Thousands Cycle From San Francisco to LA for HIV Care

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The eighth annual AIDS/LifeCycle—a 545-mile HIV fund-raising trek from San Francisco to Los Angeles—attracted more than 2,100 bicyclists when it kicked off Sunday, May 31, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reports. Riders came from 41 states and 14 countries to support HIV care and services in California.

“We raised $10 million that is really critically needed, in spite of the economy and particularly in light of the cuts that the governor is proposing for HIV care,” said Debra Holtz, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, which cosponsors the event with the LA Gay & Lesbian Center.

Holtz referred to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed $55.5 million in cuts to programs overseen by the state’s Office of AIDS, including its AIDS drug assistance program.

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