

ViiV HEALTHCARE POSITIVE ACTION

COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund

Request for Proposals

April 2020

ViiV Healthcare COVID 19 Community Emergency Response Fund

As the only company 100% dedicated to addressing the challenges of the HIV, ViiV Healthcare has been actively exploring ways we can use our scientific, medical and community expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic to support the HIV community and those who work within it

ViiV Healthcare's mission is to leave no person living with HIV behind and in these uncertain times we remain absolutely committed to ensuring that we deliver on it. To this end, ViiV Healthcare's COVID19 Community Emergency Response Fund seeks applications from community-based organisations to support their work in addressing the specific challenges that have arisen for people living with and most affected by HIV as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. Requests for proposals will be open from **27 April 2020** through **15 May 2020** and is open to existing grantees of Positive Action and/or Government Affairs and Global Public Health.

The COVID19 Community Emergency Response Fund will support community-based organisations proposals up to £ 20,000. These initiatives should be implemented within six months.

Request for proposals

ViiV Healthcare is seeking applications from community-based organisations to address the specific challenges that have arisen for people living with or affected by HIV as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Applicants must provide a plan, outlining how their community-based organisation would contribute to the support of people living with or affected by HIV to maintain current levels of access or increase access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services during the COVID-19 pandemic. This effort should supplement work already being done in community and healthcare settings. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ability to implement rapidly, to respond to urgent needs of communities. Organizations will be asked to identify how their current services have been impacted, any anticipated changes, and the ways that funding will be used to maintain or evolve services for people living with or at risk of HIV.

Proposals which primarily focus on research, are out of scope of this request. Research proposals should be directed to covid19rfp.research@viivhealthcare.com

Approach

ViiV Healthcare believes that engaging local communities is critical to addressing the drivers of health and life inequalities. It therefore seeks to promote community responses that work at the level of changing beliefs, attitudes and behaviours to improve health and rights at the community level.

Community engagement, participation and leadership are mandatory requirements for all grants: your proposal must demonstrate how your work will engage, involve, empower and benefit communities living with and most affected by HIV in this COVID19 crisis.

How to apply

Positive Action US grantees should submit their applications via the online grants portal at <https://viivhealthcare.fluxx.io> and select COVIDRESPONSE

Positive Action and/or Government Affairs and Global Public Health grantees are required to complete an application form and submit the completed for to COVID19.Community@viivhealthcare.com

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and all eligible proposals will then be evaluated against the outlined criteria below.

Eligibility for COVID19 community grants

- Recent or Existing Positive Action or Government Affairs & Global Public Health grantee (who have successfully completed ViiV Healthcare or Charities Aid Foundation ("CAF") due diligence processes within last two years)
- Addressing community preparedness and HIV emergencies related to COVID19 and aligned to applicants' organisational vision/goals
- Activities must be completed, and funds utilised within 6 months of receiving the funds (please see below for timelines)
- All applications to be received in English

Funding areas and themes for COVID 19 community Grants

Positive Action ex US and Government Affairs & Global Public Health invite proposals in one of the following thematic areas;

- Support for ongoing access to critical HIV prevention, care and treatment services (adherence support interventions, psychosocial support, strengthening access to ARVs, strategies for hard to reach populations, etc.)
- Capacity building to support the transition of service delivery from face to face service delivery to home or digital services etc.
- Short term payments for critical community staff who are responding to COVID19 challenges (salaries, airtime, data, transport costs etc.)
- Community monitoring and community feedback mechanisms on impact of COVID19 on HIV services and support

US Positive Action invite proposals to fund general operating support, or specific projects to enhance services during the pandemic. Typical grants will range from \$5,000 - \$50,000. Funding cannot be used for the provision of medical services.

Timeline

Request for Proposals	27 April 2020
Deadline for submission of applications	15 May 2020
Notification to awardees	27 May 2020
Contracting	01 June 2020
Implémentation start	08 June 2020
Reporting	January 2021