

Gilead Announces an Independent Medical Education Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)

Re-engagement in Care of People Living with HIV (PLWH)

Competitive Grant Program

Background:	<p>Gilead Sciences is committed to supporting independent educational initiatives addressing clinical practice gaps to improve the lives of people living with HIV.</p> <p>Independent Medical Education Programs (IMEP) must be free of commercial bias. Accredited IMEPs must comply with current Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or other relevant accrediting organization rules and applicable regulations, rules, and guidelines. Both accredited and non-accredited IMEPs must be independent of Gilead’s influence based upon the factors described in the FDA’s Guidance for Industry on Industry-Supported Scientific and Educational Activities and other applicable regulations, rules, and guidelines. Funding or support for IMEPs may not be provided except as specified in this Policy.</p> <p>Gilead may publish RFPs online through the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions (ACEhp). This RFP may also be distributed to all educational providers who have previously completed successful independent education activities supported by Gilead within a year from the time of this RFP publication.</p>
Clinical Area:	<p>HIV Management</p> <p>This RFP is for independent medical education grants focused on re-engaging PLWH in care.</p>
Health Care Gaps¹⁻¹¹:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many PLWH are currently out of care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 45% of adolescents and young adults with HIV fall out of care within 24 months of their diagnosis ○ People with unstable housing have a 51% reduced chance of viral suppression • The COVID-19 pandemic has had a serious effect on HIV testing, treatment, and continuous engagement in care • PLWH who are not retained in care have been shown to have increased mortality and lower rates of virologic suppression

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the CDC, individuals who were diagnosed with HIV but not in care were linked to an estimated 43% of all new HIV transmissions • PLWH not retained in care and not suppressed transmit HIV at ~6.6 transmissions per 100 person-years, compared to 0.0 transmissions per 100 person-years in PLWH engaged in care with viral suppression <p>References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDC.gov Published September 21, 2021. Accessed March 9, 2022. https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/clinicians/treatment/treatment-clinicians.html 2. DHHS, January 2022. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents Living with HIV. http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines 3. Saag M, et al. 2020 Recommendations of the IAAS-USA Panel. JAMA 2020. Accessed March 9, 2022 4. WHO, July 2021. Consolidated Guidelines on HIV Prevention, Testing, Treatment, Service Delivery and Monitoring: Recommendations for a Public Health Approach. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240031593 5. National HIV Curriculum. Accessed March 10, 2022. https://www.hiv.uw.edu/go/basic-primary-care/retention-care/core-concept/all 6. Smith E, et al HIV/AIDS Research and Palliative Care 2021 1;13651-656 7. https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/clinicians/treatment-clinicians.html 8. www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance-special-report/no-28/index.html 9. Galárraga O, Rana A, Rahman M, Cohen M, Adimora AA, Sosanya O, Holman S, Kassaye S, Milam J, Cohen J, Golub ET, Metsch LR, Kempf MC. The effect of unstable housing on HIV treatment biomarkers: An instrumental variables approach. Soc Sci Med. 2018 Oct; 214:70-82. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.07.051. Epub 2018 Aug 13. PMID: 30153546; PMCID: PMC6171130. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30153546/ 10. Higa, Darrel H.a; Crepaz, Nicolea; Mullins, Mary Ma; Adegbite-Johnson, Adebukolac; Gunn, Jayleen K.L.a,b; Denard, Christac; Mizuno, Yukoa. Strategies to improve HIV care outcomes for people with HIV who are out of care. AIDS: May 1, 2022 - Volume 36 - Issue 6 - p 853-862 doi: 10.1097/QAD.0000000000003172 11. Tanner MR, Bush T, Nesheim SR, Weidle PJ, Byrd KK. Retention in Medical Care Among Insured Adolescents and Young Adults With Diagnosed HIV Infection, United States, 2010-2014. Public Health Reports. 2022;137(4):721-729. doi:10.1177/00333549211023266
Geographic Scope:	United States
Applicant Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are welcome from healthcare organizations, academic institutions both large and small; professional associations/societies; medical education companies; and other organizations interested in improving engagement in care for those living with HIV. • This RFP is for independent medical education grants only. This RFP is not intended to support clinical research projects or programs evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic agent(s) and/or diagnostic agent(s).
Target Audience:	Healthcare professionals who treat, care for, and/or support PLWH.

Format:	<p>Applications utilizing innovative methods or technologies that include the patient perspective, as well as those building on successful evidence-based strategies are encouraged.</p> <p>All activity formats will be considered under this RFP. Program formats may include, but are not limited to, quality improvement initiatives, capacity-building programs, live in-person programs, multi-format and/or multi-component programs etc.</p> <p>Applications should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient perspectives should be included in the planning and/or implementation of the program • An evaluation plan designed to specifically demonstrate improvement in PLWH re-engagement in care • Timeline for program completion of ≤ 2 years
Grant Funding:	<p>Individual applications requesting in the range of \$250,000 to \$1,500,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget for this RFP is \$1,500,000.</p>
Key Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP release date: September 1, 2022 • Grant applications will be accepted until 23:59 Eastern Standard Time, October 15, 2022 (Note: Submissions will be reviewed as they are received) • Grant award notification: November 15, 2022 • Expected program start date: December 2022
Instructions for Submission:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please go to https://www.gilead.com/purpose/giving/grant-funding and scroll down to the bottom of the page to sign in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: If your organization has not previously applied for a grant at Gilead, you will need to create an account. ○ If you are a new user and a for-profit medical education provider, you will need to create an account and complete the Educational Provider Form. • In the application, please ensure the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the 'Grant Type', select IMED ○ For the 'Therapeutic Area' select Viral Diseases ○ For the 'Primary Therapeutic Area', select HIV/AIDS ○ For 'Gilead Contact', list Priya Muley (RFP – Re-engagement of PLWH in Care) <p>Please complete all required sections of the online application, including a completed version of the Gilead 60-30-10 LOA Template. Upload your</p>

	<p>project proposal under the ‘Supporting Documents’ field - additional supporting documents may be included in this section.</p> <p>Project proposal should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessment: Include a comprehensive needs assessment from your organization. • Target Audience: Describe the primary target audience for this program as well as methods for reaching the intended target audience. • Program Design: Describe the planned program and educational approach. If this program is utilizing digital and/or innovative technologies or if the program is building upon existing and/or proven strategies, please include a description. • Learning Objectives: Provide clearly defined and measurable learning objectives for this program. • Program Evaluation and Outcomes: Provide a description of the methods that will be utilized to determine if the program/activity has served to address the gaps of the target audience. • Dissemination and Sustainability: Describe program dissemination efforts and how the project may be sustainable beyond the duration of the grant. Describe project outcomes or results from this initiative which will be disseminated or published.
Questions:	<p>If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them to Priya Muley (priya.muley@gilead.com) with the subject line “RFP – Re-Engaging PLWH in Care”</p>
Grant Agreements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All approved grants will be required to enter into a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with Gilead. The terms of the LOA can be viewed in the Gilead Grants Portal under the ‘LOA Documentation’ field. • Gilead LOA terms will need to be accepted in their entirety. Please ensure that your organization has reviewed these terms and is willing to abide by these terms before submitting your grant application.
Evaluation and Review Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant requests will be comprehensively reviewed and evaluated on the same criteria. Requests that best meet the healthcare gaps and are aligned with Gilead’s Medical Education Priorities will be recommended for approval as budget permits. Applicants may be asked for additional information and/or clarification during the evaluation and review process.
Grant Decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant decisions will be communicated to the grant applicant via email notification.