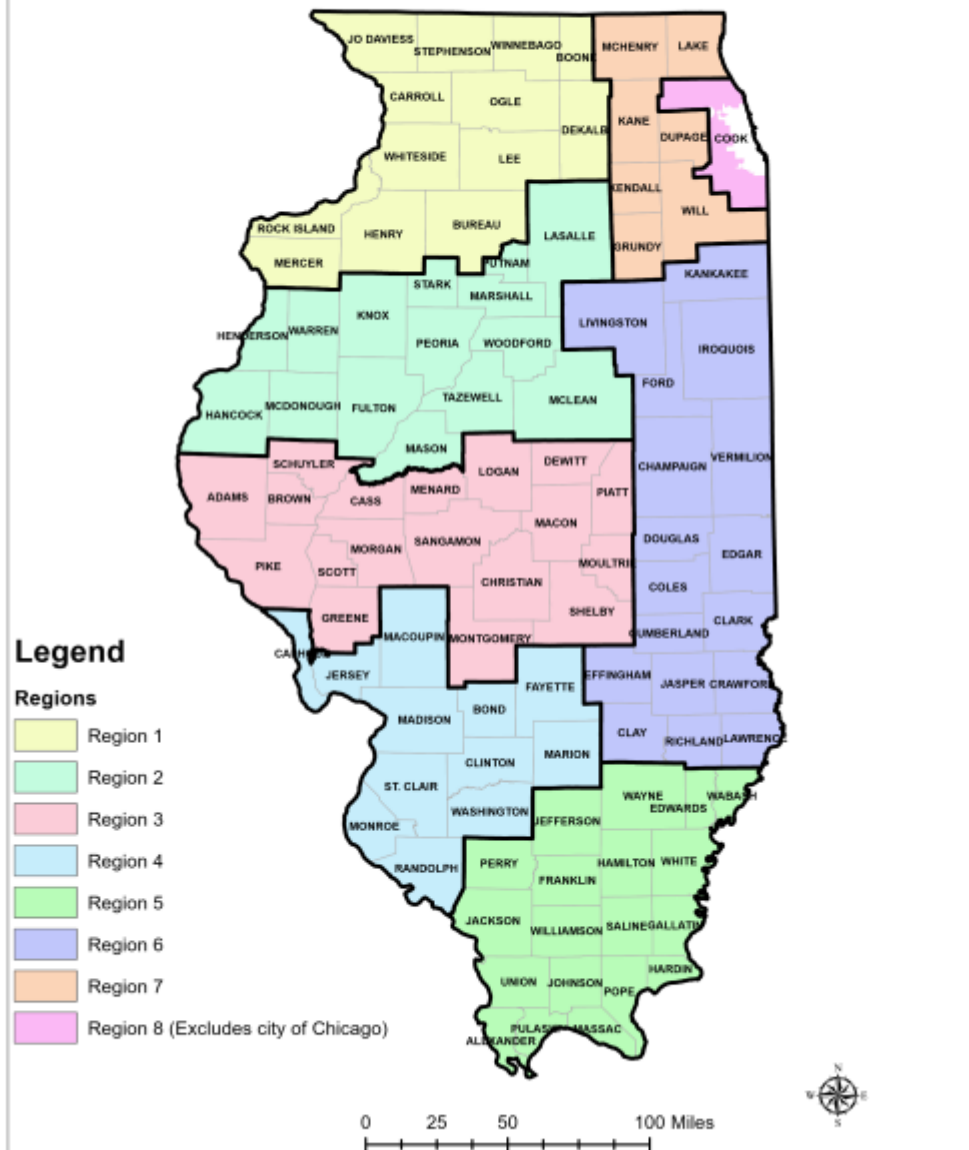
Applicants for Regions 1 through 6 should review the services supported by IDPH through the Ryan

White Part B Lead Agencies grant and describe coordination of prevention services with the services supported under the Ryan White Part B Lead Agency grants. Applicants for Region 7 should carefully review HIV funding recommendations outlined by the Chicagoland HIV Integrated Planning and Action Council (CHIPAC), the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the services supported by the Chicago EMA Ryan White Part A Lead Agent. CHIPAC is the federally mandated Ryan White Planning Council for the Chicago Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA), which includes the City of Chicago and suburban Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties. As the EMA's Ryan White Grantee, CDPH implements CHIPAC priorities. Region 7 applicants are strongly encouraged to describe effective coordination of state prevention services with CDPH-funded care services in suburban Cook and the collar counties.

Table 1. HIV Prevention and Care Regions-Illinois Department of Public Health

Region	Counties
R1 – Northwestern IL	Bureau, Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Henry, Jo Daviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties
R2 – NW Central IL	Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, and Woodford Counties
R3 – West Central IL	Adams, Brown, Cass, Christian, DeWitt, Greene, Logan, Macon, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby Counties
R4 – Southwestern IL	Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington Counties
R5 – Southern IL	Alexander, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White, and Williamson Counties
R6 – East Central IL	Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Ford, Iroquois, Jasper, Kankakee, Lawrence, Livingston, Vermillion, and Richland Counties
R7 – Collar Counties	Du Page, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties
R8 – Suburban Cook	Cook County <i>excluding the City of Chicago</i>

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B. Funding Information

Awards under this Request for Applications (RFA) are expected to be a mix of federal and state funds and shall be contingent both upon availability of and authorization to spend federal PS24-0047 funds and Illinois General Revenue Funds (GRF). Table 2 below shows the expected SFY2027 grant awards by region by funding source. Total regional awards were determined using CY2022-2024 regional HIV incidence and prevalence data.

Program funds in SFY2027 must be allocated in the amounts specified in Table 2 below to implement the Regional Service Plan (RSP). The RSP contains objectives for Risk Reduction Activities, Risk-Based Testing, Surveillance-based Services (SBS), and Condom Distribution. The dollars allocated to each region to deliver these services were calculated using the same HIV incidence and prevalence proportions as above. The RSP is subject to change annually.

Program funds granted for activities directed to Black and Latine men who have sex with men (B/L MSM) in SFY2027 must be allocated in the amounts specified in Table 2 to reimburse for two types of activities, represented by Table Columns 1 and 2:

(1) Hiring and training of individuals accepted as peers within the region's communities of B/L MSM to conduct regional HIV prevention grant-supported services with those communities. Supported training for these peers may include CDC-supported Effective Behavioral and Biomedical High Impact Prevention interventions, protocols for HIV, STI or Viral Hepatitis testing, phlebotomy, and/or engagement strategies for prioritized populations needed to achieve full Regional Service Plan implementation. This funding is intended to increase service proportions delivered to B/L MSM to match the proportion of HIV incidence in each region. B/L MSM Peer hiring/training funds may not support an individual position for longer than 24 months from date of hire.

(2) Increased recruitment and engagement of B/L MSM into Prevention services through the implementation of Social Networking Strategies, Social Media recruitment, and Social Marketing using CDC-developed materials. This funding is intended to increase service proportions delivered to B/LMSM to match the proportion of HIV incidence in each region

Table 2. July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027- Regional Funding for Program Funds by Category (Direct Services)

Region	MSM of Color Peer Staffing	Recruitment of MSM of Color	Risk-Based HIV Testing and Referral Services	Integrated Testing (HCV, GC/CT, and Syphilis)	Risk Reduction Activities: GLI and ILI Person-Sessions	Surveillance Based Services	Monthly Condom Distribution	Total Program Award
Region 1	\$24,227.72	\$28,503.20	\$65,557.35	\$21,377.40	\$32,778.68	\$51,305.75	\$15,676.75	\$239,426.85
Region 2	\$18,627.11	\$21,914.25	\$50,402.77	\$16,435.68	\$25,201.38	\$39,445.64	\$12,052.84	\$184,079.67
Region 3	\$17,598.44	\$20,704.05	\$47,619.31	\$15,528.04	\$23,809.65	\$37,267.29	\$11,387.22	\$173,914.00
Region 4	\$28,270.95	\$33,259.94	\$76,497.85	\$24,944.95	\$38,248.93	\$59,867.88	\$18,292.96	\$279,383.46
Region 5	\$7,486.83	\$8,808.04	\$20,258.49	\$6,606.03	\$10,129.24	\$15,854.47	\$4,844.42	\$73,987.52
Region 6	\$18,093.85	\$21,286.88	\$48,959.83	\$15,965.16	\$24,479.92	\$38,316.39	\$11,707.79	\$178,809.82
Region 7	\$88,621.05	\$104,260.06	\$239,798.14	\$78,195.04	\$119,899.07	\$187,668.11	\$57,343.03	\$875,784.50
Region 8	\$111,574.05	\$131,263.59	\$301,906.26	\$98,447.69	\$150,953.13	\$236,274.47	\$72,194.99	\$1,102,614.18
Regional Totals	\$314,500.00	\$370,000.00	\$851,000.00	\$277,500.00	\$425,500.00	\$666,000.01	\$203,499.99	\$3,108,000.00

RSP objectives are designed to focus HIV prevention services on IDPH SFY2027-2031 Priority Populations, which account for recent Illinois HIV incidence, prevalence, and care continuum data. The most current HIV Prevention Intervention & Strategy Guidance for IDPH HIV Prevention Grantees, subject to change, defines the specific interventions which may be supported by this grant and the applicable performance standards. **(See Interventions and Services Guide and 2027-2031 Priority Populations and Definitions)**

C. Eligibility Information

Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grantees are required to register with the State of Illinois through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website, <https://gata.illinois.gov/>, complete a prequalification process, and be determined "qualified" as described in Section 7000.70. Registration and prequalification is required before an organization can apply for an award.

The entity is "qualified" to be an awardee if it:

1. has an active UEI (Unique Identity ID) number;
2. has an active SAM.gov account;
3. has an acceptable fiscal condition;
4. is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if the Illinois Secretary of State requires the entity's organization type to be registered. Governmental entities, school districts and select religious organizations are not required to be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. Refer to the Illinois Secretary of State Business Services website: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html ;
5. is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List;
6. is not on the SAM.gov Exclusion List;
7. is not on the Sanctioned Party List maintained by HFS

Project Period

The term of the grant will be **July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.**

1. Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Only organizations based within Illinois are eligible to compete for these funds.
- Applicant organizations may be local health departments, community-based organizations, universities, federally qualified health centers, and other not-for-profit organizations, including volunteer or religious organizations, which effectively engage prioritized risk populations particularly racial and ethnic minorities impacted by poverty, current or former users of injection drugs.
- Organizations may apply to deliver services in more than one region; however, a different application must be submitted for each region to be served.

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- Organizations may apply to provide services outside of the Illinois Region in which they are based (e.g., an agency based in Region 1 could apply for Region 6 funds to provide services at Region 6 locations.) However, funding decisions may consider travel costs (e.g., staff time and mileage, etc.) if two agencies with an equal likelihood of engaging and effectively serving a prioritized population will have marked different travel costs.
- Organizations should generally apply to serve sites within the geographic boundaries of the region for which funding was awarded. Exceptions may be made for a provider to cross regional boundaries to promote or provide a service at a nearby site in a neighboring region with advanced written approval from Lead Agencies of both regions. This boundary crossing may occur if no other funded providers serve that site and the site is the most efficient means of reaching a target population residing in the funding region. (Example: A Region 6 applicant located near the Region 7 border may propose to conduct HIV Test Counseling at a nearby Region 7 Methadone Clinic not served by other providers because 80% of the clinic's recently injecting clients actually live in Region 6.)
- A Federal ban prohibits the use of Federal funds for syringe services; however, Illinois General Revenue Funds may be used to support syringe services.
- Applicants must provide proof that their organizational registration with the Illinois Secretary of State is currently in good standing.
- Applicants must have paid all due County, State and Federal Taxes or have an approved payment plan in place.
- Applicants may not be a 501(c) (4) organization, or an organization whose primary mission is to engage in Illinois or federal lobbying activities.
- Applicant organizations may not have been convicted of bribing or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois or any other State, nor have made an admission on the record of having so bribed or attempted to bribe (30 ILCS 500/50-5).
- If the applicant organization has been convicted of a felony, at least five years must have passed after the date of completion of the sentence for such felony, unless no person held responsible by a prosecutor's office for the facts upon which the conviction was based continues to have any involvement with the business (30 ILCS 500/50-10).
- If the applicant organization, or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent, has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, at least five years have passed since the date of the conviction. (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5).
- The applicant organization and its affiliates may not be delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State (or if delinquent has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay the State). (30 ILCS 500/50-11)

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- The applicant organization has not committed a willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection Act (relating to Civil Penalties under the Environmental Protection Act) within the last five (5) years. (30 ILCS 500/50-14).
- The applicant organization has not paid any money or valuable thing to induce anyone to refrain from bidding on a State Grant, nor accepted any money or valuable thing, or acted upon the promise of same, for not bidding on a State Grant (30 ILCS 500/50-25).
- The applicant organization has not violated the “Revolving Door” section of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-30).
- The applicant organization has not been convicted of the offense of bid rigging or bid rotating or any similar offense of any State or of the United States (720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 5/33E-4).
- The applicant organization has not violated Section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-14.5) that states: “Owners of residential buildings who have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (410 ILCS 45) are prohibited from doing business with the State until the violation is mitigated”.
- The applicant organization is not in default on an educational loan (5 ILCS 385/3).
- Organizations must have, or budget to purchase, computer equipment meeting the minimal technical requirements for IDPH’s electronic Prevention Evaluation Monitoring System supported by PROVIDE® Enterprise:
 - A PC computer (not Apple Macs or Unix-Based Workstations) capable of running Windows 7, 8, 10, or 11 with Windows Updates applied
 - An internet connection (high-speed or broadband strongly encouraged);
 - Agency Firewall opened to allow outbound TCP/IP traffic on Port 1433
 - Static IP address for site router or individual workstation
 - Administrative Access to install software on the computer
 - A document scanner connected to the computer running PROVIDE® Enterprise with a TWAIN-compliant printer, to allow the direct scanning of documents into Provide® Enterprise (rather than scanning outside of Provide® and then attaching as a file).
- Scanner Requirements: Any type of scanner that can save scanned images to a standard format like PDF or JPG or TIF.
- Scanner Optimal Recommendations:
 - Scanner should be direct-PC attached or network-attached to the PC where the Provide® Enterprise installation exists
 - Advanced features like duplex scanning are helpful, though not necessary.
 - A scanner accepting various document sizes and types (legal size, photo, etc.).

- Auto-feed for multiple pages at once is also highly desirable.

Exclusion Criteria

Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed if:

- All Eligibility Criteria outlined above are not certified as met.
- The application and its attachment are not electronically submitted by the specified deadline through [IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application link](#) or through email to rigprevention@ipha.com
- The application is incomplete, omitting required responses or attachments.
- The applicant requests more funding than the designated regional award for SFY2027.
- The application does not follow format instructions.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Applicants are not expected to meet any matching requirements for this grant.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect cost rate may not exceed a subgrantee's federally approved indirect rate or the de minimis rate of the adjusted direct costs. The de minimis rate for this grant is fifteen (15) percent. If your agency has negotiated a higher indirect cost rate, you can claim that indirect cost rate with the appropriate documentation.

Annually, each organization receiving an award from a State grantmaking agency is required to enter the centralized Indirect Cost Rate System and make one of the following elections for indirect costs to State and federal pass-through grants:

- I. Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA);
- II. Election of the de minimis rate;
- III. Election not to charge indirect costs; or
- IV. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois.

The awardee shall make one election or negotiate a rate that all State agencies must accept unless there are federal or State program limitations, caps or supplanting issues.

4. Application Requirements

- Please number all pages sequentially, including any attachments.
- Complete the budget, scopes request, and narrative and include with application. See *IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application Submission Checklist* to ensure all necessary application components.

- If **ALL** required application pages/forms are not completed and received by the Illinois Public Health Association by **Monday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. CT, the proposal will be disqualified from this process.**
- An **informational conference call/bidders' conference** for potential applicants is scheduled for **Monday, August 31 at 11:00 a.m. CT.** Zoom Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89838302939?pwd=eyteRm6ZmjRjWp880xpWb7m3veE9vy.1>
- A recording of the Bidders call will be posted on [Request For Applications \(RFA\) – Regional HIV Prevention Projects](#) website by 9/1/2026.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

The application, Budget template, and Scope Request worksheet can all be downloaded at [Request For Applications \(RFA\) – Regional HIV Prevention Projects](#). Since high-speed internet access is not yet universally available for downloading documents or accessing the electronic application, and applicants may have additional accessibility requirements, applicants may request paper copies of materials by contacting:

HIV Prevention Team at IPHA
rigprevention@ipha.com
 217.522.5687

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Submit **one (1) electronic copy** in Word/Excel or Acrobat (PDF) format of the complete application package, including the budget, scopes request, and narrative, by **Monday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. CT at: [IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application link](#)**

If you cannot submit the application and attachments at [IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application link](#), the completed application and all its requirements can be emailed to rigprevention@ipha.com.

All questions regarding HIV Prevention RIG RFA and process should be directed to rigprevention@ipha.com. Answers to questions received at rigprevention@ipha.com will be updated in the FAQ document found at [Request For Applications \(RFA\) – Regional HIV Prevention Projects](#).

3. *Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)*

Each applicant, unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)), is required to:

- i. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration:
<https://sam.gov/SAM/>
- ii. provide a valid UEI in its application; and
- iii. continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency.

4. *Submission Dates and Times*

Application Opens: August 25, 2026

Application Submission By: **September 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. CT**

5. *Intergovernmental Review, if applicable*

N/A

6. *Funding Restrictions*

All grant funds must be used for the sole purposes set forth in the grant proposal and application and must be used in compliance with all applicable laws. Grant funds may not be used as matching funds for any other grant program unless specifically allowed under grant program guidelines. Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes may result in loss of grant award and/or place the grantee at risk for repayment of those funds used for the prohibited purpose. Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grant-funded expenses must be compliant with Cost Principles under Subpart E of 2CFR200 unless an exception is noted in federal or State statutes or regulations.

Allowability

Allowable – All grant funds must be used for items that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance of the grant and may only be used for the purposes stated in the grant agreement, work plan, and budget. Items must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Allocable – Grant-funded costs must be chargeable or assignable to the grant in accordance with relative benefits received. The allocation methodology should be documented and should be consistent across funding sources for similar costs.

Reasonable – The amounts charged for any item must be reasonable. That means the nature and amount of the expense does not exceed what a prudent person under the same circumstances would expend; and that the items are generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the performance of the grant.

Allowed Uses

Funding may be used for the following:

Funding for a given region must be budgeted as specified in Table 2. Allowable expenses are subject to the discretion of and approval by IPHA and IDPH HIV Section. Expenses for personnel, supplies, or services shared across multiple grants must be prorated based on the percentage of usage or level of effort used under each grant.

Prior Approval ONLY

With prior approval, funding may be used for the following:

Grant-funded marketing/advertising materials must be approved by IDPH prior to print, broadcast, or publication.

Any travel for purposes such as conferences or trainings, including out-of-state travel, requires preapproval using the IDPH Travel Pre-Approval Form.

Funding Use Prohibitions

Funding may NOT be used for the following:

- Any expense not deemed allowable or justifiable by the IDPH HIV Section for the purpose and goal of preventing the transmission of HIV in Illinois.

Additional Funding Guidance

N/A

Source Documentation. Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as canceled checks, bank statements, invoices, paid bills, donor letters, time and attendance records, activity reports, travel reports, contractual and consultant agreements, and subaward documentation. All supporting documentation must be clearly identified with the Award and general ledger accounts which are to be charged or credited. Records must be submitted with required financial reports for all line-item expenditures exceeding \$5000 in a reporting period.

7. *Other Submission Requirements*

- Grantee Registration (required only once at the organization/entity level). All grantee entities must be registered with the State of Illinois.
- Grantee Pre-Qualification (required only once at the organization/entity level; periodically validated). All grantee entities must be qualified to do

business with the State of Illinois. To be qualified for an SFY2027 grant award, an entity must:

- o Have an active UEI number
 - o Have a current SAM.gov account
 - o Not be on the Federal Excluded Parties List
 - o Be in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State
- Grantee will review “Illinois Department of Public Health Subcontractor and Sub-grantee Authorization” form and submit signed authorization to IPHA.

E. Application Review Information

Applications will be reviewed by IPHA for compliance with all application requirements. During the course of its review, IPHA may contact the applicant for additional information if the information originally submitted is incomplete, inconsistent, or unclear.

1. Criteria

- Grant funds will be made available based on the objective review of the applicant's grant application.
- Applications with budgets submitted that are higher than the maximum Total SFY2027 Regional Grant Award for its respective Region will be automatically DISQUALIFIED.
- Only applications scoring **80 or above** will be considered.

2. Review and Selection Process

An objective team grant review and evaluation process will be conducted to determine grant award recipients. The review process consists of a technical review of the application to first determine eligibility and ensure the agency is in good standing and has submitted all required application components, and is then followed by individual and consolidated team reviews with an independent panel of reviewers for each eligible application. Applications with the highest consolidated panel scores will be selected for funding. Scoring is based on the following categories:

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| • Organizational Capacity and Experience | (16 possible points) |
| • Project Description | (15 possible points) |
| • Performance Standards | (12 possible points) |
| • Community Planning and RIG Participation | (6 possible points) |
| • Referral and Collaboration Relationships | (10 possible points) |
| • Quality Assurance | (10 possible points) |
| • Capacity Building for Black and Latine MSM | (12 possible points) |
| • Fiscal Operation | (8 possible points) |
| • Scopes Request Form | (11 possible points) |

Team Review Process

Merit-based review of applications, unless disclosed above, is conducted by one or more review teams. Each review team will consolidate scores, and final application rankings may be adjusted to address variability between teams. The IPHA Lead Agent Review committee will finalize selections in consultation with IDPH HIV/AIDS section.

Appeal Process

For competitive grants, only an alleged deviation from a stated procedure in the selection criteria or scoring criteria rubric section of the RFA is subject to appeal (e.g. lack of evaluation panel or lack of scoring rubric). Evaluation scores or funding determinations/outcomes may **not** be appealed and will not be considered by IPHA. Before submitting an appeal, applicants are strongly encouraged to talk about their concerns with IPHA by submitting an email to rigprevention@ipha.com with the title Appeal Discussion.

An appeal can be submitted to IPHA at rigprevention@ipha.com within 10 business days of all letters of award and letters of declination being sent. A link to the Appeals Request form will be posted on [Request For Applications \(RFA\) – Regional HIV Prevention Projects](#) 10 days after the close of application submission deadline.

IPHA will consider grant-related appeals submitted through the Appeal Request Form and make a recommendation as quickly as possible after receiving all relevant information.

The following steps will be taken once submission has been received:

- IPHA will review the Appeal Request Form for completeness and acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 30 calendar days from the date the appeal was received.
- IPHA will review relevant documentation and processes to consider the integrity of the competitive grant process.

Documentation of the appeal determination shall be sent to the appealing party and may include:

- Appeal determination
- Rationale for determination

In addition to the written determination, IPHA may complete the following:

- Document internal improvements to the review process given the findings and implement improvements into the next grant review process.
- Provide written notice to the appealing party as to how the identified actions will be remedied.

The appeals process provides a system for feedback regarding alleged procedural flaws. The appeals process is not a means by which to protest and application review score,

comments, and/or outcomes. The appeals process does not result in the delay or retraction of funding awards.

3. *Anticipated Announcement of Award Dates*

Anticipated Release of RFA: **August 25, 2026**

Anticipated Announcement of Award or Non-Award: **On or before October 16, 2026**

F. Award Administration Information

N/A

1. *State Award Notices*

Awarded applicants will be notified via email from rigprevention@ipha.com

A Letter of Award (LOA) shall be issued to the finalists who have successfully completed all grant award requirements and have been selected to receive grant funding.

A Letter of Denial shall be sent to the applicants not receiving awards via email from rigprevention@ipha.com

H. Other Information, if applicable

Please complete all sections of application.

Ensure all necessary requested documents are uploaded at [IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application link](#) or submitted to rigprevention@ipha.com.

Support Documents

- Illinois Department of Public Health HIV/STI Section 2027-2031 Priority Populations and definitions
- 2027-2031 Interventions and Strategies Guide
- 2027 Regional Service Plan
- IPHA HIV Prevention RIG Sub-grantee Responsibilities
- IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG Application Submission Checklist
- IPHA SFY27 HIV Prevention RIG FAQ document