Request for submissions
Call for differentiated service delivery best-practice models:
For specific populations, up the HIV care cascade and/or beyond sub-Saharan Africa
Proposals will be received until 31 March 2018

Do you provide differentiated service delivery to children, adolescents and/or key populations?
Do you implement differentiated models of HIV prevention, testing and/or ART initiation?
Do you support differentiated service delivery outside of sub-Saharan Africa?

If you answered yes to one or more of the above questions, you may be eligible for a small grant to document and disseminate your differentiated service delivery model. Read below to learn more.

1. About the International AIDS Society
Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world’s largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries. IAS members work on all fronts of the global response to AIDS, and include researchers, clinicians, policy and programme planners and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic.

The IAS organizes the world’s two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue, and provides a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy. The IAS Conference on Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals and features the latest HIV science, with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

In addition, the IAS advocates for urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV, including increased investment in HIV cure research; optimizing treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents with HIV in resource-limited settings; preventing and treating HIV-related co-infections; and expanding access to prevention, treatment and care for key populations at higher risk for HIV – such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers and transgender people – including protecting their human rights by combatting punitive laws and discriminatory policies.

More information on IAS can be found at www.iasociety.org.

2. About the IAS Differentiated Care initiative
The IAS Differentiated Care initiative is committed to supporting the scale-up of differentiated care through catalyzing country and community advocacy and amplifying global best practices, tools, and evidence to effectively reach the 37 million people worldwide in need of high-quality life-saving HIV care. The initiative has three key areas of work: (1) extending the platform to support differentiated service delivery, (2) catalyzing countries and community with advocacy for action, and (3) amplifying global best practice, tools and evidence.
To support the third area of work, the initiative oversees the website www.differentiatedcare.org, the “go-to” resource and online recipe book for implementing differentiated care. The website includes details on how to implement different models of differentiated care and summarizes the latest evidence. In order to support the expansion of the online knowledge repository website to include details on models for specific populations, across the HIV care cascade and in a broader geographical context, this request is being issued.

More information on the initiative can be found at http://www.iasociety.org/DifferentiatedCare.

3. **Purpose**
Global and national policy guidance and investment priorities include differentiated approaches to ART delivery. However, the majority of existing evidence relates to differentiated ART delivery among stable adults in sub-Saharan Africa. Good practice is not as well documented for specific populations, including children and adolescents, key populations and for people living with HIV who have co-infections or co-morbidities. Models of differentiated service delivery are also less described for other points of the HIV care cascade (i.e. prevention, testing and linkage, ART initiation) and in geographical contexts beyond sub-Saharan Africa. The IAS is looking to generate evidence to fill these gaps.

4. **Deliverables**
Small grants of $USD 8,500 will be awarded to local organizations to document, analyse and disseminate best practice examples of differentiated service delivery. Best practice examples should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- For specific population groups including:
  - Children and/or adolescents,
  - Key populations, and
  - People living with HIV who have co-infections and/or co-morbidities,
- Up the HIV care cascade (i.e. prevention, testing and linkage, ART initiation),
- With geographic focus beyond sub-Saharan Africa.

Selected grantees will be asked to describe and share the background, methodology and results of their differentiated service delivery model as well as lessons learned and any tools to support broader implementation. The key output of the grant will be the comprehensive documentation of the best practice model for further dissemination. This will be done in a report of approximately 15-20 pages due at the end of July 2018. A template for the report will be provided to the selected grantee.

5. **Period**
1 May 2018 to 17 August 2018.

6. **Proposal Requirements**
The proposal should clearly outline how project deliverables (see point 4) will be met. The proposal should be no longer than five (5) pages in length including 1) general description of the differentiated service delivery model (including the population reached, where in the HIV care cascade the model focuses and the implementation location), 2) rationale for why funding is required to document the example, 3) how the funding will be used to document the example and 4) a dissemination plan for sharing experiences with local stakeholders. A detailed budget and timelines can be included as annexes.

The total budget for proposals should not exceed $8,500 USD.

7. **Submission Details**
Proposals must be received via e-mail by Saturday 31 March 2018. Please email all proposals to differentiatedcare@iasociety.org with the subject heading “Differentiated service delivery best practice proposal”.