

Enhancing Access2Care

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2017 Request for Proposals

Program Summary

Enhancing Access2Care is a two-year program that aims to expand access and improve care for underserved and vulnerable populations throughout the United States. The program, funded by Teva Pharmaceuticals and implemented together with Direct Relief and Volunteers in Medicine (VIM), provides at least \$300,000 funding over a two-year period to VIM clinics to support the delivery of primary and preventive health care for patients with poly-chronic health conditions. These programs should be clinically focused on solutions for patients who suffer from more than one chronic health condition.

Grants will be made to VIM clinics in the amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 each year for a two-year period. Funding will be made starting in July 2017, to fund **new and expanding prevention and treatment programs for poly-chronic patients**. Funding will occur in two installments, at the launch of the program and one year later, based upon review of the programs' progress. Winners are expected to use the funds to implement or expand the program for which the funding is provided.

Background Information

Throughout the United States, tens of thousands of people in medically underserved areas receive healthcare at one of close to 100 Volunteers in Medicine clinics. These providers deliver high-quality primary care and referral services to their community's most vulnerable people, despite operating with limited resources. The VIM model has been tested at the local level and continuously refined to include best evidence-based practices. It relies primarily on volunteer efforts and depends on local leadership, community organization, and sound planning to succeed.

The Centers for Disease Control finds that chronic diseases are responsible for 7 of 10 deaths each year, and treating people with chronic diseases accounts for 86% of our nation's health care costs. Examples of these conditions include but are not limited to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, obesity, and chronic respiratory problems.

Teva Pharmaceuticals, VIM, and Direct Relief recognize that the needs of the poly-chronic patients are complex and can be costly. For these patients, chronic conditions necessitate continued patient and provider management to prevent complications and to minimize the risk of complications that can develop over time. While the rising incidence of chronic diseases is challenging, best practices to improve

care and management of these conditions have emerged, as have efforts to increase public knowledge about prevention and health risk behaviors that cause chronic diseases.

VIM clinics have taken an active role in communities across America by developing creative and effective strategies to prevent and clinically treat chronic conditions. Examples of these include medication management, health coaching, team-based care, and other behavioral and lifestyle changes linked with improved health.

Enhancing Access2Care provides funding to VIM clinics that address health disparities and pressing community health needs for high risk, poly-chronic patient populations. It also aims to generate awareness of VIM clinics' unique ability to address community needs.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of *Enhancing Access2Care* is to invest in a two-year program to support clinical programs that enhance care, improve prevention, and expand access for underserved people with poly-chronic conditions, thereby addressing one of the most challenging issues faced by VIM clinics across the country.

Enhancing Access2Care has the following objectives:

- Foster the implementation or the expansion of programs and concepts that serve to improve the health of poly-chronic patients
- Enhance the capacity of VIM providers and their programs
- Share information about the program and its strategies with other healthcare facilities and interested parties

Eligibility Criteria

Volunteers in Medicine clinics operating within the United States are eligible to apply in 2017. Applicants must be clinics that are members of the Volunteers in Medicine Alliance.

Application Instructions

The application cycle will include an initial determination of eligibility and review process. If necessary, site visits or phone interviews may be conducted for better assessment of the proposed program. Each applicant must fill out the online application following the instructions below:

1. **Section 1: Application Form** – *This information needs to be entered into the online form, which can be found [here](#).*

- Name of VIM clinic
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Tax ID Number (to confirm nonprofit status)
- Contact Person: Name, Title, Phone, Email
- CEO/Executive Director (if applicable): Name, Phone, Email
- CMO/Medical Director: Name, Phone, Email
- Board Chairperson: Name, Phone, Email

2. **Section 2: Program Narrative** – *This information needs to be entered into the online form, and each section has maximum character limits (including spaces).*

- **Program Title and Summary:** Description of the clinic’s program **(max 1,500 characters)**
- **Organizational Description:**
 - Mission **(max 750 characters)**
 - History **(max 1,500 characters)**
 - Target Population **(max 1,000 characters)**

Applicants must provide the following information for 2016:

- Total number of unduplicated patients
- Total number of unduplicated uninsured patients
- **Statement of Need:** Describe the specific needs related to your program that your clinic program addresses. **(max 2,000 characters)**
- **Program Description:** Summarize your program. Include in your description goals, objectives, activities, timeline, key program staff, interventions used, any challenges faced and, if applicable, any mid-course corrective actions. **(max 7,000 characters)**
 - State if this is a program that is already in existence, and if so, how you plan to expand it. If this is a new program, please describe how it originated.
- **Demonstration of Success:** Describe how this program is or will be successful; whether the program is based on a proven model that has been implemented in your clinic, or in other environments (e.g. a hospital, community center). **(max 3,500 characters)**
- **Documentation of Measurable Outcomes:** Identify the performance targets, including baseline of how the program is being measured today or will be measured in the case of a new effort. List the outcomes to be tracked and the method for tracking them. Examples may include number of people served or to be served, health outcomes measures, and other indicators to show the impact on the patient population before the program began, since program’s inception, and within the last 12 months. For new programs, relevant outcomes measures that indicate the program’s likely success should be included. **(max 3,500 characters)**
- **Funding Request:** Please indicate the amount of funds requested. Funding ranges between \$10,000 and \$50,000 each year over a two-year period. If the requested amount is less than the total budget of the program, please provide a detailed plan for additional funding in order to sustain program. Be sure to include dates for when this additional funding will be received and from whom. **(max 3,500 characters)**

3. **Section 3: Required Attachments**

- **Required Attachment 1:** The **Signature Page** must be signed by both the Board Chairperson and CMO/Medical Director to be considered for the grant funding. – *This is an online form that must be downloaded, completed, and uploaded.*
- **Required Attachment 2: Metrics and Outcomes** – *This is an online form that must be downloaded, completed, and uploaded.*

- **Required Attachment 3:** The **Program Budget** is not for the funding amount, but for what is needed to execute your program, such as key staff (e.g. 0.15 FTE physician, 0.50 FTE health coach, etc.), space and facilities, supplies, equipment, educational materials, and costs associated with each item. – *This is an online form that must be downloaded, completed, and uploaded.*

Optional Attachments

If you would like to share additional information about the program, there is a maximum of two (2) optional attachments. Any more than two additional attachments will not be reviewed.

Timeline

RFP Released: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Proposals Due: Monday, March 20, 2017 by 5:00pm PST

Award Notification: On or before Friday, June 2, 2017

Award Presentation: On or before June 30, 2017

Submission

Proposals must be received no later than Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5pm PST. At any time questions arise regarding the RFP please contact usaprograms@directrelief.org. Applicants must submit all materials [online](#).

Awardee Requirements

The program will provide funding to VIM clinics in 2017. Each awardee will be required to:

- Use the funds to implement or expand the program.
- Submit a brief interim narrative report and outcome metrics at 12 months, and a final report at 24 months. Reporting instructions will be provided after receiving the funding.
- Be available to participate in media or publicity opportunities with Teva, VIM, and Direct Relief.

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Volunteers in Medicine is the only national nonprofit dedicated to building a network of sustainable free primary health care clinics for the uninsured in local communities. Clinics are developed with assistance from the national Volunteers in Medicine office following a proven model. Once open, these clinics are invited to join the VIM Alliance, a peer-to-peer network where clinic leaders can access information related to all aspects of clinic operation. www.volunteersinmedicine.org/vim-alliance/