

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Department of Health  
Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Disease Control  
Room 1168 – Corning Tower  
Albany, NY 12237

## LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

### **Enhance Surveillance and Strengthen Local Screening Efforts to Eliminate Syphilis**

#### Description of Goods or Services to be Bid

The Bureau of STD Control (BSTDC) plans to implement strategies at the local level to eliminate syphilis by enhancing surveillance and strengthening local screening efforts in jails and other high-risk venues located in affected communities. Specific goals of this project will be to: 1) evaluate syphilis morbidity by monitoring syphilis serologic reactivity among high-risk persons in settings such as local jails, drug treatment centers or other venues where high-risk status persons are served; 2) implement a common data interface for screening high-risk venues in New York State; and 3) develop baseline data for the purpose of evaluating high-risk status screening programs in New York State. Applications will be accepted through April 19, 2004.

The BSTDC is seeking applications from local health departments for funding not to exceed \$40,000 in areas with historically high syphilis rates in the 1990s or more recently; in port or border jurisdiction or locations along major migrant streams; that are located along drug trafficking corridors; or that include groups that are disproportionately affected by syphilis (*e.g.*, drug users, people exchanging sex for money or drugs, men who have sex with men, and minority and migrant populations that are affected by racism, high rates of unemployment, poor educational opportunities, and poverty).

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