

'HIV Engage' – The HIV Community Grants Programme

Background

Gilead Sciences, Ltd. is a biopharmaceutical company that has pursued and achieved breakthroughs in medicine for more than three decades, with the goal of creating a healthier world for all people. We strive to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Gilead is committed to people living and impacted by HIV as well as advocating for greater inclusivity and equality in HIV. We know there is more to be done to support the United Nations 2030 targets of 95-95-95 and still there are groups that remain overlooked and underrepresented in the UK & Ireland.

Programme Description

Through the *'HIV Engage'* Community Grants Programme, Gilead intends to support projects that will specifically support and find those out of care, address barriers to inequalities in HIV, peer-to-peer support programmes as well as educational programmes across the UK and Ireland. We believe that everyone should have access to the same quality healthcare, regardless of their background and circumstances.

Selection criteria

Gilead will consider applications that reach diverse communities within the UK and Ireland. We would welcome proposals that aim to tackle inequalities in HIV and advocate for greater inclusivity and equality in the management of HIV. Including but not limited to:

- Minority ethnic communities (Black, Asian and other minorities)
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Migrants / displaced individuals
- Roma or traveller communities
- People with physical disabilities
- People with learning disabilities
- Younger or older groups who can be marginalised by their age

Projects may include (but are not limited to) educational programmes for communities; educational programmes for HCPs; data collection; research in HIV disparities; research or programmes identifying and finding people living with HIV, awareness raising initiatives; advocacy activities; creation of accessible materials and increasing education for communities, etc.

Projects must provide specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-sensitive objectives as well as clear actions required to meet the project goals. Information regarding the applicant's capacity to implement the project and clear details on how data will be collected and analysed, and by whom, must also be included. Proposals should have a clear plan to disseminate learnings – both good and bad – from the project.

Eligibility

- Organisations must be a *legal entity* classified as not-for-profit and headquartered in the UK or Ireland.
- Organisations should have an interest in improving health as part of their objective, including but not limited to providing health or social services, education or advocacy for underserved or hardly reached populations.
- Projects should intend to positively impact specific communities within the UK and/or Ireland.

Evaluation and Reporting

Grantee organisations will be required to submit final project and financial reports once the project has been completed. Through the reporting process and data collection, Gilead hope to create opportunities to learn from both the successes and challenges faced by our partners, and to assess ways to increase the impact of future programmes.

Application Process

Organisations are required to submit their requests using the online application form, which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Please review the grant Terms and Conditions prior to applying. Please ensure that the **#HIVEngage** programme tag is selected within the dropdown on the application form.

Judging Process

Following the submission deadline, grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of Gilead employees, as well as independent experts. Grants are separate from the company's commercial activities; sales and marketing personnel are not involved in grant decisions. Each application will be assessed against a variety of criteria including uniqueness, relevance, and scalability.

Enquiries

Questions about the announcement or application process should be submitted to: UKIgrants@gilead.com.

Key Dates and Deadlines

Deadline to submit proposals: 1st May 2023

Grant period begins: June 2023

Grant Awards

Grant requests of up to 20,000 GBP will be considered for projects with a timeline for completion up to, but no more than, 12 months. Projects of a shorter duration accompanied with a smaller budget will also be considered. Grant requests should be proportional to the scope, complexity and reach/impact of the programme, while reflecting reasonable, good faith estimates of the true operational costs related to the proposed project. Gilead will require any unused grant funds to be returned at the end of the project, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and has the right to request reasonable and appropriate documentation from the grantee in relation to grant activities.

Funding Restrictions

Gilead funding cannot support:

- Medication or purchasing of medication
- Existing financial deficits within an organisation
- Clinical research or clinical trials
- Projects that directly influence or advance Gilead business, including purchase, utilisation, prescribing, formulary position, pricing, reimbursement, referral, recommendation or payment for products
- Paying grants to individuals, individual healthcare providers or physician group practices
- Events or programmes which have already occurred
- Government lobbying activities
- Organisations that discriminate based on race, colour, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identify or expression
- Any equipment that could be kept beyond the project timelines and which could be of further benefit to the organisation, e.g. mobile phones, laptops/computers, vehicles, etc.

Disclaimer Statement

- Application to the UK and Ireland '*HIV Engage*' Community Grants Programme is not a promise of funding
- Gilead reserve the right to approve or decline any application
- Award of a grant in any one year does not imply that a subsequent grant will be awarded without further application and approval