



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of a Sole Source Cooperative Agreement to Fund Public Health

Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the award of approximately \$15,000,000, for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 funding to Public Health Center (PHC) of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2–5 will be set at continuation. The award is expected to advance HIV and TB epidemic control in Ukraine with activities to include enhancing integrated HIV service delivery, improving antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation and retention, and strengthening the national laboratory system to respond to emerging pathogens.

DATES: The period for this award will be September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The sole source award seeks to advance HIV and TB epidemic control in Ukraine with activities to include enhancing integrated HIV service delivery, improving ART initiation and retention, and strengthening the national laboratory system to respond to emerging

pathogens. The sole source award will also support surveillance and response to pandemic, novel influenza, and other infectious disease threats in Ukraine.

PHC of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine is the only entity that can carry out this work, as it is the lead national public health institution. It has the legislative responsibility to coordinate, implement, and monitor the country's public health programs, including HIV prevention, care, and treatment. As the central authority in Ukraine's public health system, PHC has legal and regulatory authority over national HIV policies, guidelines, and surveillance systems. In addition, PHC has the designated responsibility to lead influenza surveillance, to support health service delivery, and to oversee the national coordination of surveillance, preparedness, prevention, and response activities for health threats and public health emergencies. This sole source award is also expected to support the recipient to improve or maintain capacity to conduct seasonal influenza surveillance and detect and respond to pandemic and novel influenza. The award is intended to enhance capacity to detect and respond to novel influenza viruses, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza, as well as to identify outbreaks of severe respiratory illness syndrome and other infectious disease threats through both epidemiologic and virologic detection. These activities supports strengthening connections between national institutions, especially National Influenza Centers, to fully participate in data sharing and maintain capacity to share specimens, as well as clinical and epidemiologic data related to influenza circulation.

Summary of the Award:

Recipient: Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Purpose of the award: The purpose of this award is to strengthen the local government to lead and take ownership of the national HIV and TB response and address emerging

public health emergencies. The award will also support surveillance and response for pandemic, novel influenza, and other infectious disease threats in Ukraine.

Authority: This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601, *et seq.*] and Public Law 110-293 (the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008), Public Law 113-56 (PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013), and Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242I).

Period of performance: September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

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