VIIV HEALTHCARE
POSITIVE ACTION

Monkeypox Emergency Response Fund

Request for Grant Proposals – Positive Action US
August 2022
**ViiV Healthcare Monkeypox Emergency Response Fund**

ViiV Healthcare’s mission is to leave no person living with HIV behind and in these turbulent times we remain committed to ensuring that we deliver on it. As the Monkeypox Virus emergency surges across the United States and disproportionately affects LGBTQ communities, ViiV Healthcare’s Monkeypox Emergency Response Fund will support community-based organizations who are responding to the Monkeypox outbreak with flexible general operating funds. Resources will help community-based organizations who serve people living with HIV to respond to Monkeypox with prevention, screening and education.

**Eligible Recipients**

Currently, all US organizations that have received grant funding from ViiV Healthcare in 2020 - 2022 are eligible to apply for the Monkeypox Emergency Response funding. Applicants can request up to $50,000.

**Request for proposals**

ViiV Healthcare’s Positive Action is seeking applications from eligible community-based organizations who are responding to Monkeypox.

Organizations are asked to outline how they are currently responding to the Monkeypox outbreak. Funding must be used to support increased outreach, education and access to prevention and care for Monkeypox. This effort should supplement work already being done in the community.

Funding cannot be used for the provision of medical care or the salaries of licensed medical professionals.

Organizations are asked to identify how their current services have been impacted, any anticipated changes, and the ways that funding will be used to prevent, screen, and educate around Monkeypox prevention and care.

Proposals which primarily focus on research or medical care services are out of scope of this request for proposals.

**Approach**

ViiV Healthcare believes that engaging local communities is critical to addressing the drivers of health inequalities, it therefore seeks to promote community responses that engage communities most affected to design, lead and benefit from the work.
How to apply

Eligible US Organizations should submit their applications via the online grants portal at https://viivhealthcare.fluxx.io/ where they can select MONKEYPOX Response

All eligible organizations’ proposals will be evaluated against the priorities outlined below.

Eligibility for Monkeypox Emergency Community Grants

- A US organization that has received Positive Action funding in 2020 - 2022 (your organization must have undergone the Viiv due diligence processes within last two years)
- Addressing community preparedness and emergencies related to Monkeypox in a way aligned to organizations goals
- Directly serving communities and people living with HIV
- Annual budget (total revenue in 2021) of less than $10M

Funding Priorities for Monkeypox Community Grants

Priorities for funding include:

- Campaigns that increase awareness and education around Monkeypox prevention and care
- General funds to support the provision of Monkeypox testing and services (i.e., training and technical assistance for staff, testing costs, transportation costs etc).
- Support for critical community staff who are responding to Monkeypox (salaries of non-medical licensed professionals, etc.)
- Community monitoring and feedback mechanisms on impact of Monkeypox on HIV services and support, with a focus on people living with HIV and with reasons for HIV prevention

Organizations in the US can use the funds for general operating costs, or for a specific project, provided that funds are not used for those activities listed below under “Funding Restrictions”.

**Timeline**

Request for Proposals: August 10, 2022

Deadline for submission of applications: Rolling until September 30, 2022

Notification to awardees: Rolling to October/November

Questions regarding grant applications can be submitted to viiv@tccgrp.com

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**Funding Restrictions**

ViiV Healthcare grant funding cannot support:

- Direct provision of clinical research or care, including vaccinations (staff or cost of medicine).
- Organizations owned, fully or in part, by a Healthcare Professional or Customer of ViiV Healthcare. Examples of Healthcare Professionals or Customers include, but are not necessarily limited to, physicians, physicians’ assistants, nurses, pharmacists, residents and medical students, phlebotomists, medical case managers, adherence counselors, pharmacy and medical directors within managed care organizations, other personnel within managed care organizations, and policy advocates.
- Program expenses allocated to support the salary of a licensed medical professional;
- Direct building expenses, endowments, or other capital expenditures;
- Support for advertising for local athletics and/or other extracurricular activities (including trips, tours, etc.);
- Support for brand advertising;
- Religious groups or other societies that do not serve the general public on a non-denominational basis;
- Patient education materials for a program/activity that will include ViiV Healthcare staff input on the content (if for a publication, no more than 5 percent of ViiV Healthcare funds to be used to support the publication costs);
- Product donations;
- Matching gifts;
- Patient assistance programs;
- Certified medical education;
- Purchasing of any medications;

In addition, ViiV Healthcare cannot support projects that will provide a benefit to ViiV Healthcare. Specifically, the ViiV Healthcare Positive Action Community Grants program cannot consider requests that:

- Promote a specific ViiV Healthcare product or line of business.
// Provide more than an “incidental or tenuous” benefit to ViiV Healthcare (generally defined as goodwill and publicity);
// Involve lobbying or political activity;
// Create an appearance of impropriety.