FORM F: ASSESSMENT NARRATIVE

This section is worth 15% of the score for each of the funding opportunities included in your Application.

This form provides information on the characteristics of the population in the service area and the characteristics and needs of the priority populations you propose to serve. Multiple data sources and assessments exist for many communities, including census data; disease surveillance data; needs assessments conducted by the Applicant, planning councils and other community planning groups, and information gathered from community engagement activities. The Applicant is encouraged to use these resources when completing this section. Please reference sources used to complete this section and limit your response to four (4) pages. Note that some of these data will not be available for the entire HSDA or service area you propose. If that is the case, it is permissible to include information from the county where most of the services will be delivered.

1. Please identify and describe the HSDA or counties where you propose to deliver services and give a brief description of this area, including information on issues associated with greater vulnerability to HIV and other STD (e. g, educational attainment, income levels, and poverty); and a summary of HIV morbidity, including information on health inequities and disparities for these conditions. Information on HIV morbidity may be found in the appendices of this RFA and in the Texas HIV Epidemiologic Profile.

2. Please describe the current resources available in the community for HIV testing, HIV prevention services (including PrEP/nPEP), and HIV treatment and supportive services.[1] Describe any gaps in resources and the potential barriers to accessing needed services and improving health status. Describe how your proposed projects will fill these gaps.

3. Please describe the priority population(s) you propose to serve. Please include information about the HIV prevention needs and challenges, desired services, and barriers to HIV prevention experienced by your priority population. Consider information from planning groups, advisory boards, and client feedback as well as community and needs assessments. Please identify the sources of information. Describe how your proposed projects will address these service needs and challenges.

Response: Click here to enter text.

[1] Additional information may be found on the DSHS website.