



## New York City Stimulus Tracker Pending Funding Requests: Grant Application Tracker

**Lead Federal Agency:** United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Application Submitted by:** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**ARRA Funding Source:** NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (RC1)

**Funding Source Description:** As part of the Recovery Act, NIH has designated at least \$200 million in FYs 2009 - 2010 for a new initiative called the NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research, to fund 200 or more grants, contingent upon the submission of a sufficient number of scientifically meritorious applications. In addition, Recovery Act funds allocated to NIH specifically for comparative effectiveness research (CER) may be available to support additional grants. This new program will support research on Challenge Topics which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.

**Grant Description:** This application proposes to utilize respondent-driven sampling, with recently-diagnosed HIV-positive female youth as central recruiters, to identify high risk minority youth and enroll them in culturally-competent focus groups offering HIV education and testing.

**Grant Amount:** \$1,000,000 (2 yrs)

**Anticipated benefits:** The information obtained from these focus groups will be immediately translated into culturally-appropriate media products to encourage HIV prevention and testing in the greater NYC population of minority female youth.