

Part C: Early Intervention Services and Capacity Development

HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



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The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. Over half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—more than 576,000 people in 2021—receive services through RWHAP each year. First authorized in 1990, RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. In 2021, 89.7 percent of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed, which means they cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. For more than three decades, RWHAP has worked to stop HIV stigma and reduce health disparities by caring for the whole person and addressing their social determinants of health.



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part C Early Intervention Services (EIS) program funds local, community-based organizations to provide comprehensive primary HIV medical care and support services in an outpatient setting for people with HIV.

RWHAP Part C also funds Capacity Development grants, which help organizations strengthen their infrastructure and their capacity to develop, enhance, or expand access to high-quality HIV primary health care services for people with HIV.

Early Intervention Services Grants

Recipients

The RWHAP Part C EIS program funds community health centers, health departments, hospitals, and other community-based organizations in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Recipients are organizations seeking to enhance their response to the HIV epidemic in their area by providing comprehensive primary HIV medical care and support services.

Eligibility

Organizations eligible to receive RWHAP Part C EIS program grants include the following:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers funded under Section 1905(1)(2)(b) of the Social Security Act
- Family planning recipients (other than states) funded under Section 1001 of the Public Health Service Act
- Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Centers
- Rural health clinics
- Health facilities operated by or pursuant to a contract with the Indian Health Service
- Community-based organizations, clinics, hospitals, and other health facilities that provide early intervention services to people with HIV
- Nonprofit private entities, including community-based organizations, providing comprehensive primary care to groups of people at risk for HIV

Capacity Development Grants

Recipients

Part C Capacity Development grants fund public and nonprofit entities. Recipients are organizations seeking to promote organizational infrastructure development to deliver or improve HIV primary care services.

Eligibility

To be eligible, organizations must be public or private nonprofit entities that are or intend to become comprehensive HIV primary care providers. Current RWHAP service providers and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

Funding Considerations

All Part C EIS program funds are awarded competitively every three years. Statutory preference for EIS program grants is given to applicants experiencing an increase in the burden of providing HIV/AIDS services, as indicated by the following factors:

- Number and increase in rate of HIV cases
- Lack of availability of early intervention services
- Areas with high numbers and increases in rates of sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis, substance use disorder, co-infection with hepatitis B, or hepatitis C
- Lack of availability of primary care providers
- Distance of service area and the nearest community that has adequate level of availability of appropriate HIV-related services and length of time required for patients to travel that distance

Additionally, statutory preference is given to EIS program grant and Capacity Development grant applicants who meet the preferences above and are entities that provide primary care services in rural areas or to underserved populations.

Congress appropriated approximately \$209 million for RWHAP Part C in fiscal year 2023.

