



Positive Action Canada HIV/AIDS Innovation Program 2011

The **Positive Action Canada HIV/AIDS Innovation Program** promotes innovative projects that use multi-dimensional approaches to optimize the health and well-being of people living long-term with HIV/AIDS and antiretroviral therapy. The Program, a Canadian initiative of ViiV Healthcare Shire Canada, has granted \$1,710,000 to one hundred and eighty-nine projects over the past sixteen years. Ten community-based HIV/AIDS organizations across Canada shared the \$125,000 available in 2011.

This year's Program recipients, and the amounts of their grants, are as follows:

AIDS Committee of Durham Region - *ACDR Young Poz and In Charge*. \$15,000. Provide mentoring, capacity building, and physical, emotional, spiritual & social wellness through a pilot-project designed by and for HIV+ youth in Durham Region, through social activities, support workshops, and training opportunities that bring together long term survivor youth (some born with HIV) and the newly infected.

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador - *Living with HIV: Long term survival, aging and co-morbidities*. \$15,000. Empower people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) to better deal with the compounded effects of aging while living with HIV/AIDS, through education, training and capacity building activities.

AIDS Vancouver - *Afro Canadian Positive Network of BC Pilot Project*. \$10,000. Connect to each new immigrants of African descent who have been newly diagnosed HIV+, to help educate, empower and break down HIV stigma through peer support and health advocacy leading to more informed health decisions.

Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP) - *The Art of Treatment*. \$10,000. In partnership with the Asian Community AIDS Services, use art therapy as a means to increase treatment adherence amongst South and Southeast Asian PHAs who experience barriers to treatment readiness.

Canadian AIDS Society - *A Trans-Led National Needs Assessment for Transgendered People Living with HIV*. \$15,000. Working with an advisory committee, research the issues faced by transgendered Canadians living with HIV as well as their prevention, care, treatment and support needs, with findings to be shared amongst service providers and community members.

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Latinos Positivos – *Latinos information Access.* \$12,000. Determine the specific HIV treatment education and support needs of Spanish-speaking PHAs in the Greater Toronto Area through a community-based needs assessment process that enables the stories of individual Latino PHAs to be documented and disseminated via the internet.

Maison Plein Coeur – *Aging and HIV.* \$13,500. Stimulate and empower seniors living with HIV/AIDS to become involved in their community and help overcome their isolation and sense of stigmatization.

Pacific AIDS Network - *Alumni Initiative for Positive Leadership Development Initiative (PLDI) Graduates.* \$8,870. Develop a series of post-training initiatives for PLDI Level I training graduates, including communication tools and increased opportunities for graduates to further build upon their existing volunteer and employable skills sets.

Positive Women's Network Society - *Leading the Way: Working Effectively as Peers with Women Living with HIV/AIDS.* \$13,130. Provide peer mentor training to ten women living successfully with a long-term HIV diagnosis, learning supportive listening techniques, communication skills & how to give emotional support while respecting boundaries, thereby sharing knowledge and helping build community.

The SHARP Foundation (Society Housing AIDS/HIV Restricted Persons) - *Business Achievement Program.* \$12,500. Create a small business model for PHAs considered chronically unemployable, to learn and work with business mentors on business planning, product development, and marketing in a safe, respectful environment.

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