

April 10, 2017

Dear Working Group member,

We are excited to announce an opportunity to apply for funding to support the effort to make an over-the-counter oral contraceptive a reality in the US. Over the past few months, the OCs OTC working group steering committee and subcommittees have been working to identify the key priority areas for future work in this movement as we anticipate a future application for an OTC progestin-only pill from [our partner](#), HRA Pharma. We are particularly enthused to see proposals in the following areas, but also encourage other bold ideas that you may have:

- Access for communities of color and low-income communities
- Access for young people
- Affordability and insurance strategies
- State-based policies and organizing
- User knowledge and experience with getting OCs from pharmacies or website/apps compared to clinicians' offices
- Prevalence of contraindications to progestin-only pills (POPs)
- Modeling and/or other approaches to estimate the impacts of an OTC OC □ Stakeholder outreach
- Clinician opinions of POPs and OTC POP access, including whether education improves support
- Parental opinions of POPs and OTC POP access, including whether education improves support
- Dual protection messaging and strategies campaign with youth input

Please see our [Request for Proposals](#) for a full description of the necessary steps to apply for a sub-award. The deadline to apply is **Monday, May 22, 2017, 11:59pm ET**.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. You can send all questions to [rfp@ibisreproductivehealth.org](mailto:rfp@ibisreproductivehealth.org).

Thank you,

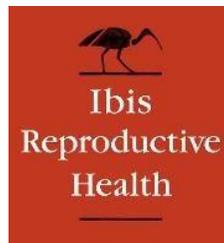
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Kate Grindlay  
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## About us

The Oral Contraceptives (OCs) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Working Group is a coalition of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations, nonprofit research and advocacy groups, university-based researchers, and prominent clinicians who share a commitment to providing all women of reproductive age easier access to safe, effective, acceptable, and affordable contraceptives. The working group was established in 2004 to explore the potential of over-the-counter access to oral contraceptives to reduce disparities in reproductive health care access and outcomes, and to increase opportunities for women to access a safe, effective method of contraception, free of unnecessary control, as part of a healthy sexual and reproductive life.

The working group is coordinated by Ibis Reproductive Health.



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