



## People Organizing Positively 2022-2023 Grant Cycle Request for Pre-Applications

### INTRODUCTION

AIDS United, with continued funding support from Gilead Sciences, Inc., is pleased to announce the opportunity for grant support through the People Organizing Positively (POP) initiative. This year, the total pool of funding is \$425,000. AIDS United anticipates making 8 to 12 grant awards that will range from \$35,000-\$45,000 per award for a 12-month project period. Funding will prioritize projects developed within organizations serving and advocating for people living with HIV. Applicants must demonstrate organizational dedication to the leadership development of people living with HIV (PLHIV) predicated on the principles of Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPA). These projects should have specific, measurable impact on developing leaders living with HIV and on the applicant organization.

For additional information on MIPA, download the factsheet jointly developed by AIDS United and the US People Living with HIV Caucus: [Meaningful Involvement of People with HIV/AIDS \(MIPA\)](#). A recorded [webinar](#) on the principles of MIPA as they inform this initiative is available online.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an award, applicants must adhere to the following:

- **Non-Profit Status** – Applicants must be non-profit, tax-exempt organizations per the guidelines set forth by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with proper 501(c)3 status. Organizations that do not hold 501(c)3 status must have an already established relationship with a fiscal sponsor holding such status.
- **Location** – Only organizations located and operating in the United States, or all U.S. Territories may apply.
- **Organizational Viability** – Organizations should be financially secure with or without grant funds. This grant is not intended to help start new organizations or serve as a replacement for discontinued funding.
- **Budget Parameters** – Organizations submitting a Pre-Application should have an annual operating budget that does not exceed \$1 million. Note: This parameter applies to the applicant organization, not the fiscal sponsor; the fiscal sponsor can have an annual operating budget exceeding \$1 million.
- **Representation of PLHIV** – Representation of people living with HIV at the applicant organization is required. Strong representation tables (linked on the last page) show a commitment to building PLHIV leadership at all staffing levels and should reflect the intersections of the communities served. Organizations that do not have PLHIV will not be considered for funding.

### PRIORITIES

AIDS United will prioritize support for organizations that center PLHIV in all aspects of their work. Additionally, we will fund projects that are innovative, address leadership and capacity development of PLHIV, address reduction of HIV stigma, and are rooted in a thorough understanding of the principles of MIPA at the community and organizational level.

POP provides coaching and technical assistance to grantee organizations in partnership with the [US PLHIV Caucus](#) to support leadership development of people living with HIV within granted organizations.

The goals of the initiative are to support organizations that:

- Embrace and operationalize the principles of Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPA)
- Increase leadership capacity of People Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- Support grassroots activities that involve the leadership of PLHIV
- Strengthen the organizational practices that embody and operationalize MIPA values.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

Regional, community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, AIDS service organizations (ASOs), past and current AU grantees from any initiative, and/or established networks of people living with HIV that meet all eligibility requirements are welcome to apply.

### **PROJECT SUPPORT**

AIDS United will support projects via the following two tracks:

1. Building a MIPA-driven Organization: Project should focus on concrete activities that strengthen organizational practices and operationalize MIPA values at the organizational level. (Examples are contained on the next page.)
2. MIPA-driven Grassroots Project: Project should focus on specific grassroots activities that involve the leadership of PLHIV in the identification of the challenge and in the planned response. (Examples are contained on the next page.)

### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**

Applicants must submit applications and materials through our online portal [here](#).

Pre-Applications will be accepted between **June 22, 2022, and July 7, 2022, by 6:00 pm EST.**

- July 18, 2022 – Applicants will be notified if they are invited to submit a full proposal
- July 28, 2022 – Joint webinar from the HIV Caucus and AIDS United with invited applicants
- August 11, 2022 – Invited applicants' deadline to submit a full proposal by 6:00 pm EST
- August 31 & September 1, 2022 – Invited applicants can participate in an optional Zoom interview with the review committee
- September 9, 2022 – Funding decisions will be emailed to all applicants
- September 2022 – Negotiation of revised budgets and execution of grant agreements
- October 1, 2022 – Grant year begins

### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about the **Pre-Application content**, please send an email to Bianca Carrillo, Program Manager, at [bcarrillo@aidsunited.org](mailto:bcarrillo@aidsunited.org). If you have questions about **navigating the online portal**, please send an email to Shannon Wyss, Senior Grants Manager, at [swyss@aidsunited.org](mailto:swyss@aidsunited.org).

Due to the volume of applicants, please anticipate waiting **1 business day** for a response to your inquiry.

**THIS FORM IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY. PLEASE HEAD TO [AIDSUNITED.FORCE.COM](https://AIDSUNITED.FORCE.COM) TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND MATERIALS.**

### **Pre-Application Questions**

*Fields with an \* are required.*

- 1. Organization (or fiscal sponsor's) Employer Identification Number (EIN) \***
- 2. Organization (and fiscal sponsor's, if applicable) Address \***
- 3. Primary contact name, email address, and phone number \***  
Note: This contact will receive updates regarding the status of this grant via email.
- 4. Requested Amount of Funding (between \$35,000-\$45,000) \***
- 5. What is your organization's annual operating budget? (Cannot exceed \$1 million) \***
- 6. What is your organization's mission and vision? \***
- 7. Proposed Project Name \***
- 8. Please select one of the following project types: \***
  - a. Building a MIPA-driven Organization: Project should focus on concrete activities that strengthen organizational practices and operationalize MIPA values at the organizational-level. This could include processes that prepare PLHIV to participate at the board level, to apply for jobs with the organization, develop an active and engaged advisory board, and to organize networks of people living with HIV to address local and regional challenges.
  - b. MIPA-driven Grassroots Project: Project should focus on specific grassroots activities that involve the leadership of PLHIV in the identification of the challenge and in the planned response. This could include local, state, or national advocacy campaigns led by people living with HIV to address HIV-related issues.
- 9. Based on your project type selection, please describe your proposed project, and briefly outline your objectives and expected outcomes. \***  
400 words or fewer recommended
- 10. Please describe how your organization currently implements and embodies the principles of the Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPA). Please provide examples of PLHIV leadership development at your organization and examples of your commitment to MIPA in your community \***  
250 words or fewer recommended
- 11. Please describe how people living with HIV have been involved in the development of this grant, their engagement if awarded, and how their efforts will be compensated \***  
250 words or fewer recommended
- 12. Please describe any coaching and technical assistance that would be useful to your project. \***  
100 words or fewer recommended
- 13. Attachment:**
  - [Representation Table, using AIDS United's form.](#) \*