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2021 AIDS Funding Collaborative Responsive and Targeted Grants Announced

CLEVELAND, OH – Since 1994, the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) has convened multiple funders in collective grantmaking and mobilized nearly \$13 million for the HIV response in Cuyahoga County. In its largest grant categories, the AFC awarded \$320,000 in grants in October. Six organizations will utilize these funds to support HIV/AIDS-related services and prevention programming.

The community responsive and targeted grants were awarded to agencies that submitted proposals in response to the AFC's invitation for proposals, following a letter of intent process. The priorities for this round of grants were: HIV care and support services; HIV prevention, including harm reduction; and community-led and neighborhood-based HIV programming focused on zip codes and networks in greatest need.

The AFC awarded \$320,000 in grants:

- [LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland](#) Q-You program for LGBTQ+ youth, \$50,000
- [Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center](#) Support for the Ryan White Legal Clinic, \$20,000
- [University Settlement](#) Conducting HIV/AIDS capacity building in Slavic Village, \$50,000
- [Ursuline Piazza](#) Educating and supporting HIV-positive people to live better, healthier lives, \$50,000
- [We Think 4 a Change](#) Get in Care, Stay in Care, Thrive in Care program , \$50,000

In addition to these community responsive grants, the AFC awarded [The Centers for Families and Children/ Circle Health Services](#) a two-year targeted grant to support comprehensive syringe exchange services, \$200,000. The AFC has a long history of support for syringe services programs, dating back to 1994 when it first recognized the need for effective interventions to reduce HIV infection among people who inject drugs.

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 a newer 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 AFC is a public/private partnership designed to strengthen the community's response to HIV/AIDS by providing coordination, leadership, advocacy and funding in Greater Cleveland.

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. Learn more about our strategic priorities at www.AIDSFundingCollaborative.org.

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