

Tibotec Therapeutics **STEP Initiative**

*Strengthening Treatment Education
for People Living with HIV/AIDS*



2008-2009 Request for Proposal Announcement

Tibotec Therapeutics is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the first annual **Tibotec Therapeutics STEP Initiative: Strengthening Treatment Education for People Living with HIV/AIDS**. Proposals are now being accepted for programs that will be implemented in early 2009.

The goal of the **2008-2009 Tibotec Therapeutics STEP Initiative** is to improve treatment education for people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States and Puerto Rico. The initiative will support treatment education that includes, but is not limited to: treatment preparedness; medication management and adherence; goals of antiretroviral therapy; and awareness and knowledge of therapeutic options. Proposed programs should target an underserved population in your community.

Tibotec Therapeutics recognizes and understands the current demographics of HIV/AIDS in the United States and the critical unmet need for local, community-based treatment education for underserved populations living with HIV/AIDS. Through the **Tibotec Therapeutics STEP Initiative**, we hope to support:

1. Programs that use or adapt validated evidence-based approaches to treatment education for a local underserved population that has not been targeted previously with such an approach (e.g., expansion of existing programs and/or proven models to previously unreached populations).
2. Development of new innovative and novel treatment education models directed at underserved populations living with HIV/AIDS, with the potential goal of establishing new evidence-based models.

Tibotec Therapeutics recognizes that successful treatment education programs require both cultural familiarity with the intended target audience and experience developing and delivering HIV/AIDS treatment education. Organizations that are not fully competent in both of these areas are encouraged to partner with another experienced organization in the design and implementation of the proposed program.

Strong consideration will be given to applications from small to mid-sized community-based organizations. Co-support of the proposed program from other sources is allowed.

Applicants should complete and submit an application describing the unmet need in the community, the treatment education approach proposed to fill the gap, and the intended measurable outcomes of the program. All requests need to be submitted on the **Tibotec Therapeutics STEP Initiative** template (available at www.ttgrants.com) and emailed to ttstep@its.jnj.com no later than **October 31, 2008**. For additional detail, including submission requirements, visit www.ttgrants.com.

The **Tibotec Therapeutics STEP Initiative** is managed by a program committee that is composed of two HIV community members in conjunction with Tibotec Therapeutics.