



The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Matthew Buzzelli
Acting Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Secretary Kennedy and Acting Director Buzzelli,

We are writing on behalf of 133 national, regional, and local organizations advocating for federal funding, legislation, and policy to end the HIV epidemic in the United States to urge the immediate release of Year Two Notices of Award for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's cooperative agreement High-Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments (PS-24-0047). The Year Two budget began on June 1, yet health departments have not received funding. This cooperative agreement supports 60 jurisdictions—all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and seven directly funded local health departments—responsible for carrying out essential HIV prevention and surveillance activities. Congress appropriated this funding, and it needs to be released.

Without active awards, jurisdictions cannot continue essential HIV prevention and surveillance work. This has led to widespread disruption in HIV prevention services. Health departments are furloughing staff, canceling HIV testing programs, scaling back or pausing PrEP programs, and are unable to track outbreaks of new transmissions effectively. In some cases, clients in communities disproportionately impacted are turned away due to a lack of testing supplies.

The impact also reaches community-based organizations (CBOs), which depend on health department contracts to deliver services. These delays are forcing local AIDS service organizations to lay off trained staff, cancel community-based PrEP events, and suspend all prevention activities. This is directly impacting local economies.

This cooperative agreement remains one of the most cost-effective public health investments. Federal support for prevention reduces long-term healthcare costs by avoiding new transmissions and supporting earlier diagnosis and treatment. Delays in funding increase the likelihood of missed testing opportunities and late diagnoses, both of which drive up downstream costs and widen existing disparities in access to HIV prevention. In addition, with every delay in the funding release, people are losing their jobs and access to essential prevention modalities.

We urge you to:

- Release the Year Two Notices of Award for PS-24-0047 immediately
- Issue any future awards under this funding on time

Public health departments and CBOs cannot plan or provide services without timely and reliable funding. These delays undermine decades-old infrastructure and weaken the HIV response at a time when prevention needs are increasing.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the HPAC co-chairs: Kevin Herwig (kherwig@hivhep.org), Mike Weir (mweir@NASTAD.org), and Nick Armstrong (NArmstrong@taimail.org).

Endorsements

Act Now: End AIDS (ANEA) Coalition	Compass LGBTQ Community Center
ADAP Advocacy Association	Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers
Advocates for Sound AIDS/HIV Policy (ASAP)	Dandelion, Inc.
Advocates for Youth	Defend Public Health
AIDS Alabama	Diverse & Resilient, Inc.
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families	Diversity Collective Ventura County
AIDS Foundation Chicago	Dutchess County Pride Center
AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC)	Equality California
AIDS United	Equity Is the Word
American Academy of HIV Medicine	Fabulous Arts Foundation
APLA Health	Fast-Track Cities Institute
APNH: A Place to Nourish your Health	Five Horizons Health Services
Aspirations	Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center
Atlanta Pride	Frontline Legal Services
Bienestar Human Services	Georgia AIDS Coalition
Brady East STD Clinic	GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality
BRBAC Metro Health	Grand Rapids Trans Foundation
Broward Gives Back	Great Lakes Bay Pride
Cares of Southwest Michigan	Greater Dayton LGBT Center
Caribbean Equality Project	Health GAP
CenterLink	Health Services Center, Inc.
Centro Ararat, Inc.	HealthHIV
Centro de Salud de Lares, Inc.	HEROES, Inc.
Charlotte Trans Health	High Impacto, Inc.
Cheeky Charity	HIV Dental Alliance
Clare Housing	HIV Medicine Association
Coai, Inc.	HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan
Coalición de Coaliciones Pro Personas sin Hogar de PR, Inc.	HIV+Aging Research Project-Palm Springs
Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation	HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Colorado Organizations & Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)	Hudson Pride Center
Community Access National Network	Hugh Lane Foundation
	Human Rights Campaign

International Association of Providers of AIDS
Care
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
Lansing Area AIDS Network
League of United Latin American Citizens
(LULAC)
LGBT Center of Raleigh
LGBT Life Center
MAACA
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
My Brother's Keeper, Inc.
Naples Pride
NASTAD
National Alliance for HIV Education and
Workforce Development
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health
National HIV Aging & Advocacy Network
(NHAAN)
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Working Positive Coalition
NC AIDS Action Network
NMAC
North Shore Alliance of GLBTQ+ Youth (NAGLY)
Ogden Pride
Older Women Embracing Life, (OWEL)
Omaha ForUs
Our Family Coalition
OutFront Kalamazoo
OutNebraska
Outreach, Inc.
Pacientes de Sida pro Política Sana
Positive People Network, Inc.
Positive Women's Network-USA
Power Atlanta, Inc.
Prevention Access Campaign
PWN Texas Strike Force
R.I.S.E IMPACT
Rainbow Rose Center
Resource Center (Dallas, Texas)
Rochester Rainbow Union
Rockland County Pride Center
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
San Francisco Community Health Center
San Joaquin Pride Center

Selma AIR, Inc
Silver State Equality
SISU Empowering Others
SMYAL
Southern AIDS Coalition
Southern Nevada Health Consortium
Spencer Pride, Inc.
Sussex Pride
TaskForce Prevention and Community Services
The AIDS Institute
The Human Rights Alliance
The Pride Center at Equality Park
The Reunion Project
The S.Y.S.T.E.M. (Share Your Story To Empower
Many)
The Source LGBT+ Center
The TransLatin@ Coalition
Thrive Alabama
Transgender Law Center
Transgender Michigan
Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
Treatment Action Group (TAG)
Treatment Educat10n Network (TEN)
Unity Wellness Center
Valley AIDS Council
Vivent Health
Wellness AIDS Services, Inc.
Wisconsin Public Health Association
Women With A Vision
Youth Outlook
Youth Pride, Inc.