

**Targeted Hispanic/Latino Outreach HIV Testing and Associated Prevention Services
FY 2018 Grant Year**

**Question in regards to the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) –
Submitted as of 5:00 PM, November 10, 2017**

Question:

With respect to Sin Buscar Excusas, the RFGA states that a "minimum of 10 persons annually (delivered in one cycle) should be planned, with allowed increments of an additional 10 persons per intervention cycle." That appears to mean that each intervention implementation must include a minimum of 10 persons. Given that the descriptions of the interventions we have read say that it is for small groups of 4-8 persons and the well-established cultural and social stigma and barriers to openness in the Latino community with respect to homosexuality, these parameters seem somewhat unrealistic. Is there any possibility of flexibility with regard to this requirement?

Answer:

Yes, with the CDC stated range of the number of participants per group intervention cycle being 4 – 8 persons, DHEC will accept the following midpoint goal number as a modification of the planned numbers:

“A minimum of 6 persons annually (delivered in one cycle) should be planned, with allowed increments of an additional 6 persons annually per intervention cycle.”

Note that the stated approximate allocation cost per intervention cycle to consider when developing the proposal budget (RFGA, page 11) will remain the same for Sin Buscar Excusas, \$500 per cycle.