



Sexual Health and Harm Reduction  
Program (SHHRP)  
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### **DoxyPEP Provider Engagement Grant 2023 Application**

#### **Funding Opportunity for Non-Profit Community Organizations that Perform the Following Services:**

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)  
Navigation and Clinical Services in Santa Clara County, Sexually Transmitted  
Infection Testing, Treatment and Care

Applicants that meet all requirements and apply on time will be eligible for  
funding consideration\*

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 29 by 5:00 PM**

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITERIA CAREFULLY**

All grant materials can be accessed here: [www.gettingtozeroscc.org](http://www.gettingtozeroscc.org)

*\*Contingent on Board of Supervisors' Approval*

## Key Dates Schedule

Application Released	3/14/2023
Proposal Pre-Conference (Optional)	3/16/2023 from 12-1pm  Link: <a href="https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/93725564043">https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/93725564043</a>
Technical Assistance Office Hours (Optional)	Fridays, 12:00AM -1:00 PM, 5/1 through 6/30/23  Link for Office Hours: <a href="https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/93725564043">https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/93725564043</a>
Deadline for Electronic Submission of Application  Applications submitted prior to the deadline will be processed as they are received.	3/29/23, 5:00 PM
Funding Award Notices	3/30/23
Project Period	Upon execution– June 30, 2023

## Submissions

APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION. Applications mailed or delivered will not be accepted. If you experience any difficulties in submitting your application, please contact us for assistance at [gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org](mailto:gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org).

Submit your completed application to [gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org](mailto:gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org). In the subject line, please reference – **DoxyPEP Application 2023**.

## Important Submission Guidelines

To help us process your application, please follow these submission guidelines:

- Submit the application by email, including all supporting documentation.
- Submit all materials listed under “Application Materials Checklist”.
- Send your application and all attachments in one e-mail. If your submission e-mail bounces back to you, contact us at [gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org](mailto:gettingtozeroscc@phd.sccgov.org)
- Submit application materials only once - be sure your materials are complete and accurate before submitting. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Do not put the application content in the body of your e-mail message.

- Do not include materials not requested, such as letters of support, Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs), photos, etc.
- Printed applications will not be accepted.
- Electronic signatures (E.g., DocuSign) and wet signatures are both acceptable for the application.

## Application Materials Checklist

**Use Word Templates Attached to Grant Announcement to complete the following documents:**

- Application Cover Sheet
- Scope of Work (no more than one page)
- Budget and Budget Explanation (no more than one page)
- Proof of existing PrEP navigation and/or clinical services that you provide in Santa Clara County
- Proof of your nonprofit status (i.e., certification from the State of California, Office of Secretary of State, **or** a letter from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service classifying the applicant administrative agency as a private non-profit)
- Signed Proposer's Terms and Conditions form

**Documents May Be Required Upon Funding Award** (not required to submit with application)

- Completed and signed W-9: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-prior/fw9--2018.pdf>
- Copy of General Liability Insurance
- Signed Grant Agreement by organization's authorized individual

## Introduction and Background

The Public Health Department's Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program (SHHRP) is focused on promoting a comprehensive system of care, education, and prevention for all people in County of Santa Clara infected by or at risk for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The Getting to Zero (GTZ) Program is housed within the SHHRP. GTZ implements a Collective Impact Model to lead, coordinate, and mobilize community STI and HIV prevention and care activities within Santa Clara County.

While bacterial STIs have been increasing for nearly a decade, we know that some population groups, including gay and bisexual men, continue to experience a higher burden of infection. As such, more tools are needed in the nation's fight against bacterial STIs given the increasing burden of gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis infections in the U.S.

Initial data from the [NIH-funded study conducted in San Francisco and Seattle](#) on the use of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy-PEP) to prevent these infections. Specifically, 200 mg of doxycycline taken within 24 hours (no later than 72 hours) after condomless oral, anal, vaginal and/or front hole sex can serve as a protection measure for STIs. The first look

at the data presented at the 2022 International AIDS Conference showed Doxy PEP demonstrated significant effectiveness and tolerability against these common STIs in gay and bisexual men and transgender women with HIV or taking HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) over the course of this study. Other studies show that Doxy PEP reduced bacterial STIs overall by 66% (among people on PrEP), and 62% (among people living with HIV). Doxy PEP was effective in preventing chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. These findings indicate this approach has the potential to be an additional option to prevent these bacterial STIs among some individuals at substantial risk for repeated STI acquisition.

An additional open-label trial conducted in France among gay men on PrEP showed that the efficacy of Doxy PEP at preventing first infection was 89% for Chlamydia, 79% for Syphilis, 51% for Gonorrhea. These data were first presented at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic infections in 2023.

Given the data from two large trials now that show that doxy-PEP is an effective bacterial STI prevention strategy for gay and bisexual men and transgender women, the purpose of this project is to expand patient DoxyPEP access in Santa Clara County through implementation of clinical protocols and provider trainings. These activities will build the clinical infrastructure needed to prescribe DoxyPEP within their community-based organization clinical practices. Activities should be grounded in DoxyPEP guidance approved by the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

This funding opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations or projects with a tax-exempt non-profit organization status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are designated a 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization.

## **Populations of Focus**

Applicant organizations must be currently based in at least one city within Santa Clara County and primarily serve one or more populations disproportionately impacted by HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.

The ideal agency should already provide direct service with a long history of working with and on behalf of disproportionately impacted populations including:

- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Those reporting multiple partners
- Those reporting at least one STI in the last six months
- Transgender, non-binary, and other gender diverse people

An eligible organization is defined as one that:

- Has an explicit mission to serve and advocate for at least one of the populations of focus for this application.
- Is a nonprofit organization with a tax-exempt non-profit organization status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are designated a 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization

Santa Clara County includes the following jurisdictions: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San José, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale.

## Funding Information

The funding available for this project comes from the California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program Management and Collaboration Project funds.

- The maximum award amount per organization up to \$50,000
- The project must end by June 30, 2023
- Only one proposal per organization will be considered although multiple organizations can be awarded a contract up to the total maximum award amount
- Those receiving awards will be required to submit a brief progress report and supporting documents no later than July 15, 2023.

Eligible applicants must meet all requirements and apply on time (pending approval of grant agreements by the Board of Supervisors) to be considered for funding award. Funds may be disbursed in two increments: upon execution of agreement and upon successful completion and approval of progress report. Funds will not be disbursed until all documents are on file and an agreement is executed.

*(Note: GTZ will provide awardees with a template to submit the progress report. If this report is not submitted, submitted late, or submitted without completion of activities, it is the discretion of GTZ to hold disbursement of funds until receipt of the required documents and/or proof that the activities have been completed.)*

## Budget Guidelines

Project funds may be used for the following, but are not limited to:

- Staffing and consultants
- Clinical education materials
- Signage
- Operating Expenses (examples: supplies, printing costs)
- Doxycycline medication costs
- Food and other incentives (no more than \$50 per person) and must follow County Nutrition Standards. Incentives may be used to encourage or motivate participants to participate in provider training activities, but must adhere to the following requirements:

- An individual may only receive a maximum of \$50 worth of non-consumable incentives and \$50 worth of consumable incentives for the project (e.g., if a participant receives a T-shirt worth \$10, any additional non-consumable incentives cannot exceed \$40. If they received food worth \$20, any additional consumable incentives cannot exceed \$30).
- Recipients must do something to receive an incentive—participate in a training, course, etc. If providing incentives, a log must be kept that includes each recipient's name, incentive item, date issued, and value.
- Allowable incentive examples (not limited to): Continuing Medical Education (CME) units, T-shirts, merchandise cards for purchase of books, music, movies, food, arts and crafts, etc.
- Prohibited incentives: cash or gift cards that could be used to purchase tobacco, nicotine products, alcohol, and/or cannabis.

Project funds may not be used for:

- Debt retirement
- Operational deficits
- Computer equipment
- Furniture
- Free Giveaways/Gift Items, such as key chains, water bottles, pens, etc. that are given to anyone without requiring an action by the recipient (Incentives that require an action by the recipient are allowable, with above noted restrictions)
- Partisan activities
- 509(a)(3) supporting organizations
- 501(c)(4) organizations or lobbying activities

## **Project Goal**

The goal of this project is to expand patient access to DoxyPEP in Santa Clara County through implementation of clinical protocols and provider trainings. These activities will build the clinical infrastructure needed to prescribe DoxyPEP within their community based organization clinical practices.

## **Project Requirements**

Applicant organizations should submit proposals to accomplish all of the following:

- Train health care providers on DoxyPEP and how training materials will be integrated into practice.
- Implement clinical workflows to prescribe DoxyPEP in at least one community clinic.
- Create and/or update clinical STI treatment policies and procedures, case management policies and procedures, and how these updated policies and procedures will be incorporated into routine clinical operations.

- Raise awareness of DoxyPEP among eligible populations.
- Collaborate with the Public Health Department for project evaluation.