

FAQs

General questions:

Q. What activities will the Community Emergency Fund cover?

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

Applicants must provide a plan, outlining how your community-based organisation would contribute to the support of people living with HIV or those most 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 healthcare settings. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ability to implement rapidly to respond to urgent needs of communities.

Q. How do I apply to the funds?

A. For more information about the **Research Emergency Fund**, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit our Investigator Sponsored Studies (ISS) site via [covid-19rfp.viivhealthcare.com](https://viivhealthcare.com/covid-19rfp) or contact via email on covid19rfp.research@viivhealthcare.com

For more information about the **Community Emergency Response Fund**, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, please click on the appropriate link below for non-US grants: <https://viivhealthcare.com/en-gb/supporting-the-community/new-positive-action-strategy-and-funding/#tab-01481534504-1> via email COVID19.Community@viivhealthcare.com and <https://viivhealthcare.fluxx.io> and select COVIDRESPONSE for Positive Action US.

Q. What will happen once I apply?

A. Research Emergency Fund: Requests for proposals will open on 27 April through 22 May. The proposals will be reviewed by an internal ViiV Healthcare scientific panel and successful applicants will be notified by 05 June.

Community Emergency Response Fund: Request for proposals will be open on 27th April through 15th May. The proposals will be reviewed by an internal panel and successful applicants will be notified by 27th May 2020.

Q. Why is this Call for Proposals only open to current grantees of Positive Action and/or Government Affairs and Global Public Health?

A. In order to disburse funds quickly and maintain protocols for due diligence, we can only accept applications from existing grantees who have ViiV Healthcare or CAF due diligence in place. This ensures all awarded grants are paid swiftly.



Community Emergency Fund Questions for the Positive Action site:

Q. How do I know if I am eligible for a grant?

A. You need to be an existing grantee of Positive Action or Government Affairs & Global Public Health, who has completed ViiV or CAF due diligence processes within the last two years

Q. Can I submit a proposal that is not aligned to the funding round?

A. No, you will not be able to submit a proposal that is not aligned to the funding round.

Q. Am I able to submit more than one application per funding round?

A. We request that you submit only one application per organisation per funding round. It is possible to submit more than one if you are submitting for more than one location or geography.

Q. I have already submitted a COVID change request form to Positive Action in the last month. Will this be eligible?

A. No. You will need to reapply ensuring that you have considered the eligibility criteria for this RFP.

Review:

Q. What happens once my application is submitted?

A. Your application will go through an internal review to ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria and then it will be reviewed for technical merit by an internal ViiV Review Committee.

Q. How long does the review process take?

A. The review process takes between 1 - 2 weeks after closure of the funding window.

Q. What happens during the review process?

A. An internal panel will review your proposal for eligibility after which the ViiV Review Committee reviews it for technical merit.

Q. Do I receive comments or feedback from review process?

A. The review process is not able to provide detailed comments on your application.

Q: What happens if my application is not recommended for verification?

A. We have limited funding available and difficult decisions need to be made. Unfortunately, if you are not recommended for due diligence verification it means that your application will not be considered further.

Q. Can I resubmit the application?

A. Unfortunately you are not able to resubmit the application.

Grant Size:



Q. Can I apply for larger amounts?

A. No, your application will only be considered if it falls within the different ranges defined on the website. You can apply up to £20,000 For Positive Action and Government Affairs and Global Public Health and between \$ 5,000 and \$ 50,000 for Positive Action US.

Q. Why is Positive Action Global separate from Positive Action US?

A. Whilst the two Positive Action programmes are aligned, each have their own separate funding priorities, criteria and processes.

Reporting:

Q. How often do I need to report?

A. You are required to report at the end of the six-month period. The report needs to be submitted on the required reporting template.

Q. When do I have to define or select my indicators?

A. You are requested to define how you will measure the success of the initiative. You are required to define this when submitting your application.

Q. Will I have a grant manager?

A. Yes, your existing grant manager will oversee the implementation of the COVID-19 emergency fund.

Q. How will I get in touch with my grant manager?

A. Your manager will contact you to set up your first call and to discuss implementation.

Q. How often do I need to engage with my grant manager?

A. We suggest a minimum of at least once during the implementation period. But please liaise with your grant manager to agree on what is most suitable.

Q. What happens if I don't hear from my grant manager?

A. Please contact the respective Grant Manager, information which could be found on the Positive Action website.