

## ***State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program*** **Fiscal Year 2000**

The State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program is administered by the Office of Minority Health (OMH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The OMH was created in December 1985 with a mission to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs to address the health disparities and gaps. Consistent with its mission, the role of OMH is to serve as the focal point within the Department for leadership, policy development and coordination, service demonstrations, information exchange, coalition and partnership building, and related efforts to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

The State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program was developed in 1999 as part of the HHS/Congressional Black Caucus Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in minority communities. This program is intended to demonstrate that the involvement of State and Territorial Offices of Minority Health in coordinating a statewide response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in minority communities can have a greater impact on the communities' understanding of the disease, and the coordination of prevention and treatment services for minority populations, than agencies and/or organizations working independently. Specifically, the purposes of the State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program are to: 1) assist in the identification of needs within the state/territory for HIV/AIDS prevention and services among minority populations by collecting, analyzing, and/or tracking existing data on surveillance and existing providers of HIV services for minority communities; 2) facilitate the linkage of minority community-based organizations with other state and local recipients of federal funds for HIV/AIDS to develop a greater resource capacity and interventions in the identified areas of need; and 3) assist in coordinating federal resources coming into high need minority communities including identifying the different programs and facilitating access to federal technical assistance available to minority community-based organizations.

The 15 projects described in this fact sheet are funded for the three-year project period 9/30/99 through 9/29/02. The grants are administered by state or territorial Offices of Minority Health. Each project offers activities unique to strengthening its state or territorial efforts to address the HIV/AIDS health issue within minority communities. Examples of various project approaches being utilized to address the program purposes include: using a Geographic Information System to plot HIV/AIDS and risk prevalence and to identify gaps in service or prevention programs; conducting a statewide needs assessment; establishing minority community-based organization linkages via the Internet to increase the capability for information exchange; and conducting statewide conferences to identify "common ground areas" and to disseminate findings.

For additional information, please contact the Division of Program Operations, Office of Minority Health.

**STATE AND TERRITORIAL MINORITY HIV/AIDS  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM GRANTEES**

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## **DELAWARE**

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Title: **Delaware Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program**

Grant No.: D92MP99011

Project Director: Mawuna Gardesey

Target Population: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino

The objectives of the *Delaware Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program* for addressing HIV/AIDS in the African American and Hispanic populations are to: identify and document existing HIV/AIDS prevention programs and services including gaps; facilitate linkages between minority community-based organizations and other state and local recipients of federal funds to strengthen the resource base and fill gaps in services; and foster collaborative relationships among these groups through coalition building. Efforts to determine gaps in services available and areas of highest need include: collecting and analyzing data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, existing hospital discharge information and AIDS cases, and using a Geographic Information System to plot HIV/AIDS prevalence within the State's minority communities. Through the use of questionnaires and interviews, community-based organizations are identified that serve minority clients. Information is gathered on capability levels and/or skills needed to improve their organizational capacity for administering HIV/AIDS programs. Other project activities include developing partnerships between identified community-based organizations and state and local recipients of federal funds, and providing technical assistance workshops. Anticipated products include a report on data analysis and evaluation tools such as a satisfaction survey and event logs.

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Title: **Establishing a Community-Based HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance  
Center For Minority Community-Based Organizations**

Grant No: D92MP99015

Project Director: Ronald E. Lewis

Target Population: African American/Black

The overarching purposes for *Establishing a Community-Based HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance Center for Minority Community-Based Organizations* in the District of Columbia are to confirm already identified needs for HIV/AIDS prevention for minority populations; enhance resource capacity to conduct interventions through established linkages between minority community-based organizations and recipients of local and federal funding; and ensure community involvement. Activities to confirm and/or identify new HIV/AIDS trends and gaps in services for minority populations include a review of recently conducted needs assessments by agencies and community groups, through focus groups and key interviews; and an analysis of current surveillance and epidemiological data. To demonstrate how telecommunications and information technologies can extend HIV/AIDS education and awareness to areas of high need, a community-based HIV/AIDS technical assistance center is being established. Types of capabilities available to select minority community-based organizations within identified high need District wards include: two-way data and voice transmission; interactive videoconferencing for meetings, lectures, professional exchange of current research, technical assistance, and training; promoting “best practices”; and webcasting for announcements. In addition, the Center serves as a bridge to overcome existing barriers between the federal government and minority community-based organizations for accessing funding opportunities and technical assistance. Other project activities include preparing an inventory of HIV/AIDS-related services and sources of local and federal funding. Anticipated products include a survey instrument and a resource inventory of minority

## **FLORIDA**

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Title: **A Call to Action -- Increasing Minority Involvement in HIV/AIDS**

Grant No.: D92MP99001

Project Director: Melvin L. Herring, Jr.

Target Population: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino

The primary goals of *A Call to Action—Increasing Minority Involvement in HIV/AIDS* are to: raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS in the minority community and involve minorities in the local and statewide community planning process; conduct a needs assessment for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services designed specifically for African American and Hispanic/Latino populations within the areas of the state with the largest number of reported AIDS cases--Broward, Dade, Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas counties; increase the number of active participants on the Florida HIV/AIDS Minority Network in order to facilitate linkages among minority community-based organizations; and increase the number of minority community-based organizations that apply for federal funding. A key element of this project is the utilization of one statewide and four regional minority HIV/AIDS coordinators to facilitate the project's efforts. Activities include: analyzing current surveillance data to determine barriers to and gaps in service; conducting a needs assessment and disseminating the results to local health departments, providers, planning groups, and minority network members; recruiting experienced community-based organizations in the areas of highest need to mentor newly developing minority community-based organizations; developing public service announcements and posters to increase awareness and participation in the community planning process; and conducting regional capacity-building workshops for Minority Network members and other interested agencies. Projected products include a resource directory of minority

## GEORGIA

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Title: **Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project**

Grant No.: D92MP99013

Project Director: Carol Snype Crawford

Target Population: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino

The goals of the *Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project* are to: obtain a comprehensive assessment of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the State's minority populations; expand the organizational and programmatic capacity of minority community-based organizations to undertake prevention and intervention activities; assist in the coordination of federal resources into high need minority communities; and facilitate the access of minority community-based organizations to federal technical assistance. Efforts to enhance the state's HIV/AIDS surveillance data system include collaborating with the State's Division of Public Health's Epidemiology and Prevention Branch to analyze existing data and to develop a plan to collect, analyze, and report minority-specific data. Other activities include working with community leaders to understand the resources available within their communities; establishing an inventory of minority community-based organizations conducting HIV-related activity and their needs; strengthening the infrastructure of minority community-based organizations through a resource pool for skills development, partnership and mentorship development, and pre and post grant award management; and creating partnerships with established HIV/AIDS-funded organizations and Historically Black Colleges and Universities to address regional and locally defined need. Other activities include efforts to identify federal resources and publicize the availability of federal technical assistance; conducting a technical assistance conference for minority community-based organizations; and developing a communications network for sharing information using the media, a web site, list serves, and printed materials. Anticipated products include reports and an inventory

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Title: **NJOMH: Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program**

Grant No.: D92MP99003

Project Director: Linda J. Holmes

Target Population: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino

The New Jersey Office of Minority Health's (NJOMH) *Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program* has three primary areas of focus for addressing minority community HIV/AIDS issues. These are to: identify needs for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services for minority populations; establish an HIV/AIDS sharing network in Trenton; and increase the access of minority community-based organizations to federal/state resources and technical assistance, particularly those organizations located in the high need minority community areas of Atlantic City, East Orange, New Brunswick, and Trenton. The project involves a statewide needs assessment to identify needs within minority populations; publication and dissemination of assessment results including geographic-specific data; and conducting group technical assistance sessions to facilitate the creation of the sharing network and linkages between minority community-based organizations. Other activities include an inventory of minority community-based organizations and other existing state and local HIV/AIDS projects, and dissemination of the information in a directory format; and development and dissemination of a comprehensive list of existing and new federal resources available to minority community-based organizations via the Internet and printed materials. The project expects to produce a needs assessment report containing user-friendly data on service needs and a resource directory of minority community-based organizations.

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Title: **New York State Office of Minority Health  
HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program**

Grant No.: D92MP99009  
Project Director: Wilma Waithe  
Target Population: African American, Hispanic/Latino

The intent of the *New York State HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program* is to increase the Office of Minority Health's capacity to: assist in the identification of HIV/AIDS needs within the state, facilitate the linkage of minority community-based organizations with other state and local recipients of HIV/AIDS federal funds, and assist in coordinating the federal resources coming into high need, minority communities. Activities for accomplishing the project's goals include: developing an internal information management system; conducting a needs assessment survey; conducting focus groups and follow up surveys with minority community-based organizations to supplement existing surveillance HIV/AIDS data; establishing a minority community-based organization database; disseminating annotated summaries of programs providing services to minority communities; and developing an inventory of local recipients of federal funds for HIV/AIDS. Other activities include: expanding the Office's participation in key committees, serving as a resource for the AIDS Institute by assisting in their activities to assess and map HIV/AIDS prevention-related needs and resources, and conducting a training workshop on grant writing to increase minority community-based organizations' access to HIV/AIDS funds. Projected products include a needs assessment survey instrument and annotated summaries of services.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

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Title: **North Carolina Office of Minority Health**

## Community-based Organization Initiative on HIV/AIDS

Grant No.: D92MP99007  
Project Director: Barbara Pullen-Smith  
Target Population: African American/Black

The overall goals of the *North Carolina Office of Minority Health (NCOMH) Community-based Organization Initiative on HIV/AIDS* are to: identify and assess gaps in minority community-based organizations HIV/AIDS service delivery; enhance the capability of minority community-based organizations to focus on HIV/AIDS prevention issues; and enhance the NCOMH's capability to serve as a clearinghouse for information about federal resources. Implementation of these goals will enhance the capacity of the NCOMH to facilitate, support, and strengthen the capacity of an 11-member, African American community-based coalition to address HIV/AIDS prevention and service delivery issues. This HIV/AIDS initiative focuses on building the capacity of the "coalition" to better serve clients. Agencies serving 16 counties are collaborating to identify better ways to deliver HIV/AIDS prevention and care services. Key approaches for accomplishing the project's goals include: determining the capacity and usefulness of existing state and county-level data systems to monitor, track, and evaluate effectiveness of HIV/AIDS services to minority populations; conducting a needs assessment utilizing available data and focus groups; identifying barriers to obtaining data; conducting an inventory of sources for federal technical assistance; and developing minority community-based organization leadership capacity to advocate, communicate, and evaluate the needs of minority communities. Expected products include needs assessment reports and a catalogue of available sources for federal technical assistance.

## OHIO

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Title: **Ohio State Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project**

Grant No.: D92MP99004

Project Director: Cheryl Boyce

Target Population: African American/Black, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Native American

The objectives of the *Ohio State Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program* are to: identify the HIV/AIDS prevention and service needs of minority communities; improve existing data collection systems; link community-based organizations that serve minorities; coordinate federal resources; conduct capacity building activities; and establish linkages between community-based organizations based on identified need. Coalitions are established in metropolitan areas (Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown) to facilitate the program's objectives. Activities include various forums to identify and profile community-based initiatives, including the Commission's web site, newsletters, and articles in minority newspapers; community-based meetings utilizing various leaders and groups, including the use of nontraditional methods (e.g., theater productions, cultural gatherings) to document local needs; a statewide conference for policy makers to disseminate findings; capacity-building to plan and sustain a coalition; and development of a resource directory of existing providers of HIV/AIDS prevention and services for minorities. The project works with the Ohio Department of Health, HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, and the Bureau of Health Surveillance to develop strategies to address identified service gaps for minority populations. One of the products to be developed is a directory of statewide community resources.

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Title: **Oregon Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program**

Grant No.: D92MP99006

Project Director: Vicki Nakashima

Target Population: African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders

The *Oregon Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program's* goals are to: identify the needs of the minority populations; facilitate linkages between minority community-based organizations to develop greater resource capability; and coordinate federal resources and facilitate minority community-based organizations' access to federal technical assistance. The three major activities utilized to accomplish the project's objectives are a needs assessment, mobilization of four ethno-specific community coalitions, and a minority linkages conference and an HIV/AIDS regional conference. Results from the needs assessment are used to identify gaps in HIV/AIDS prevention and care services for the state's minority populations and to develop an in-service technical assistance/training component for select local health departments to increase their capacity for providing culturally proficient HIV/AIDS services. Ethno-specific coalition meetings and HIV/AIDS conferences are used to: develop a consensus regarding prioritization of HIV issues including potential resources and remedies; provide information and capacity-building technical assistance to strengthen organizational infrastructure and ensure program continuity; provide an opportunity for agencies, minority community-based organizations, and HIV-related funding sources to network; and develop strategic plans to access and/or coordinate federal resources. Other activities include conducting an inventory of federally funded HIV programs and resources, and establishing a minority resource clearinghouse web site. Expected products include a needs assessment report and a catalogue of federal HIV

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Title: **HIV/AIDS Project Targeting Underserved and Unserved  
Minorities**

Grant No.: D92MP99002

Project Director: Vania Brown-Small

Target Population: All minority populations

The goals of Rhode Island's *HIV/AIDS Project Targeting Underserved and Unserved Minorities* are to: supplement and enhance existing HIV/AIDS needs assessment planning processes for the State's minority populations; facilitate partnerships and linkages among state agencies, minority community-based organizations, and AIDS service organizations for the development of comprehensive HIV/AIDS risk reduction programs; collaborate with state agencies, minority community-based organizations, and other appropriate entities to identify resources for cultural competency, leadership development, and HIV/AIDS 101 training programs; and establish and maintain a process for identifying and disseminating information regarding federal, state, and local sources for HIV funding for minority communities. Activities include: conducting a literature review of successful HIV/AIDS interventions relating to minority communities; collecting available data and conducting focus groups to gather information to determine needs of the State's minorities; and establishing a database and dissemination process for information on federal, state, and local funding sources. Other efforts involve working with interested foundations to develop an HIV/AIDS funding protocol for minority community-based organizations; developing written procedures for state-supported HIV/AIDS funding proposals; and developing a mailing list of minority community-based organizations to receive requests for proposals and other funding notices. Anticipated products include a needs assessment report, a compendium of HIV/AIDS service providers, and guidelines for developing

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Title: **South Carolina Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project**

Grant No.: D92MP99005

Project Director: Gardenia Ruff

Target Population: African American/Black

The *South Carolina Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project* is designed to: provide leadership and statewide coordination in the identification of HIV/AIDS needs in minority communities; provide coordination to existing HIV/AIDS networks; expand the number of minority community-based organizations providing HIV/AIDS services; improve communications and information available regarding HIV/AIDS; and facilitate linkages of minority community-based organizations with state and local recipients of federal funds. Activities for accomplishing the project's goals include: using Geographic Information System mapping to explore the correlation between HIV/AIDS distribution and identified socioeconomic indicators, and employing epidemiological data to determine areas of highest need; developing a profile tool to identify all local and state minority community-based organizations and federal resources available within the state including technical assistance; making profile information available on the Internet; facilitating the linkage of minority community-based organizations and federal resources, including announcing available resources in newsletters; and disseminating data and other HIV/AIDS-related information via the Internet. Other activities include updating and disseminating the State's STD/HIV/AIDS resource manual, and developing a marketing strategy to establish a system of communication for all project services and resources such as a project newsletter, public service announcements, and fact sheets. Expected products include reports on findings, a registry of minority and non-minority community-based organizations active in HIV/AIDS targeting African American communities, and a

**TENNESSEE**

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Title: **Tennessee Minority HIV/AIDS Community Coalition Project**

Grant No.: D92MP99008

Project Director: Robbie Jackman

Target Population: African American

The intent of the *Tennessee Minority HIV/AIDS Community Coalition Project* is to: assist in the identification of HIV/AIDS prevention and service needs for the State's minority population; use geographic information systems and related techniques to address the identification of need; facilitate the linkage of minority community-based organizations with other state and local recipients of HIV/AIDS federal funds; and assist in coordinating federal resources coming into the State's high need minority communities, including facilitating access to federal technical assistance. Activities for accomplishing the project's objectives include: initiating procedures to train advisory committee members in the use of an epidemiologic profile, needs assessment tools, and geographic information systems to identify need; prioritizing identified service and prevention needs, surveying known contacts and community agencies for establishing linkages with African-American community-based organizations; and facilitating the attendance of representatives from African-American community-based organizations at quarterly meetings of the Tennessee AIDS Council. Other activities include surveying all identified funding entities to determine accessibility and capability to serve African-Americans. A primary component of the project is a statewide meeting for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention service providers to exchange information on identified HIV/AIDS issues and to facilitate the networking of federally and nonfederally funded entities with African-American community-based organizations through the regional minority health coalitions. Projected products include a report on identified need, epidemiological profile and needs assessment

# VERMONT

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Title: **ARCHES (AIDS Resources, Community Health & Educational Services)**

Grant No.: D92MP99012

Project Director: Jacques Muderwha

Target Population: African American, Hispanic/Latino

The *ARCHES* project is designed to enhance the collection of racial/ethnic HIV/AIDS surveillance data, and to increase the capability of minority community-based organizations to provide effective HIV/AIDS prevention education and service delivery to the African-American and Hispanic populations in Vermont. Efforts to strengthen the State's HIV/AIDS surveillance data system to more accurately reflect the epidemic relevant to minority populations include establishing appropriate racial/ethnic data identifiers, and educating providers and data collectors on how to report and gather racial/ethnic data. To address capacity-building needs of minority community-based organizations, regional minority trainers are identified to provide training in organizational development (e.g., leadership skills-building, the role of a Board of Directors, community relations, program and fiscal oversight, policy development). Other project activities include developing an inventory of organizations that have culturally-based programs for HIV/AIDS prevention and services to minority populations; establishing a quality assurance evaluation system; and developing linkages with local, state, regional, and/or federal HIV/AIDS organizations. Anticipated products include a list of regional minority trainers in organizational development; a training curriculum; and a list of federally funded, culturally based HIV/AIDS programs available to minority community-based organizations for consultative services.

## VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Title: **V.I. Territorial Office of Minority Health -- HIV/AIDS  
Demonstration Grant Program**

Grant No.: D92MP99010

Project Director: Phyllis Wallace

Target Population: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino

The U.S. Virgin Islands' *HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program* serves as a: centralized office for collecting, analyzing, and tracking epidemiological data on HIV/AIDS; clearinghouse/central point of referral for available and/or needed resources for minority community-based organizations, including the dissemination of HIV/AIDS information; and central point of contact for information about funding and availability of technical assistance. Project activities are conducted on the Territory's three main islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas and include: identifying, developing, and maintaining a comprehensive list of local, regional, and national information sources for HIV/AIDS epidemiological data; developing a special report on service gaps/risk groups from data collected; and developing a quarterly report on a minority community service model relevant to the minority community-based organizations providing HIV/AIDS services in the Territory. Additionally, the program develops and maintains a comprehensive list of known funding and technical assistance sources as well as a fact sheet on each identified source containing pertinent information such as mission, recent requests for proposals, and type of technical assistance offered. Expected products include fact sheets, a newsletter, and a web site.

# WISCONSIN

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Title: **Wisconsin State Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project**

Grant No.: D92MP990014

Project Director: Denise Carty

Target Population: African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino

The objectives of the *Wisconsin State Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project* include: ensuring that HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment needs of the minority community are comprehensively assessed with results used to coordinate and focus government/community resources on identified areas of high need; establishing a process and mechanism for minority communities and leaders to access relevant data and provide regular input into the State's needs assessment deliberations and determinations; promoting and supporting a cadre of minority leaders committed to eliminating the disproportionate burden of HIV/AIDS in minority communities; identifying barriers to preventing HIV infection in the minority population and devising strategies to overcome them; and ensuring that funds go to areas/agencies serving high risk minority populations. Key components of the project include: a series of listening/training sessions for minority community leaders and advocates to prepare them to address HIV/AIDS issues within their communities; a "common grounds" planning forum to share strategies for coordinating statewide HIV/AIDS resources and services; leadership/capacity building forums to raise awareness of HIV infection in minority communities; a summit conference for experts and minority leaders to analyze the parallel problems of alcohol, drug use, and risky behaviors leading to HIV infections including the development of a strategic plan; and a special initiative to develop programs and guidelines for the prevention of HIV infection within correctional facilities. Projected products include a publication on research and proven "best practices" for preventing the spread of HIV among minority individuals