

INVEST IN CRITICAL HIV & STI PREVENTION, EDUCATION & CARE



As we have done annually, AIDS Foundation Chicago advocates for the protection and increase of Fiscal Year 2023 state funding for HIV and STI treatment and prevention services. In addition, to improve access to health insurance coverage through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), AFC also supports additional state and federal investments in the Illinois Navigator Program.

HIV LUMP SUM: \$27.5 MILLION

- This funding is used for HIV prevention and treatment services, including HIV testing and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), that will lead to the continued reduction of new HIV cases, especially when prioritized in communities where the need is greatest.
- **\$2 Million Increase Compared to FY22 Appropriations**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HIV/AIDS RESPONSE FUND: \$15 MILLION

- To address the disproportionate impact HIV has inflicted on Illinoisans living with or vulnerable to HIV and other chronic conditions, especially those in the Black community
- **Level Funding Compared to FY22 Appropriations**

STI SCREENING & TREATMENT SERVICES: \$1 MILLION

- Funding will be used to address the rising rates of STI cases (i.e., Chlamydia, Gonorrhea & Syphilis) through comprehensive screening and treatment services
- Two Illinois cities, Peoria and Chicago, rank in the top 100 U.S. cities for cases of sexual transmitted infection [Peoria: 31st; Chicago, 36th]
- **\$1 Million in New State Appropriations**

ILLINOIS NAVIGATOR PROGRAM: \$40 MILLION

- New appropriation to improve access to health insurance coverage through Medicaid and the ACA by restoring the Illinois Navigator Program
- Nearly 75% of Illinoisans living with HIV (non-elderly population) are covered by either the Illinois Medicaid program or private health insurance
- **\$36 Million Increase Compared to FY22 Appropriations**

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