



Act Against AIDS Healthy Communities Program Partnering and Communicating Together (PACT) to Act Against AIDS

Dear LULAC Council:

We are pleased to announce the continuance of our partnership with the *Act Against AIDS* campaign in an effort to combat the effect of HIV/AIDS in our Latino community. Latinos are the second highest ethnic group to be affected by HIV and in 2016 accounted for a 26% of new diagnoses despite only representing 18% of the US population.

Our communities are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS and by working toward increasing HIV/AIDS awareness and encouraging testing and care, we are aiding in overcoming the challenges that may come with the stigma of HIV.

LULAC is proud to continue the *Act Against AIDS* campaign to aid in helping educate the Latino community about HIV/AIDS prevention and take action to promote testing to reduce HIV infection rates among the Latino community.

On behalf of LULAC National and the *Act Against AIDS* Campaign, we invite you to apply for this amazing opportunity to help inform our community. Through the Stipend Request Form (SRF), LULAC will award 10 councils a fixed stipend to host or augment an HIV/AIDS testing focused event that reinforces the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and care. In recognition of the high HIV infection rates among Latino young adults, LULAC invites collegiate councils to apply for this funded opportunity and bring this campaign to their higher institutions.

In the attached SRF, you will find more information about this funding opportunity and the resources available through the *Act Against AIDS* campaign. Proposals must be submitted by September 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. EST. Should you have any questions about the enclosed eligibility criteria or submission guidelines, please contact Tanya Mendez, LULAC Programs Coordinator, via email to LatinoslivingHealthy@LULAC.org.

We thank you for your dedication to the Latino community and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION RESPONSE DEADLINE:
Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 6:00pm EST

Key Dates

Stipend Request Form Due	September 1, 2019 6:00pm EST	Submit to LatinosLivingHealthy@LULAC.org
Notification of Awardees	Upon review	Applicant councils will be notified via email regarding selection of awardees
Testing Events	September 2nd - December 2019	Selected councils/partners must host their testing event between these dates. <i>LULAC must be notified of event date, event changes, or new/added information.</i>
Final Event Reports Due	Within 2 weeks after event is hosted. <i>LULAC must be notified of the final event date two weeks before event date.</i>	Event reports must be submitted to LatinosLivingHealthy@LULAC.org

Key Grant Criteria

Program Requirements	Reporting Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Councils must participate in a mandatory orientation via conference call. ➤ At least 50 people must participate in/attend the event ➤ At least 40 people must be tested for HIV ➤ HIV Tests conducted must be free for event attendees ➤ AAA campaign materials must be distributed to all event participants – LULAC National will provide ➤ Councils must post a total of 10 HIV/AIDS awareness messages on their social media pages ➤ Pitch event to local media to secure television, radio, online, or print coverage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit and implement proposed budget ➤ Submit an event report including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of tests provided ○ Number of preliminary positives ➤ Submit social media report with number of shares/likes per post ➤ Submit pictures of event with photo release waiver ➤ Submit clippings of media coverage gained ➤ Councils must schedule 3 check in calls with their LULAC program coordinator. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-event Check-in Call 2. Post-event Check-in Call 3. Reporting Check-in Call



Background Information

About LULAC and the Latinos Living Healthy Initiative

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States; works to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing conditions, health, and civil rights of Latinos. Annually, LULAC engages its network of 135,000 community volunteers, 1,000 local councils, 60 community technology centers and 14 LULAC National Educational Service Centers to empower Hispanic families through direct service programs and advocacy in 35 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

In 2010 LULAC launched the Latinos Living Healthy initiative to address existing disparities for vulnerable communities of color and advance health equity for all Americans. Latinos face several disparities including high rates of chronic and preventable illnesses, hunger, poverty and low rates of health insurance coverage. These factors directly affect our health and contribute to an overall greater risk of poor health outcomes. This issue is complex and requires creative solutions at the community level.

About *Act Against AIDS*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is an essential component of the Department of Health and Human Services that focuses on developing and applying multiple activities and strategies focused on disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education. In 2009, CDC and the White House launched the national campaign *Act Against AIDS*, to raise awareness and reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS among hardest hit populations, including Latinos.

Snapshot of HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community

HIV disproportionately affects Latinos due to factors including stigma, lack of continued access to care, and lack of HIV/AIDS education and awareness. Many Latinos do not understand the realities of the infection and recent advances to counter the disease, which makes HIV prevention a challenge in the Latino community. As reported by the CDC, 1 in 6 Hispanics/Latinos with HIV are unaware they have it and in 2016, Latinos accounted for 26% of new AIDS diagnoses.

In 2016, 87% of all estimated new HIV infections among Latinos in the U.S. were among Latino men with 85% of these being attributed to male-to-male sexual contact. According to the CDC, "HIV diagnoses increased 19% among young Hispanic/Latino gay and bisexual men aged 13 - 24."



Largely Latinos with HIV are not tested or diagnosed until the later stages of the infection. Over a third of Latinos with HIV were tested late in their illness and were diagnosed with AIDS within one year. Many Latinos delay being tested for HIV due to stigma, embarrassment fear of rejection. Those who delay in being tested, using prevention services, or getting HIV treatment include Undocumented Latinos who fear arrest and deportation. Others are not aware of the resources available to them and lack access to proper testing and care. In addition, culturally sensitive resources and information is still lacking in some areas.

LULAC understands the grave need for HIV/AIDS awareness and testing in the Latino community. Latinos are being greatly affected and LULAC is proud to take action by engaging LULAC local and collegiate councils in the *Act Against AIDS* campaign. Through LULAC's nationwide network of councils together we can stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community.

Scope and Use of the Stipend

***Act Against AIDS* Healthy Communities Program Description and Goals**

As part of LULAC's Latinos Living Healthy initiative, the *Act Against Aids* Healthy Communities Program will continue to engage our extensive nationwide network of community volunteers and their councils in a movement to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and share information and resources, regarding HIV/AIDS to Latinos across the United States and Puerto Rico. LULAC National will offer will receive a stipend to help cover costs of events to adult and collegiate LULAC councils and/or community partners. The program's goal is to work with our councils and community partners to (1) promote and increase HIV/AIDS Testing in the Latino Community (2) increase understanding of HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community (3) increase awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention tools in the Latino Community.

LULAC councils should partner with local health departments and/or community organizations to host an event or program that that raises awareness about HIV prevention and promotes HIV testing. Stipends for expanding pre-existing events/programs to include this messaging will be considered. Winning proposals will include creative and engaging concepts that will build on community involvement and local insights for successful execution of the event. Preference will be given to funding requests that target areas with high incidences of HIV/AIDS or include strategies to reach out to populations that may be unaware of their HIV status.

Applicant Qualifications

Fixed stipends will be awarded to councils that meet the criteria outlined below. Please keep in mind that at least 1 stipend will be awarded per HHS region.*

- Be a LULAC Council in good standing or a 501 (c3) organization.
- Be willing to work with LULAC National for marketing and outreach activities.
- Provide timely event summaries and final reporting data or as requested.
- Participate in conference calls and other meetings or check in calls as requested.

Proposal Submission

The stipend request form should be a maximum of 4 typed pages including the cover page. You can save this packet once completing the fields and email to Tanya Mendez, LULAC Programs Coordinator at Latinoslivinghealthy@LULAC.org or print and fax to (202) 833- 6135 no later than 6:00pm EST on September 1, 2019.

Reviewing, Funding, and Notification Process

All qualified request forms will be considered by a review panel and evaluated on the criteria outlined on the following pages. Final decisions on awardees will be announced upon review.

*See page 6 for a listing of states in each HHS Region

Top 20 Priority States, Territories and Cities



States and Territories

1. District of Columbia
2. Louisiana
3. Florida
4. Georgia
5. Maryland
6. Mississippi
7. Nevada
8. Texas
9. New York
10. Puerto Rico
11. South Carolina
12. North Carolina
13. New Jersey
14. California
15. Delaware
16. Illinois
17. Virginia
18. Tennessee
19. Arizona
20. US Virgin Islands

Cities

1. Miami–Fort Lauderdale–West Palm Beach, FL
2. Baton Rouge, LA
3. New Orleans–Metairie, LA
4. Jackson, MS
5. Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Roswell, GA
6. Orlando–Kissimmee–Sanford, FL
7. Louisville/Jefferson County, KY–IN
8. Memphis, TN–MS–AR
9. Jacksonville, FL
10. Baltimore–Columbia–Towson, MD
11. Houston–The Woodlands–Sugar Land, TX
12. Washington–Arlington–Alexandria, DC–VA–MD–WV
13. Columbia, SC
14. Las Vegas–Henderson–Paradise, NV
15. Tampa–St. Petersburg–Clearwater, FL
16. Augusta–Richmond County, GA–SC
17. Dallas–Fort Worth–Arlington, TX
18. New York–Newark–Jersey City, NY–NJ–PA
19. Richmond, VA
20. Greensboro–High Point, NC



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Stipend Request Form Questionnaire

WRITTEN PORTION

1.) Applicant's Demonstrated Capacity. (Maximum of ½ page)

- a. Brief description of your organization's mission, history, and community achievements.
- b. Describe past work with HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness (if any).
- c. Name partner who can provide the HIV/AIDS testing if applicant is unable to provide testing directly.
- d. Identify at least 1 other partner who will help ensure successful completion of your event. Inclusion of a Letter of Support by the partner is preferred but not required.

2.) HIV/AIDS awareness need in your community. (Maximum of ½ page)

- a. Describe the impact HIV/AIDS has on your local community.
- b. Why is it important to implement this program in your community?

3.) How will you ensure that the program meets requirements? (Maximum of 2 pages)

- a. Description of event and plan to reach at least 50 attendees and 40 HIV screenings.
- b. Description of how your event will incorporate populations that are more likely to be unsure of their HIV status or at a higher risk of HIV transmission.
- c. Brief timeline outlining expected logistical work or milestones.
- d. Communications activities around your event. Describe how you plan to promote your event. Marketing/publicity plans should include regular opportunities to inform the community about your event as well as recognize LULAC and AAA. (LULAC National is available to assist with the creation of banners and fliers for your event.)
- e. Brief overview of how the stipend will be utilized (i.e. Supplies, transportation, printing, promotion, etc.)



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2019 Stipend Application Cover Sheet

Applicant / Organization Contact Name

Program Contact Name) If Different than Above

Program Contact Name (If Different than Above)

Council # or Organization

Priority State/ City (Indicated in pg. 5)

Organization / Council Address

City

State

Zip code

City / State of Event Location

Anticipated Date or Month of Event



**Stipend Application
Written Portion**

Applicant's Demonstrated Capacity (Maximum 2,500 characters)

HIV/AIDS awareness need in your community. (Max. 2,500 characters)



How will you ensure that the program meets requirements? (Maximum 10,000 characters)