

Department of Public Health

Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Summary  
Federal HIV Prevention

Background/Purpose:

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Health to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health and the Academy of Educational Development for the Federal AIDS Prevention Program, and to enter into one or more contracts with various agencies or entities to provide HIV testing, health education, social marketing, and risk reduction interventions to those populations most at risk in Cuyahoga County.

In collaboration with the Ohio Community Planning Group and the Cuyahoga County HIV Prevention Regional Advisory Group, the goal of the Federal HIV Prevention Program is to provide HIV prevention activities in the Greater Cleveland Area. These activities will include: HIV counseling, testing, and referral services; Partner notification and referral/Disease Intervention Specialist services, Health Education and Risk Reduction, Public Information and Social Marketing, Prevention with Positives.

In accordance with the Amended Substitute House Bill 119, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 93.940, and the HIV Prevention Plan for Ohio, these funds are designed to optimize the development, implementation, and evaluation of statewide HIV prevention programs. These funds are to be used to strengthen and expand HIV prevention services and materials to individuals at high risk for HIV infection.

Goal: To reduce and ultimately eliminate HIV/AIDS in the Greater Cleveland area through increased awareness of HIV/AIDS and STD prevention, education and testing.

Funding Cycle: January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Ohio Department of Health to the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health.

Estimated Budget: \$871,300.00 (each year)

2018-2021 Pending Contracts:

AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland	\$ 62,000.00
Circle Health Services	\$ 65,000.00
Cleveland Treatment Center	\$100,000.00
Metro Health Medical Center	\$132,000.00
NEON	\$ 50,000.00
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio	\$ 75,000.00
Cleveland PRIDE	\$ 1,500.00
Department of Public Health Admin	<u>\$385,800.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$871,300.00</u></b>

## PROGEAM NARRATIVE

### AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland - \$62,000.00

- African American (AA) Men that have Sex with Men (MSM) - risk reduction interventions for African American MSMs as a youth development program as well as HIV testing in schools, private homes, and community based organizations.

### Circle Health Services - \$65,000.00

- HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral - services to high risk heterosexual African American women, youth, injection drug users, and low-income individuals residing in housing public facilities

### Cleveland Treatment Center - \$100,000.00

- High Risk Heterosexual (HRH) Youth - risk reduction curriculum to youth in community settings and in juvenile detention centers
- HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral – services to high risk individuals of men who have sex with men (MSM) in venues where they socialize such as local bathhouse, bars, homeless shelters and educational venues

### Metro Health Medical Center (MHMC) - \$132,000

- Linkage to Care – Uses ARTAS Intervention model to assist in linking newly HIV+ diagnosed individuals to medical care after diagnosis.

### NEON - \$50,000.00

- High Risk Heterosexual (HRH) Women - risk reduction sessions to high risk women in prenatal clinics and in transitional housing facilities

### Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio - \$75,000.00

- HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral - services youth, women and men within multiple Planned Parenthood clinical settings

### Cleveland PRIDE - \$1,500.00

- Funding supports the staff in providing HIV Testing and Counseling services for the Annual Cleveland Pride Festival and Parade

### Cleveland Department of Public Health – Program & Admin Support - \$385,800

- This program conducts partner notification services for all reported HIV and syphilis in Cuyahoga County (program support).
- Funds provided for grant administration personnel and related mileage, training, supplies, printing, and fiscal activities (administrative support).

<b>TOTAL: \$871,300.00 (each year)</b>
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the CDPH Confidential HIV Surveillance Registry, Cuyahoga County has been one of the hardest hit counties in Ohio by HIV/AIDS. During the 2017 Regional HIV/STD Prevention project, the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) will serve 1,263,189 residents of Cuyahoga County. Cleveland reflects almost one-third (31%) of the county population but 57% of HIV/AIDS cases. As of December 2015, 5,249 persons were living with HIV in Cuyahoga County; almost half (48%) have AIDS. HIV/AIDS prevalence is 415.5 per 100,000, a 5.5% increase from the 2014 rate. In Cleveland, 3,496 persons currently live with HIV. HIV prevalence for Cleveland is 895.0 per 100,000 residents in 2015, a 1.43% increase from 2014. The rate in Cleveland is 2.2 times greater than the rate of Cuyahoga County. In 2015, Cuyahoga County's total syphilis and primary/secondary syphilis cases were 200 cases. Syphilis cases had been steadily decreasing until 2014 where we have seen an 89.4% increase in cases compared to 2013 and an 11% increase from 2014. Primary and secondary syphilis (PSS), the most infectious stages, increased (n=72) by 148% from the previous year. The PSS rate increased from 2.3 per 100,000 in 2013 to 5.6 per 100,000 in 2014. In 2014, Co-infection with HIV continues to be an issue, of the 72 primary/secondary cases, (n=43), or 60% reported being co-infected with HIV, and 76% reported sexual activity with another male (MSM) or being bisexual in the past 12 months. Most cases were reported from the 20-24 age group and 73% of the cases reported were African American.

Cuyahoga County is far exceeding Syphilis cases confirmed since 2014 and HIV cases remain steady. HIV cases have increased 23.6% when compared to last year and Syphilis cases have increased by 61% during the same time period. Minority populations are disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and primary/secondary syphilis. Black/African Americans (BAA) and Hispanics are 74.6% and 5.7% of current HIV prevalence; prevalence for BAA is 230.4 per 100,000. Most of the HIV cases reported were males at 88%. In the 20-24 age group they accounted for 26.8% of cases, 51.7% of cases were below the age of 30 and 5% youth cases were from those aged 18 or younger.

Our community prioritized target populations for Cuyahoga County are equally aligned with the priority list from the State at the Ohio Department of Health. They are identified as PLWHA, MSM, Youth, HRH and IDU with MSM as a primary prevention target for syphilis. This program will address the public health problem by striving to achieve three goals: Reduce

New HIV (and Syphilis) infections, Increase Targeted Screening, and Reduce HIV/Syphilis Related Disparities. These goals are consistent with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Service delivery will be rendered by HIV/STD prevention providers throughout the region that not only have the expertise, but also best understand the need of the target populations. HIV/STD Prevention program activities consist of behavior interventions, HIV testing and syphilis screenings, health education/risk reduction initiatives, partner notification and referral services, linkage to care and social media marketing.