



Request for Applications

The Washington AIDS Partnership (WAP) invites eligible organizations to apply for funding. **Applications are due by 5pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Thursday, July 1, 2021 for funding in November 2021.**

Ending the HIV Epidemic in the Greater Washington Region

WAP is committed to ending the HIV epidemic in the Washington region. As part of WAP's partnership with DC Health (D.C. Department of Health); the DC HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA); and DC Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, the District's first End HIV plan was launched on December 1, 2016. [The 90/90/90/50 Plan: Ending the HIV Epidemic in the District of Columbia](#) helped to improve access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care and decreased the number of new HIV diagnoses. But more work is needed to move closer to ending the epidemic, and address the disproportionate impact HIV has had on Black, Latinx, and other communities of color.

On December 4, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser, DC Health, HAHSTA, DC Appleseed Center, and WAP launched the District's new End HIV plan [website](#). It outlines recent health data, community perspectives on health and HIV, and updated strategies that will move the region closer to ending the HIV epidemic. The plan's goals include:

- By 2030, Washington, D.C. will have fewer than 130 HIV diagnoses per year
- People living with HIV can easily and safely maintain optimal integrated health
- We collectively acknowledge – and actively address – the impact of stigma and structural racism on sexual health and HIV outcomes

How we will reach our goals:

95%

of HIV-positive District residents know their status. →

95%

of District residents diagnosed with HIV are in treatment. →

95%

of District residents living with HIV who are in treatment reach viral load suppression. →

Over 13,000

District residents using PrEP to prevent HIV. →

To end the local HIV epidemic, philanthropic resources need to be focused on the populations most at risk for and disproportionately impacted by HIV.

According to the most recent data from DC Health's HAHSTA, new HIV cases were highest among:

- Black MSM and MSM/IDU (31% of new diagnoses)
- Black heterosexual women (16%)
- Black heterosexual men (9%)
- Latinx MSM and MSM/IDU (9%)
- Transgender People (3%)
- Youth and young people ages 13-19 (5.4%), 20-24 (12.1%), and 25-29 (18.4%)

There are disparities in the number of HIV cases:

- Of new cases from 2015 to 2019: 1 in 4 were Black women, 2 in 5 were men who have sex with men of color, 1 in 3 were ages 20-29, and 1 in 7 had at least one STI diagnosis within 12 months of HIV diagnosis.¹
- Communities of color experience the highest rates of HIV in Washington, D.C. Black and Latinx people living with HIV exceed 1% of their respective populations, with Black individuals disproportionately impacted at 2.8% and Latinx individuals disproportionately impacted at 1.2%.²
- Another population at risk for HIV is youth and young adults. Young people ages 13 to 24 represent nearly 20% of new HIV diagnoses between 2015 and 2019; the number of new HIV diagnoses among young people ages 20-24 remained level for the past three years. Young people ages 0-19 and 20-24 had the lowest viral suppression rates at 31.4% and 54.6%.³
- Transgender people are another population at risk for HIV. There were 48 transgender individuals newly diagnosed with HIV from 2015 to 2019; 32% of these new diagnoses were among persons ages 25-29. The transgender community continues to experience high rates of poverty, under- and unemployment, employment discrimination, and limited access to stable housing, all which impact HIV risk. Furthermore, in one survey of transgender individuals, 20% of respondents self-reported a positive HIV status, over 11 times higher than the 1.8% overall prevalence of Washington, D.C.⁴

Grantmaking Focus

Based on this data, WAP funding will support intersectional projects that address the key issues that negatively impact the health and wellness of gay, bisexual, and queer men; transgender men and women; and youth in the Greater Washington region; with an emphasis on people of color. A person's health is affected by a variety of factors, many of which are not health care related. From affordable housing and transportation access to stigma and discrimination, where we live, work, and play can have a drastic impact on health outcomes and quality of life. With the ultimate goal of moving the region closer to ending the local HIV epidemic, WAP is interested in funding organizations providing direct services or engaged in public policy work that impacts the health and wellness of the RFA's target population (this includes direct services or policy work focused on housing, education, transportation, and other medical and social support services).

¹ Annual Epidemiology & Surveillance Report: Data Through December 2019. District of Columbia Department of Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, & TB Administration 2020.

² Annual Epidemiology & Surveillance Report: Data Through December 2019. District of Columbia Department of Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, & TB Administration 2020.

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⁴ Edelman, E.A., Corado, R., Lumby, E.C., Gills, R.H., Elwell, J., Terry, J.A., & Emperador Dyer, J. Access Denied: Washington, DC Trans Needs Assessment Report. DC Trans Coalition. 2015.

Interested organizations can apply for a grant in one of two support areas:

1. Project Support: WAP will award \$400,000 to \$500,000 to organizations to support projects that address the RFA's grantmaking focus. While there is no limit on the request amount, WAP plans to award approximately 5-7 grants in this area. WAP is interested in funding innovative strategies and programs that have the potential to improve the health and wellness of the RFA's target population and ultimately moving the region closer to ending the local HIV epidemic.
2. General Operating Support: WAP will award a limited number of general operating support grants to organizations that have a budget of \$250,000 or less and are engaged in activities that address the RFA's grantmaking focus. Organizations can apply for up to \$15,000. Applicants will need to demonstrate how their organization's work will support the RFA's goals: improving the health and wellness of the RFA's target population and moving the region closer to ending the local HIV epidemic. If you have questions about your organization's eligibility, please email WAP Program Manager Joe Servidio (servidio@wapdc.org).

Eligibility

Eligible organizations are:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, organizations with a fiscal sponsor that has 501(c)(3) status, or organizations that are working towards 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship; AND
- Currently serving or interested in serving the RFA's target populations and/or individuals at high risk for HIV or living with HIV in the Greater Washington region, as defined in the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" section on page two.

WAP encourages organizations working towards 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship to apply. WAP staff will communicate with organizations to determine where they are in the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship. WAP will not issue grant payments until 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship is secured.

The geographic scope includes the District of Columbia, Arlington, Loudon, Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford counties in Virginia; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park in Virginia; and Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

Funding Availability

WAP will award funding in November 2021. Only one application per organization is allowed. Grants will be for a one-year period, November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022.

Application Submission

Deadline: Thursday, July 1, 2021, 5pm EST. Applications must be submitted by email to WAP's program manager (servidio@wapdc.org).

See page 5-6 of this document for the application form. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, WAP has made changes to its application. While trying to remain low-barrier, WAP's application does include both organizational and request-specific questions.

Questions about the Application

If you have any questions or issues accessing the application, please contact WAP Program Manager Joe Servidio (servidio@wapdc.org).

Nondiscrimination Requirement

WAP funds only those organizations which do not discriminate, in any practices, with regards to race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender identify, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, personal appearance, family responsibilities, veteran status, matriculation, political affiliation, physical ability or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.

WAP Grantmaking Frequently Asked Questions

1. What will not be funded?

Grants will not be made to individuals, for medical research, for sectarian purposes, or for reimbursement of medical care. Grant funds cannot be used for the following purposes: to reduce operating deficits, to fund direct health care treatment (including the purchase of medications), to reimburse health services, or to fund endowments.

2. How much should I request for project support?

WAP has a finite amount of resources and will prioritize applications with activities that are aligned with the RFA's grantmaking focus and have a reasonable project budget.

3. How will the application be reviewed?

WAP's Steering Committee evaluates applications and presents a grants docket for approval to the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers' Board of Directors.

4. What can I expect after submitting an application?

Steering Committee members will review submissions. WAP staff may schedule a meeting, phone interview, or site visit to gather more information from selected applicants. All applicants will be notified **in writing** of decisions made in **October 2021**.

5. If my project or organization receives WAP funding, what type of reporting will I be required to complete?

Funded organizations will be required to report on activities completed, whether outcomes and goals were met, successes and challenges, and other appropriate measures at six and twelve months. Grantee interim and final reports will include both a narrative and financial component, and will be shared with grantees in advance of reporting deadlines.

About the Washington AIDS Partnership

The Washington AIDS Partnership (WAP) brings together ideas, people, and resources to end the HIV epidemic in the Greater Washington, D.C. region. WAP invests in local organizations, focusing programming and resources on the communities most affected by the epidemic. Since 1989, WAP has granted over \$35 million, including more than \$7 million dollars raised from national sources, and reached thousands of people. WAP also provides technical assistance to local nonprofits to increase capacity and expertise; initiates public policy initiatives to address systemic issues; convenes local government, providers, funders, and other stakeholders to implement innovative strategies to reduce HIV risk and improve the lives of people living with HIV; and each year, recruits and mentors a team of young people who provide direct volunteer service in the community.

Washington AIDS Partnership Application Form

The application deadline is Thursday, July 1, 2021 by 5pm EST. Applications must be submitted by email to WAP Program Manager Joe Servidio (servidio@wapdc.org). The application form should be submitted as a Word document.

Please answer these questions as part of your application:

REQUEST INFORMATION

Organization Name:

Request Contact (name, title, phone, and email):

Request Amount:

Request Period: November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022

Funding Area (select one): Project Support OR General Operating

Target Population:

Number of Clients to be Served:

Organizational Budget For Most Recent Year:

ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS

All organizations must answer these questions:

1. Describe, in one paragraph, your organization's history, mission, and goals.
2. Describe how COVID-19 is affecting your organization, programming and activities, and staffing.

PROJECT SUPPORT QUESTIONS

Answer these questions if your organization is applying for project support:

1. What is the issue/need to be addressed by this project and evidence of that issue/need?
2. What is the plan for implementation, including activities, timeline, and project partners?
3. What measurable outcomes will be achieved during this grant period? What are the measurable longer-term outcomes of this program?

GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT QUESTIONS

If your organization is applying for general operating support, please answer these questions:

1. How does your organization's work address the issues that are negatively impacting the health and wellness of gay, bisexual, and queer men of color; transgender men and women of color; and youth of color in the Greater Washington region?
2. How would you use general operating support to advance your organization's mission?
3. Does your organization have its own 501(c)3 nonprofit status, is another 501(c)3 organization serving as your fiscal sponsor, or do you plan to secure your own 501(c)3 status? If you are pursuing your own 501(c)3 status, where are in that process?

ATTACHMENTS

Please submit these attachments with your application:

Financials – Project Support Requests

- Please submit a project budget that details project expenses and income in your organization's preferred format. Please make sure to provide short narrative explanations for budget items.

Financials – General Operating Support Requests

- Please submit:
 - an organization budget vs. actuals for the current fiscal year
 - a projected organization budget for the next fiscal year

Other

- Optional submission of other pertinent information for this request. Please limit file size when possible.