

**Ryan White Part A Funded Services
Legal Services for New York City and Tri-County Region
Request for Proposals (RFP)
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**Service Area 1
Legal Services in New York City
Contract Awards**

African Services Committee, Inc.
AIDS Center of Queens County, Inc.
BOOM!Health
Gay Men’s Health Crisis, Inc.
HIV Law Project, Inc.
Manhattan Legal Services
New York Council on Adoptable Children, Inc.
Project Hospitality, Inc.
The Family Center, Inc.
The Legal Aid Society

**Service Area 2
Legal Services in Tri-County Region
Contract Awards**

Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Background and Purpose: New York City (NYC) continues to be an epicenter for HIV transmission in the United States. By the end of 2014, an estimated 119,550 persons in New York City and 4,182 in the Tri-County region (Rockland, Putnam and Westchester counties) have been diagnosed and are presumed to be living with HIV/AIDS.^{1,2} Despite annual declines in new HIV and AIDS diagnosis and significant advances in medical care for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), disparities in access to health care and in health outcomes persist. Factors associated with poor health outcomes for PLWHA include being of a racial minority, being of a lower socioeconomic status, and being homeless or unstably housed.^{3,4}

Purpose: Since 1991, the federal government has provided emergency relief to areas disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS through the former Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act and now Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program). The New York Ryan White (RW) HIV/AIDS Program includes the five boroughs of New York City and the counties of Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam (Tri-County). The HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York (Planning Council), whose members are appointed by the Mayor, prioritizes service categories and allocates funds.

Awarded organizations are contracted to establish programs that provide HRSA allowable legal services in the New York EMA (New York City and the Tri-County region).

¹ HIV Epidemiology and Field Services Program. *HIV Surveillance Annual Report, 2014*. New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: New York, NY. December 2015.

² New York State HIV/AIDS County Surveillance Report (Excludes Inmates) Reported cases from NYSDOH Bureau of HIV/AIDS Epidemiology through 12/31/13 as of August 2015.

³ Sionean, C., Le, B. C., Hageman, K., Oster, A. M., Wejnert, C., Hess, K. L., & Paz-Bailey, G. (2014). HIV Risk, prevention, and testing behaviors among heterosexuals at increased risk for HIV infection--National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System, 21 U.S. cities, 2010. *MMWR Surveill Summ*, 63(14), 1-39.

⁴ Royal, S. W., Kidder, D. P., Patrabansh, S., Wolitski, R. J., Holtgrave, D. R., Aidala, A. et al. (2009). Factors associated with adherence to highly active antiretroviral therapy in homeless or unstably housed adults living with HIV. *AIDS Care*, 21(4)