HIV Hurricane Relief Effort

Request for Applications Instructions

In response to the destruction from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria across Southern states and U.S. territories, AIDS United is moved to act, and help address the growing needs of agencies serving the HIV/AIDS community. AIDS United is making funds available, through this request for applications (RFA), to assist in meeting the immediate needs of HIV organizations serving people living with, and at risk for HIV/AIDS, in these regions. The effort is supported, in part, by the Southern HIV Impact Fund, a collaborative effort coordinated by Funders Concerned About AIDS, and established with generous support from Gilead Sciences, Ford Foundation, Elton John AIDS Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, and Viiv Healthcare. The relief effort has also received generous support from a range of national, corporate, and individual donors.

Application Process and Eligibility

- Requests for funding will only be accepted and reviewed from agencies serving people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS who reside in or have been displaced from the affected regions. In addition, agencies must have 501(c)(3) status, or have a qualified fiscal sponsor.
- Applicants must be able to spend the grant funds within three months or indicate how long is needed to expend grant funds.
- Applicants (or their fiscal sponsor) must have the capacity to receive award funds electronically or via FedEx.
- The maximum amount for awards is $25,000. Special consideration for larger funding requests may be given based on need.
- The main priority for funding is to support the provision of basic needs and support services for people living with HIV and those most affected by HIV, with consideration given to requests related to rebuilding and construction.
- Grant funds may be used for the purchase of medication, but that will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Grant funds may not be used for replacement of lost revenue.
- Applicants must complete the one-page application outlining their funding request and provide the organization’s (or fiscal sponsor’s) 501(c)(3) determination letter and completed W-9.
- Applications may be received via email to HurricaneRelief@aidsunited.org, via the online form, or via fax at (202) 408-1818 to the attention of Hurricane Relief Effort.

Review and Award Process

- AIDS United will conduct application reviews every other week.
- Applicants will be notified via email of their application status within 10-12 business days of submission.
- At the time of notification, AIDS United will obtain and verify banking information for electronic payments or verify delivery address and authorizing signature for FedEx depending on the preferred funds distribution method.
- In some cases, one of AIDS United’s funding partners will make the award payments to the applicant directly, and additional information may be required for that funding support.
- Not all applications for funding will be awarded grant funds.

Reporting Process

- Funding recipients will be required to complete a brief survey (to be provided), three months following receipt of the funds to document outcomes and use of funds.

Additional Assistance

- For any additional questions regarding this RFA, or if assistance is needed to complete your application form, please email HurricaneRelief@aidsunited.org or call 202-876-2830.