



News Release

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Janssen Therapeutics Announces Funding in Support of Improved Retention in Care and Access to Treatment for Blacks and African Americans Living with HIV in Southern US and other Rural Areas

Award Funding Extends Company's Ongoing Commitment to Supporting Underserved Communities in the United States

TITUSVILLE, NJ, October 25, 2016 – Janssen Therapeutics* announced today the recipients of funding from a special Request for Applications (RFA) to encourage comprehensive community-based care models that enhance the ability of Blacks and African Americans living with HIV to access and sustain care and treatment in the southern United States and other rural areas. This is the 10th RFA from Janssen Therapeutics in support of community-based programs for people living with HIV and regional training programs for allied healthcare workers.

The RFA process aims to help local non-profit organizations in their mission to improve access to healthcare. In the US, African Americans and people living in the South experience a greater burden of HIV compared with other racial or ethnic groups and regions. Across the country and in the South, African American women and African American men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) are disproportionately impacted.¹ Of all African American MSM diagnosed with HIV nationally in 2014, more than 60% were living in the South.² Further, of all women diagnosed with HIV in the South, 69% were African American.²

“Community-based organizations play a critical role in providing wrap-around services, healthcare navigation assistance, and education to people living with HIV,” said Richard Nettles, Vice President, Medical Affairs, Janssen Therapeutics. “At Janssen Therapeutics, we’re committed to addressing HIV-related healthcare disparities that burden disadvantaged

communities, particularly in the South, where a confluence of structural factors contribute to significant gaps in HIV care.”

Over the last decade, Janssen Therapeutics has awarded more than \$3.9 million to local US-based organizations through targeted RFAs. Funds have helped numerous community organizations advance efforts to reduce HIV-related health disparities and increase access to care in accordance with the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. This year’s award recipients are listed below:

- AIDS Action Coalition of Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)
- AIDS Service Center of Austin (Austin, TX)
- AIDS Services Coalition (Hattiesburg, MS)
- Brotherhood, Inc. (New Orleans, LA)
- Community Health Interventions (Fayetteville, NC)
- Comprehensive AIDS Resource Encounter, Inc. (Jesup, GA)
- Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network, Inc. (Jacksonville, FL)
- The Open Door, Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rain, Inc. (Charlotte, NC)
- The Women’s Collective (Washington, DC)

Janssen Therapeutics invited US-based 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to submit proposals in response to a targeted RFA distributed earlier this year. Outcomes-driven programs that incorporate peer support and encourage novel collaborations were given preference, and organizations in the southern US and other rural areas where HIV programs and services are under-resourced were prioritized. The Janssen Therapeutics Charitable Contributions Committee evaluated proposals against key criteria, and this year’s recipients are being recognized for their efforts to enhance collaboration between non-medical and medical service providers, expand case management services, provide transportation assistance in rural areas, broaden peer-based services and mentorship opportunities, and improve HIV education and health literacy.

Committed to Supporting Underserved Communities

Janssen Therapeutics provides mission-based support for local programs and services and national advocacy efforts that address unmet care and health care access needs for people living with HIV and/or hepatitis C.

The company periodically issues RFAs specifically intended to address an emerging unmet health care need within underserved communities. This is the 10th funding initiative since 2008, contributing more than \$3.9 million collectively to community-based charities and national advocacy organizations that support people living with HIV and/or hepatitis C.

To learn more, visit <http://www.janssen.com/us/grants-and-giving/charitable-contributions>.

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