

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

An initiative to end the HIV epidemic was announced during the recent State of the Union Address and described by HHS Secretary Alex Azar as “a once-in-a-generation opportunity to end the epidemic, thanks to the most powerful HIV prevention and treatment tools in history and new tools that allow us to pinpoint where HIV infections are spreading most rapidly.”

The *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* aims to reduce new infections by 75 percent in the next ten years, averting more than 250,000 HIV infections in that span. It includes three major areas of action:

- Increasing investments in geographic hotspots through existing, effective programs, such as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
- Using data to identify where HIV is spreading most rapidly and guide decision-making to address prevention, care, and treatment needs at the local level.
- Creating a local HIV HealthForce in these targeted areas to expand HIV prevention and treatment.

There are several factors contributing to this unprecedented opportunity:

- HIV medicine antiretroviral therapy (ART) when taken as prescribed makes it possible for persons with HIV to live long, healthy lives and have effectively no risk of sexually transmitting HIV to a partner.
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications have reduced the risk of contracting HIV from someone by up to 97 percent.
- New laboratory and epidemiological techniques create the opportunity to focus on geographic regions in greatest need of additional resources.

Information and Resources for Community Leaders:

- Journal of American Medicine (JAMA) Editorial *Ending the HIV Epidemic A Plan for the United States*, Feb. 7, 2019. Includes the role of faith and community organizations in ending the epidemic.
- Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America - PDF Fact Sheet
- HIV.gov for resources and information including HIV Basics, Prevention, and Testing
- CDC's webpage for program resources and funding opportunities.
- HRSA Ryan White & Global HIV/AIDS Program including how to find a program medical provider.
- 2 More Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding Opportunities: New Initiatives on Opioid Use Disorders and Sexually Transmitted Infection (Additional information on these grants below).

Grants

Strengthening Systems of Care for People Living with HIV and Opioid Use Disorder

HRSA-19-038 HHS/HRSA, **Applications Due April 16.**

The goal of this initiative is to strengthen system-level coordination and networks of care between the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and other federal, state and local entities funded to respond to the opioid epidemic to ensure people living with HIV and opioid use disorder have access to behavioral health care, treatment, and recovery services. **A pre-application webinar is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2- 3:30 PM (ET).**

Enhancing Linkage of STI and HIV Surveillance Data in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)

HRSA-19-039 HHS/HRSA, **Applications Due April 8.**

The purpose of this project is to improve linkage, re-engagement in care, and health outcomes for people living with HIV in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

Overdose Data to Action

RFA-CE19-1904 HHS/CDC, **Applications Due May 2.**

This funding opportunity builds upon previous CDC programs focused on opioid overdose and injury prevention.

National kickoff webinar on Feb. 12, 3:30 -4:45 p.m. ET, which will address questions from eligible applicants.

Conference Number: 1-888-455-1397/Conference I.D.: 7264894/URL:
<https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/rtdp86dayqnw>

NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is currently soliciting applications for health professionals working in underserved areas who expand access to substance use disorder treatment. Eligible providers include behavioral health professionals and substance abuse counselors who have not been historically aware of (or eligible for) previous initiatives and may not be touched by our outreach. Read the [2019 Application and Program Guidance](#) for additional information. You may be eligible for the NHSC Loan Repayment Program. **Apply now through Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. ET.**