

ACTION Grant (Act with Communities To Increase Opportunities and address Needs in the South) / Financiamientos/Otorgamientos de ACTION

ACTION - HBCU-HIV-MH

What is the ACTION- HBCU-HIV-MH grant?

The ACTION-HBCU-HIV-MH is a grant of up to \$10,000 to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to develop campaigns and awareness programs/events or increase staff capacity to enhance services for students around mental health, substance misuse, sexual health, and HIV. The ACTION-HBCU-HIV-MH grant purpose is to 1) Increase student awareness around mental health, physical health, and overall well-being, and substance misuse in the context of HIV by creating student-centered campaigns on campus; and 2) increase staff capacity to serve the needs of students holistically.

- Open to HBCUs, HBCU student organizations, HBCU collectives, HBCU coalitions, or HBCU groups with 501c3 status or have a fiscal sponsor located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Texas.
- Apply for up to \$10,000 per group by written narrative.
- Applicants must be a HBCU or direct organization housed under an HBCU.
- See below for eligibility criteria
- Grant application closes Monday April 20, 2020

Why was it created?

We know HBCUs...

- Fill an important gap that currently exists in our higher educational system.
- Have limited access to resources and funding.
- Lack resources to train, retain, and support staff to provide counseling, manage programs, lead teams, or provide specialized therapy for their growing population of students with mental health needs and for students living with or impacted by HIV.

We are open to all projects. Some project ideas may include but are not limited to:

- **Campaign/Awareness events around Mental Health, Sexual Health, HIV**
 - To increase student awareness around mental health, physical health, well-being and substance misuse in the context for HIV.
 - Strengthen and/or develop resources, such as support groups, informational handouts/videos, internships, tiplines for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming students.
- **Increase staff capacity to serve students/community around mental health, substance misuse, and/or sexual health, in the context of HIV, by**
 - Training staff at HBCUs in trauma informed approaches and/or healing justice

- Adequately train campus safety officials and first responders in recognizing mental illnesses or responding effectively to persons in distress.
- Addressing the social stigmas around mental health, substance misuse, and/or sexual health, in the context of HIV

Note: While ACTION HBCU/MH/HIV will not solely fund a HIV testing project, we will fund the enhancement of services to be more trauma informed and healing oriented through training and/or consultations.

Eligibility

- Every funded project must conduct listen in sessions with students and/or other people relevant to the project
- *Geographic Location:* located in and doing work in one of the Deep South states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Texas
- HBCUs, HBCU student organizations, HBCU collectives, HBCU coalitions, or HBCU groups with *Non-profit Status or fiscal sponsor:* be non-profit, tax-exempt organizations as set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or have a fiscal sponsor
- *HIV and Content Areas:* project addresses HIV in the context of one of the following content areas: mental health, wellness, or substance misuse (particularly harm reduction approaches to services)
- Implementation period: Project should be completed by November 15, 2020

Award Amount

The ACTION HBCU-HIV-MH grant will award up to \$10,000. The amount of the request should reflect the scope of the project.

Sample Allowable Expenses (including but not limited to):

- Program related materials
- Technology related to the project
- Training and related costs
- Convening expenses, including food, venue costs etc.
- Marketing related costs
- Travel, housing stipends

Prohibited Expenses - You cannot use funds to pay for or offset the cost of any of the following:

- Medications or purchasing of medications
- Direct medical expenses, including lab expenses
- Existing deficits of organization
- Biomedical research or clinical trials
- Projects that directly influence or advance Gilead's business, including purchase, utilization, prescribing, formulary position, pricing, reimbursement, referral, recommendation or payment for products

- Individuals, individual health care providers, or physician group practices
- Events or programs that have already occurred
- Government lobbying activities