



# HHS Promises \$11M to Boost HIV Services in Community Health Centers

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will invest \$11 million in community health centers across the country to help them better integrate HIV services into their primary care models, according to a recent release from the administration, which unveiled the plan as part of its National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

The government funding, which came out of the Affordable Care Act and the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund, will help establish a three-year, multi-agency project called *Partnerships for Care: Health Departments and Health Centers Collaborating to Improve HIV Health Outcomes*. The program will focus in on building the workforce and infrastructure for HIV prevention, testing, care and treatment services, especially among racial/ethnic minorities.

Ultimately, the effort will be run jointly by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and will allow HRSA-funded centers to work with CDC-funded health departments to expand their HIV work.

HHS funds are only available to the four state health departments that were awarded cooperative agreements to support the project back in June. These health departments—in Florida, New York, Maryland and Massachusetts—have since identified 22 community health centers as partners in their efforts, which are now being encouraged to apply for government grants.

For more information about the funding opportunity, [click here](#).

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