



## DIVISION OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Child & Family Services | Disease Prevention & Health Promotion

**DATE:**

2/1/2024

**SUBJECT:**

Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections - Request for Application

**TO:**

This letter extends to organizations and institutions that provide low or no-cost sexually transmitted infection (STI) services to individuals who are under or uninsured.

Since 2021, South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) has observed an unprecedented increase in the number of STI cases, primarily syphilis. Our 2023 preliminary year-end-data shows increases from the 5-year medians for the following STIs: 269% congenital syphilis, 76% early syphilis, and 4% chlamydia. Top risk factors reported are individuals with multiple sex partners, history of substance use, and history of incarceration within the previous 12 months and/or currently incarcerated.

The SD DOH asks providers to perform enhanced screening in select settings and populations. The Syphilis Healthcare Guidance document summarizes the SD DOH syphilis prevention and control recommendations. This document and other STI information is posted on <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/family-planning/sexually-transmitted-infection-control/>.

The enclosed Request for Application document outlines requirements and instructions on how to apply and successfully submit an application. The application must be completed online at <https://doh.sd.gov/grants/funding-available-for-prevention-control-of-sexually-transmitted-infections/>. Please note that specific forms are required for your application submission.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure