



May 27, 2026

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services  
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The Honorable Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD  
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The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director  
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Dear Secretary Kennedy, Director Vought, and Acting Director Bhattacharya:

On behalf of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition (HPAC), a workgroup of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP), and the undersigned organizations, we write to follow up on our [February 2026 letter](#) regarding the importance of sustained federal HIV prevention funding for community-based organizations (CBOs). We appreciate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) decision to extend the current cooperative agreement, Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations (PS21-2102). However, organizations continue to face uncertainty as they await Notices of Award.

The CDC should move quickly to ensure extension funding reaches CBOs without delay and should release a new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as soon as possible to prevent gaps in HIV prevention activities and infrastructure once the current program period ends. Continued investment in CBOs directly supports the goals of the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Initiative launched during President Trump's first term, particularly efforts focused on early diagnosis, rapid linkage to care, prevention access, and outbreak response.

CBOs remain essential partners in the national HIV response because of their ability to reach communities most impacted by HIV and maintain trusted local connections. Under PS21-2102, CBOs provide targeted HIV testing; referrals for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); linkage and navigation to HIV medical care; and other frontline prevention services that many communities otherwise would not be able to access. Continued support for CBO-led HIV prevention activities represents a practical use of federal dollars by

reducing preventable HIV transmissions and avoiding higher long-term treatment costs because of CBOs' ability to directly engage communities most impacted by HIV.

CDC's next CBO HIV prevention NOFO should prioritize organizations with demonstrated reach into communities most impacted by HIV and preserve the flexibility necessary to respond to local epidemiology and service needs. The NOFO should continue supporting the evidence-based prevention activities central to ending the HIV epidemic, including HIV testing, linkage to care, access to PrEP and PEP, partner services coordination, and community-based outreach and navigation. It also should permit grantees to use funds for PrEP- and PEP-related costs, including medications, laboratory testing, and clinical visits.

For these reasons, we urge the CDC to:

- Expedite the release of extension funding and Notices of Award for PS21-2102 recipients;
- Release a new NOFO as soon as possible to prevent gaps in HIV prevention services and infrastructure; and
- Ensure any future NOFO supports organizations with demonstrated reach into communities most impacted by HIV and continues funding evidence-based HIV prevention services.

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

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APLA Health  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
AVAC  
Betances Health Center  
CAEAR Coalition  
CHASI  
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Equality California  
Equity Is the Word  
Five Horizons Health Services  
Harlem United  
Health Services Center, Inc.  
HealthHIV  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Housing Works  
International Association of Providers of  
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Latino Commission on AIDS  
NASTAD  
National Working Positive Coalition  
NC AIDS Action Network

NMAC  
One Tent Health  
PrEP4All  
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