

ALERT: CDC Not Renewing HIV Prevention Funding for Nearly 100 Community-Based Organizations

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK – JULY 20, 2026 — [The Save HIV Funding campaign](#) is raising alarm following reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will not renew the federal cooperative agreement supporting [Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations \(PS21-2102\)](#), a funding stream that currently supports 96 community-based organizations across the U.S.

The funding supports frontline HIV prevention services, including HIV testing, community outreach, linkage to HIV care, referrals to PrEP and PEP, and local outbreak response. Community-based organizations currently receiving these awards were provided a three-month extension through September 2026 but have now been informed that a new funding opportunity will not be released.

According to [published reports](#), the funding is expected to be redirected to state and local health departments, which may choose to subcontract with community-based organizations. HIV advocates warn the change creates significant uncertainty for organizations that have spent decades building trusted relationships in communities disproportionately impacted by HIV.

The announcement comes as Congress begins consideration of Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations for federal HIV programs, adding new uncertainty for the nation’s HIV prevention infrastructure.

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

The CDC’s Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations ([PS21-2102](#)) has supported a nationwide network of 96 community-based organizations delivering frontline HIV prevention services in communities disproportionately impacted by HIV. CDC has directly funded community-based organizations (CBOs) to do HIV prevention work in this way for more than three decades. These organizations provide HIV testing, prevention education, outreach, linkage to HIV care, referrals to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), and local outbreak response, often serving as the first point of contact for people who face barriers to accessing traditional healthcare.

CBOs received a three-month extension of their current grants after the original funding period ended on June 30, 2026, with the expectation that the CDC would release a new competitive funding opportunity. That extension now expires in September, and advocates have learned that no new funding announcement will be issued. According to published reports, the funding is instead expected to be directed to state and local health departments, which may choose to subcontract with community-based organizations.

Save HIV Funding and its over 150 member organizations and advocates warn that this shift creates significant uncertainty for organizations that rely on these federal awards to sustain prevention programs, maintain experienced staff, and deliver trusted, community-based services. Several affected organizations have reported that losing direct access to this funding could force program reductions, staff layoffs, or organizational closure, disrupting HIV prevention services in communities that already experience disparities in access to care.

STATEMENTS & QUOTES

“Many communities impacted by HIV don’t have access to traditional sexual healthcare, either due to Medicaid and ACA cuts or because of healthcare deserts,” says Michael Chancley, Communications and Mobilization Manager at PrEP4All. “Many people rely on community-based organizations for routine HIV testing and linkage to PrEP care where services are not otherwise accessible or affordable in their communities.”

“The Trump administration is once again playing with fire as it tampers with essential healthcare funding that allows experienced and effective community-based organizations to meet the needs of their communities,” says Jeremiah Johnson, Executive Director of PrEP4All and co-founder of the Save HIV Funding campaign. “As we have already seen too many times in the past year, when we lose critical CDC funding and infrastructure, we see more illness and associated healthcare costs in our communities. If this critical funding stream is discontinued or altered beyond recognition, many local service organizations will have to shut down or lay off staff in areas where resources are already strained. This will increase new HIV cases, resulting in higher human and financial costs to individuals, families, and communities nationwide.”

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