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AIDS Funding Collaborative Releases Community Responsive Grants Request for Applications

CLEVELAND, OH – With the goal of ending the HIV epidemic in Greater Cleveland, today the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) is releasing its 2020 request for applications (RFA) for community responsive grants. Funding priority areas include: HIV care and support services, including those aligned with Ryan White categories; HIV prevention services, especially harm reduction and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and community-led and neighborhood-based HIV programming focused on zip codes and networks in greatest need.

The AFC awards grants, both large and small, in a variety of different categories including: annual *community responsive* grants, small *discretionary* grants for sponsorships or short-term projects, grants by invitation that are *targeted* to urgent or unmet needs, and soon a new category of mid-range grants called *catalyst* grants, designed to support innovative and intensive HIV-related efforts in specific neighborhoods and networks that face the highest rates of HIV.

The AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) is a public/private partnership designed to strengthen the community's response to HIV/AIDS by providing advocacy, funding, leadership and coordination in Greater Cleveland. Throughout its 25-year history, the AFC has invested nearly \$13 million to support HIV/AIDS-related services, prevention efforts and community initiatives in Cuyahoga County.

As stated in the RFA, the AFC believes in community involvement and wants to promote leadership of people living with HIV. As such, special consideration will be given to programs and organizations that involve people living with HIV/AIDS in the conceptualization, delivery, and/or evaluation of proposed programs. Additionally, organizations that submit a joint application outlining the collaborative use of their common resources to achieve efficiency, will be given special consideration.

The AFC's funding partners are: The Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, The City of Cleveland, The Cleveland Foundation, Cuyahoga County, The George Gund Foundation and Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation. The Center for Community Solutions is the fiscal home of the AFC. [Download the RFA](#) and learn more about our strategic priorities at www.AIDSFundingCollaborative.org.