



February 27, 2026

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
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The Honorable Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD  
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Dear Secretary Kennedy and Acting Director Bhattacharya,

On behalf of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition (HPAC), a workgroup of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, and the undersigned organizations, we urge the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to maintain stable, ongoing federal HIV prevention funding for community-based organizations (CBOs). As the current cooperative agreement, Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations (PS21-2102), approaches its scheduled end in June 2026, the CDC should ensure ongoing support—either through a new funding opportunity announcement or an extension of the existing program.

For more than three decades, the CDC has directly funded CBOs as essential partners in HIV prevention. The PS21-2102 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) underscores this clearly: “CBOs are uniquely positioned to complement and extend the reach of HIV prevention efforts” because they operate in the neighborhoods, networks, and communities where HIV transmission and unmet need are most concentrated. Their longstanding relationships and community presence allow them to engage people early, respond quickly to local trends, and maintain consistent support that broader systems cannot replicate.

Under PS21-2102, CBOs deliver core elements of the CDC’s High-Impact HIV Prevention strategy, including targeted HIV testing; linkage and navigation to HIV medical care; referrals for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); partner services coordination; condom distribution; and participation in cluster and outbreak response. These activities directly prevent new HIV transmissions, connect people to medical care and prevention tools, and strengthen the broader public health infrastructure. Without dedicated federal support, many of these services would not occur.

A [recent analysis](#) demonstrates the public health value of direct CDC investment in CBOs. Among people newly diagnosed with HIV through CBO-supported efforts, over 85% entered HIV medical care within 30 days, a key step toward timely antiretroviral therapy initiation and viral

suppression. This evidence reinforces the importance of sustaining CBO infrastructure as an essential part of the national HIV response.

The need to sustain this funding is particularly urgent in the South and other high-need regions, where CBOs operate with limited resources and often serve as the primary—and sometimes only—access point for HIV prevention and related support services. These organizations cannot withstand a funding lapse. A break in the CBO program would immediately reduce HIV testing capacity, disrupt pathways to PrEP and PEP, and weaken trusted networks that help keep people engaged in care and prevention.

For these reasons, we urge the CDC to:

- Continue direct federal funding for CBOs through a new NOFO or an extension of PS21-2102;
- Reaffirm the Administration’s commitment to sustaining community-based HIV prevention; and
- Ensure that any future mechanism maintains the direct support and flexibility that allow CBOs to reach the communities most affected by HIV.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss how to protect and strengthen this essential component of the national HIV prevention system.

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California STD/HIV Controllers Association  
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