

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

POSITIVE ACTION FOR LATINX MEN: AN INITIATIVE FOR GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANS MEN



Positive Action for Latinx Men supports Latinx-led solutions, safer spaces and trusted networks for gay, bi and trans men. Expanding from pilot seed funding, *Positive Action for Latinx Men* is ViiV Healthcare's 3-year, \$5M commitment to support a dynamic group of organizations to build leadership, mobilize communities and support men in accessing and engaging the healthcare system in a way that reflects the diversity of identities, desires, families and environments.

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LEADERSHIP & NETWORK GRANTS

Leadership and Network grants work in a range of areas from supporting safer and braver spaces that validate men's identities and help them connect to holistic care, to engaging families and allies to dismantle stigma, homophobia and transphobia, to strengthening Latinx leaders and Latinx-led organizations and coalitions to enhance the coordinated response to HIV among Latinx gay, bisexual and trans men.



AIDS Alabama will provide a spectrum of culturally-responsive activities, including educational classes, legal assistance, health care and prevention referrals and leadership development to empower more Latinx men in Alabama to be community leaders and advocate for LGBTQ+ rights.



AIDS Foundation of Chicago will launch the Vida Task Force, a community-driven planning process to identify and implement strategies to improve engagement of Latino/x gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, inclusive of cisgender and transgender men, in the HIV prevention and care continuum.



Advocates for Youth's iPoder! program seeks to build the capacity of youth-serving organizations to create health-centered youth-advisory councils that will support the redressing of homophobia and transphobia within the local Latinx community.



AGUILAS will build a comprehensive, web-based, leadership development program for diverse Latinx gay, bisexual and trans men through local advocacy training and networking in English, Spanish and Portuguese.



Bienestar Human Services, Inc. will expand their DeAmbiente program to engage, support, and mobilize Latino gay and other men who have sex with men to be "agents of change" where they take charge of their lives and self-advocate for the changes they want and need in their lives.



Coai, Inc. will expand its 3-day retreat — Hombres con Poder — based on the 3MV evidence-based intervention to address issues affecting men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico, such as health, masculinity, HIV, and STI's, stigma, PrEP and PEP, and COVID-19 & HIV.



Center for Latino Adolescent & Family Health (CLAFH) at Duke University will develop DILES fellows with empirically-grounded training and mentorship in technical knowledge in HIV epidemiology, leadership skills, personal leadership qualities and supportive networks and connections between Latinx leaders nationally.



Eagle Pass SAFE will develop a culturally-competent, strengths-based marketing campaign — iPrEPParadas! — to connect with matriarchs within the community at the Texas/Mexico border, to give them the tools necessary to discuss all prevention options with their sons and support the ones that are living with HIV.



Fundación Latinoamericana de Acción Social, Inc. (FLAS) will expand their Project Re-Connect with holistic supports (art therapy, meditation), support groups, economic empowerment through sewing and a marketing campaign showcasing stories of unconditional acceptance with Latinx sons and their mothers.



Latino Commission on AIDS's Hispanic/Latino Gay/Bi/Trans Men National Network seeks to building and elevate Latinx leadership in the HIV community, locally and nationally, to strengthen unity and mobilize the community to work collectively, lessening the impact that HIV has on men's lives.



Latinos Salud's Somos Fuertes Juntos project will invite Latinx men to express themselves through a variety of supported creative projects, creating bold spaces for them to build health literacy and find community and family affirmation of their identity.



MPact's Es Tiempo (It is Time) program will address leadership development needs among emerging Latinx gay and bisexual leaders in the southern US and Puerto Rico, with the goal of addressing HIV and COVID-19 discrepancies and inequities through training, mentorship and internship opportunities.



Poderosos will launch its Border Positive-Reinforcement Opportunity Project (BPOP), an intervention that offers recovery counseling services and monetary incentives to support Latinx gay, bisexual men and other men who have sex men to reduce or abstain from Methamphetamine use.



Puente Abiertos Comunidades Transformadas Autosuficientes' (PACTA) project, SIGUE ADELANTE (Move Forward), will expand safe spaces in Puerto Rico where young people living with HIV/AIDS can develop empowering tools and capabilities for their physical and mental health, develop leadership skills, reduce and overcome stigmatization and learn how to better navigate the healthcare system.



Puerto Rican Cultural Center will create a volunteer-led collaborative to provide guidance to new migrants of Chicago's Greater Humboldt Park Area to build connection and community ties. Topics will be around the HIV epidemic, challenges of gentrification emphasizing heritage, culture and worth.



Resource Center of Dallas will expand its Grupo Orgullo Hispano, a comprehensive HIV prevention program so support monolingual, Spanish-speaking Latinx men who have sex with men with HIV testing and counseling, evidence-based prevention, peer-led social activities and large-scale condom distribution.



Somos Familia will grow its support for Latinx trans men and families with LGBTQ+ loved ones by developing supportive community structures and a culturally-competent and language-inclusive curriculum around HIV and sexual health education.



Unity Coalition will leverage CAÕBA, a traveling social event (offered free) with inspiring speakers, topics, performances, art exhibits, and a safe space for all same gender loving men of color.

AMP Grants fund community-led organizations to incubate and support emerging efforts that can disrupt disparities in HIV care.



AIDS United will design and implement a low-barrier, community-driven grantmaking initiative supporting Hispanic/Latinx gay, bisexual, and transgender men who are from communities most affected by and vulnerable to HIV in the US and Puerto Rico.



Contigo Fund will leverage its participatory, community-driven re-granting efforts to meaningfully deepen the integration of strategies for HIV justice-supporting LGBTQ+ Latinx communities across its network of over 30 grantee partners.



Equality California Institute's *Nosotros VIHviendo*, will be a capacity building and networking program for Latinx men who are leading California and Nevada-based grassroots organizations supporting people living with HIV. The new network will develop and launch a community-responsive arts, culture or storytelling project.

In addition to funding over the next three years, ViiV Healthcare will provide opportunities to **enhance the organizations' collaborations and capacity** through ongoing webinars, virtual discussions, cultural activations, and evaluation supports. This work will help to **advance the urgency** to support **community-driven solutions** to close gaps in care for Latinx gay, bisexual and trans men disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.