

AFC is still a part of this vibrant network of local and regional funding partnerships which collectively, through challenge grants from the National AIDS Fund and local philanthropic efforts, have granted \$160 million since 1988 in an effort to end the AIDS epidemic. Looking back in 2008, then, we recognized not only our work here in Greater Cleveland, but the impact of the National AIDS Fund and the Community AIDS Partnership model which our community helped to establish 20 years ago. For more information about the early history of the National AIDS Fund and Cleveland's Community AIDS Partnership Project, please see the December, 2008, issue of *Planning & Action*, available at *www.CommunitySolutions.com*. For more information about the National AIDS Fund, go to *www.AIDSFund.org*.

Funding Strategies and Priorities

The AFC aims to *fill funding gaps, address unmet and emerging funding needs, and remain flexible and responsive* to the community in its grantmaking. Our strategies for grantmaking and resource allocation include: (1) availability of up to \$25,000 annually for **discretionary grants**, not to exceed \$5,000 each, for short-term or one-time HIV/AIDS-related needs in the community that are not supported by other community HIV funds; (2) **targeted grantmaking**, in which the AFC invites particular agencies focused on specific populations or areas of unmet need to submit a proposal; (3) **strategic community responsive grantmaking on an annual cycle**, awarded to applicants responding to a request for proposals issued by the AFC and focused on targeted priority areas; and (4) **AFC-led initiatives, such as training, research, evaluation, and convening** focused on identified needs. The unifying theme is that these approaches are aimed at building community capacity and adding value to the community's collective effort to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic by filling gaps that other more restricted funding streams cannot.

In November, 2008, the AFC adopted a set of priorities to guide our work in 2009–2010. These priorities were determined through a process of assessing progress in addressing priorities identified over the past two years; considering data gathered through site visits, reports, and forums with grantees; and evaluating gaps and community needs identified through epidemiological data, other grantmaking activities, and community assessment projects. Broadly, these priorities include continued investment in organizational and community capacity building, targeted program support, and engagement in community planning and coordination efforts.

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Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County	The George Gund Foundation
The City of Cleveland	Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation
The Cleveland Foundation	Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland
Cuyahoga County Board of County Commissioners	United Way of Greater Cleveland

AFC Staff (December 31, 2008)

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission:

The AIDS Funding Collaborative strengthens the community's response to HIV/AIDS as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership, and funding in Greater Cleveland.



The AIDS Funding Collaborative

Since its inception, the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) has leveraged and invested more than \$6.7 million to support HIV/AIDS-related services, activities, and prevention efforts in the Greater Cleveland region.

The AFC was established as public/private partnership in 1994 in response to a recommendation by the Citizens' Committee on HIV/AIDS to develop a "method of allocating and distributing community-based funding from local government, health departments, and the private sector."

The AFC enables local funders, both public and private, to respond collectively to HIV/AIDS by increasing coordination of funding efforts and identifying gaps. Unique among HIV/AIDS funding streams in our region, the AFC's flexible nature allows us to direct resources to respond to emerging needs.

Additionally, the AFC plays a leadership role in convening the community around HIV/AIDS, contributing to community planning efforts and directing large-scale community initiatives. The AFC's suitability for this role stems, in part, from the expertise and broad representation of our membership.

Celebrating Our Region's Founding Role in a National Model for HIV/AIDS Philanthropy



2008 marked the 20th year of the National AIDS Fund and the 20th anniversary of Cleveland's Community AIDS Partnership Project (CAPP), the precursor to the AFC. The National AIDS Fund has supported, financially and through its leadership and expertise, the establishment of more than 40

Community AIDS Partnerships throughout the U.S. These community partnerships raise, leverage, and invest resources to prevent HIV infection and reduce its impact at the local level. Cleveland's CAPP was one of the original eight Community AIDS Partnerships founded in 1988, and, in fact, the philanthropic community in Cleveland played an essential role in the formation of the National AIDS Fund. The

2008 Program Highlights

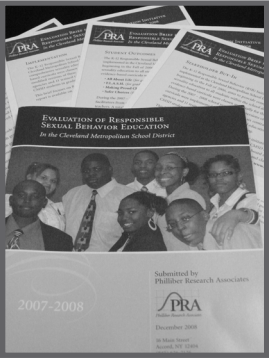
Advancing Understanding through Research

In 2008, nationally recognized Philiber Research Associates completed an evaluation of the K–12 Responsible Sexual Behavior Initiative in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) for the 2007–2008 school year. The AFC funded and managed the evaluation, which demonstrated improvements in students’ knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behavioral intent as a result of the program and strong support for the initiative among parents, teachers, and community leaders. The full evaluation report and briefs highlighting particular aspects of the findings can be accessed at www.AIDSFundingCollaborative.org.

In late 2008, Cleveland State University’s *Journal of Law and Health* accepted for publication an article researched and written by James Lee Pope entitled “HIV Testing in State Correctional Systems.” The AFC commissioned this research after identifying that an up-to-date state-by-state analysis of HIV testing policies in prisons did not exist. The research, which includes recommendations by leading public health and correctional health organizations and model testing policies, can be used as a tool for policy makers, state correctional systems, and others to evaluate their current policies.

Promoting Dialogue

In September, the AFC, in collaboration with numerous community partners, convened a forum entitled “Moving Beyond the HIV ‘Care’ and ‘Prevention’ Silos: A Dialogue about Community Viral Load,” featuring nationally recognized researcher Ronald Stall, Ph.D., and moderated by *The Plain Dealer’s* Philip Morris. The goal of the forum was to start a dialogue about the concepts of community HIV viral load and an “HIV prevention cocktail” and to help our community approach HIV treatment and prevention in a more integrated manner. The forum was attended by more than 90 HIV/AIDS care and prevention providers, funders, and community members from as far away as Columbus and Erie, PA.



Agency	Program	Grant Category	Amount
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	Local Member’s Attendance at ANAC’s Annual Conference	Discretionary	\$1,947
Cleveland International Film Festival	Film and Filmmaker Sponsorship for <i>All of Us</i>	Discretionary	\$2,500
Cleveland Public Theater	Promotion of <i>In the Continuum</i> and Giving Women Power Over AIDS Exhibit	Discretionary	\$3,500
Funders Concerned About AIDS	Membership Contribution	Discretionary	\$500
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Greater Cleveland	Attendance of Three Staff at Street Smart Training	Discretionary	\$3,078
May Dugan Center	Attendance of Two Staff at SISTA Training	Discretionary	\$1,646
MetroHealth Medical Center	Social Worker’s Attendance at Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) Conference	Discretionary	\$1,880
Prince of Peace Outreach and Deliverance Ministries	HIV Testing Mobile Unit	Discretionary	\$1,370
University Hospitals Case Medical Center	Planning for Routine Opt-out HIV Testing in the Emergency Department: HIV Prevalence Study	Discretionary	\$4,225
Camp Sunrise & Ohio AIDS Coalition	Identifying Needs and Best Practices for HIV-Impacted Young Adults Transitioning into Adult Services	Responsive	\$24,500
Care Alliance Health Center	HIV/AIDS Peer Outreach Program	Responsive	\$29,610
Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland	HIV Testing Program Expansion	Responsive	\$20,850
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center of Greater Cleveland	Metro Youth Outreach	Responsive	\$13,330
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	Proyecto Luz-Data Management/Outcome Measurement Program Integration	Responsive	\$32,420
Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio	Triple T: East Cleveland, in partnership with the City of East Cleveland	Responsive	\$34,596
Recovery Resources	Support Groups for PLWHA, their Partners, Friends, and Families and Those in Recovery	Responsive	\$6,409
St. Paul’s Community Outreach	General Organizational Support	Responsive	\$15,000
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland	Implementation of Strategic Restructuring Recommendations	Targeted	\$100,000
AIDS Walk of Greater Cleveland	18th Annual Dr. John T. Carey Memorial AIDS Walk	Targeted	\$10,000
Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland	Syringe Exchange Program	Targeted	\$80,000
Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging	Educating Professionals about HIV/AIDS in Older Adults: An Implementation Plan	Targeted	\$15,215
Janet Briggs	Steven J. Schochet 2007 Annual Volunteer Award	Award	\$500
Robert MacNaughton	Steven J. Schochet 2008 Annual Volunteer Award	Award	\$500
Recovery Resources	Gift in memory of Helen K. Jones	Award	\$500

AFC-Led Initiatives (newly committed in 2008)			
Philiber Research Associates	CMSD K-12 Responsible Sexual Behavior Initiative Evaluation: 2008–2009 School Year	Evaluation	\$117,220
Discretionary	\$20,646	Total 2008 Grants*	\$402,576
Responsive	\$176,715	Total 2008 Awards	\$1,500
Targeted	\$205,215	AFC-Led Initiatives*	\$117,220
Total 2008 Grants*	\$402,576	Community Events & Convenings	\$4,188

*Committed funds may not be paid out in full in 2008

Total 2008 Grants* \$402,576
Total 2008 Awards \$1,500
AFC-Led Initiatives* \$117,220
Community Events & Convenings \$4,188

Total Program Resources Committed in 2008 \$525,484



2008 Program Highlights (continued)

In late summer, our advisory committee members and staff of community agencies engaged in HIV prevention and care gathered for our first-ever AFC/Grantee Roundtable Forum. It was an opportunity for dialogue and interaction between AFC members and community agencies, and among agencies. Providers shared information about trends they’re seeing, program challenges they’re facing, priorities they’ve identified, and ideas about how the AFC can best support the community’s efforts to address HIV/AIDS.

Sharing Knowledge

In February, the AFC organized a community briefing at which individuals who had attended a national HIV/AIDS conference during the past year shared the highlights of what they learned with the community. Attendees heard reports from the National Social Work and HIV/AIDS Conference, HIV Prevention Leadership Summit, and Latino Conference on HIV/AIDS, among others. Many of the speakers had received a discretionary grant from the AFC which enabled them to attend the conference, and this community briefing ensured that our investment benefited the broader community.



In March, at Community Solutions’ Human Services Institute, the AFC presented “The New (Older) Face of HIV/AIDS,” a session that provided information and data about HIV/AIDS among older adults. Attendees commented, “I have been searching for a training and have yet to find one this good!,” “The panel helped put a ‘face’ on HIV/AIDS,” “This session is very helpful in my profession, and for my own health.”

In November, we hosted a training for social service providers who work with clients re-entering the community from jail or prison. The training included information about HIV transmission, testing, and treatment; community resources for HIV testing, prevention, and care; and the risks and special needs related to HIV/AIDS of clients who have been incarcerated. More than 50 professionals attended the training. As one attendee described, “The training was a real eye-opener for me. This is all very valuable information that all of us who work with at-risk populations should be aware of.”