Opportunity Summary:
This notice announces the opportunity to apply for fiscal year 2021 (FY21) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program funding for the initiative Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Evaluation Center. The purpose of this initiative is to use an implementation science framework to evaluate the pilot testing of innovative intervention strategies in four (4) focus areas at implementation sites subawarded through the companion cooperative agreement Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Coordinating Center (2iS CCTA; HRSA-21-076), and to disseminate the evaluation findings. HRSA will fund one organization through a cooperative agreement for up to four (4) years to serve as the Innovative Intervention Strategies Evaluation Center (2iS EC). The 2iS EC will develop and carry out a multi-site evaluation that includes a customized site-specific evaluation for each of the up to twenty (20) implementation sites subawarded through the 2iS CCTA. In addition to the site-specific components, the evaluation will include cross-site components that are consistent across all subawardee sites. Throughout this initiative, the 2iS EC will work closely with the 2iS CCTA, which will provide technical assistance to the subawardees. Ultimately, the 2iS EC’s evaluation findings will determine dissemination plans for the replication tools developed by the 2iS CCTA.

This recipient will evaluate the implementation and associated health outcomes of three (3) priority populations and one (1) area of opportunity to improve service delivery for people with HIV. Combined, these four (4) focus areas are: 1) Improving HIV health outcomes for people with substance use disorder 2) Improving HIV health outcomes for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ+) youth 3) Improving HIV health outcomes for people who are or have been incarcerated 4) Improving HIV health outcomes by using telehealth services.

The 2iS EC will evaluate the uptake and integration of the intervention strategies as well as the associated client outcomes of these intervention strategies at the subawarded sites.

There will be a technical assistance webinar on January 13, 2021 from 2 – 3:30 pm EST.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Eligible applicants include entities eligible for funding under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A, B, C, and D.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.