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AIDS Funding Collaborative Announces 2019 Grants

CLEVELAND, OH – In October the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) awarded \$361,012 in grants to six Cuyahoga County organizations that will use the funds for HIV/AIDS-related service provision and prevention programming.

Throughout its 25-year history, the AFC has invested nearly \$13 million to support HIV/AIDS-related services, awareness activities and prevention efforts in Cuyahoga County. The AFC called for grant applications earlier this year, with priority in this round of grants placed on organizational capacity building, HIV prevention, harm reduction and operating support.

The AFC's 2019 grant recipients are:

- [Care Alliance Health Center](#) \$20,000 for supporting sustainability of the community HIV testing program.
- [LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland](#) \$50,000 for Q-You program for LGBTQ+ youth.
- [Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center](#) \$10,000 for support for fiscal operations.
- [University Settlement](#) \$25,000 to conduct an HIV/AIDS assessment and provide capacity-building in Broadway-Slavic Village.
- [Ursuline Piazza](#) \$50,000 for capacity building efforts to support self-care programs for HIV-positive clients.

In addition to these annual responsive grants, **the AFC awarded \$200,000 to The Centers for Families and Children/ Circle Health Services for a two-year targeted grant to support comprehensive syringe exchange services.** The AFC has long supported 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 also awarded Equitas Health \$6,012 to support scholarships for Cuyahoga County residents to attend the annual [Transforming Care Conference](#) in Columbus. The two-day conference addressed health disparities affecting the LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS communities and builds capacity for improved delivery of HIV and LGBTQ health services.

The AFC's funding partners are: 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. More at www.AIDSFundingCollaborative.org.