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Dear Ms. Wolfe:

With this letter, we are pleased to inform you that a team of university researchers and public health professionals from Georgetown University, George Washington University, and the departments of public health from Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia will apply for a grant in response to CDC-RFA-PS13-1305 to support a conference for healthcare providers, community-based service organizations and representatives of populations at risk for HIV/AIDS.

<u>Descriptive title of proposed project:</u> "Understanding the impact of new approaches to treatment and financing for the provision of HIV/AIDS care in the Washington, DC metropolitan region of the United States of America"

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<u>Funding opportunity:</u> National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Prevention, Public Health Conference Support, CDC-RFA-PS13-1305

Focus area: HIV/AIDS

<u>Title of the proposed conference</u>: "Conference on understanding the impact of new approaches to treatment and financing for the provision of HIV/AIDS care in the Washington, DC metropolitan region of the United States of America"

Date(s) of conference: October 2013

Location of conference: Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Budget:

Total conference cost: \$102,000
Total requested from CDC: \$50,000

Intended audience: The intended audience includes all persons actively engaged in providing healthcare, social services, and advocacy for persons living with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan DC region, including physicians, nurses, social workers, healthcare administrators, community-based organization leaders and administrators, public health officials, other relevant state and local government officials, and persons living with, or affected by HIV/AIDS. We expect 80-100 people to attend.

Overview:

Fundamental changes in the methods, financing and monitoring of the impact of HIV/AIDS treatment pose major challenges to the public health sector, including community-based and government healthcare and social service providers. This conference will provide attendees updated information about and, in a workshop format, help them develop practical approaches to developing their organizational responses to these changes. The conference will address three specific topics, including treatments to achieve viral load suppression and "functional cures", the implications of the Affordable Care Act and monitoring patient outcomes on a regional scale through the "treatment cascade". Teaching methods will include expert lectures, analysis of case studies, group exercises, and plenary discussion. The entire session will be available by webinar and recorded for posting on the Georgetown website.

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