



Urgent Action Grants – Request for Applications (RFA)

Please review the following requirements carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Through the **Southern HIV Impact Fund**, AIDS United (AU) will award urgent action grants to organizations that execute short-term strategies that advance a positive and supportive socio-political environment in communities across the U.S. South. There is no deadline for submission of requests; applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Grant applications must:

- Advance the rights and well-being of people who face disproportionate structural inequities including, but not limited to: women, people of color, queer people, and people of trans experience;
- Detail a project in one of the following fields: (1) policy, advocacy, and/or mobilization; (2) HIV prevention; (3) HIV care and support services;
- Have a social/racial justice framework and related HIV focus;
- Respond to a time-sensitive and/or urgent issue or opportunity; and
- **Implement all project activities within three months of award payment.**

The purpose of this funding is to address a time-sensitive issue where immediate action must take place to rectify/remedy the issue. The application should demonstrate what makes the issue being addressed urgent outside of the rates of HIV in the area or among a specific community.

To be eligible, the project or organization must have a committed staff member located in one of the following southern states:

Alabama
Florida
Georgia

Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina

South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas

Grant funds may **not** be used for:

- X** Direct or grassroots lobbying (please see [Explanation of Lobbying Activities](#));
- X** Medications or medical care;
- X** Facility acquisition or renovation;
- X** Deficit reduction or debt payment;
- X** Displacement of existing funding sources;
- X** Start-up of a longer-term project or program.

To apply for an urgent action grant through the Southern HIV Impact Fund, please provide all information requested below and submit the following application via email. Please e-mail application materials with your organization's name and "Urgent Action Grant Request" in the subject line and address to Melanie Powers at southernfund@aidsunited.org. If you do not receive a confirmation email that your application has been received within two business days, please forward your original email and application materials to Melanie Powers at mpowers@aidsunited.org. Applicants will receive notification of funding decision within three weeks of submission. **If you have questions concerning this RFA, please send them to southernfund@aidsunited.org.** You may also find more information about the Southern HIV Impact Fund at www.southernfund.org.

Please include the following information in your application and adhere to the directions provided below. Responses should be **brief** with the font no smaller than 11-point, and the application no longer than two pages.

1. Organizational Information

- Organization Name:
- Organization Address:
- Authorizing Official Name & Title:
- Email Address:
- Contact Person Name & Title:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:
- Website:
- Organization Mission:

If applicable, fiscal sponsor:

- Name:
- Address:
- Contact Person Name & Title:
- E-mail Address:
- Phone Number:
- Website:

2. Other Information

- How did you find out about the Urgent Action Fund?

3. Grant Request

- Please state the grant amount you are requesting. The maximum grant award will be \$25,000.
- Briefly describe the intended use of funds. What is the time-sensitive, critical opportunity or challenge that your project will address? Be sure to clearly explain how the action(s)/activities will be able to immediately address the opportunity or challenge.
- How does the proposed project intersect with social justice and HIV?
- What are the strategies and/or activities you will undertake? Please include a project timeline.
- How will success be measured? How will you know you have succeeded? Please include at least two benchmarks for success.
- Please describe the leadership for the proposed project. How will women, people of color, people living with HIV, and queer and/or people of trans experience meaningfully inform the design and implementation of this project?
- Will you work with entities outside of the organization to accomplish the outlined strategy? If so, please list any collaborating allies, partners, or coalitions (a bulleted list is acceptable) and their role with the proposed project. Please include their contact information as AIDS United staff may contact these partners regarding this proposal and indicate which partners AU staff should consider contacting.

ATTACHMENTS

Please submit the following items as attachments:

1. Your organization's (or your fiscal sponsor's) **501 (c) (3) IRS determination letter**
2. A summary **project budget** using [this template](#) including anticipated expenses and any other sources of revenue to be used in support of the activities outlined in your proposal. All proposal requests that include lobbying funds must distinguish the lobbying and non-lobbying portions of the budget proposal.
3. An overall **Organizational Budget** (or **Fiscal Sponsor's Organizational Budget**, if applicable).
4. **Photos, videos, articles, media and web links** are also welcome (but not necessary) as part of your application if they help to illustrate your work or the urgency of your request.

Grant awards may only be used for charitable or educational purposes consistent with the tax-exempt status described above. The Organization agrees not to intervene in any election or support or oppose any political party or candidate for public office, or engage in any lobbying not permitted by IRC section 501(c)(3) or, if applicable, IRC sections 501(h) and 4911.