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[CAN Community Health](#)

**CAN You See Me? #HIVINFO: A Multifaceted Approach of NIH /NLM Resources Dissemination**

"CAN You See Me? #HIVINFO: A Multifaceted Approach of NIH /NLM Resources Dissemination" is a holistic approach to sharing NIH /HHS HIV/AIDS information with the general population and certain priority populations, including Black/African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, People Living with HIV (PLWH) and men who have sex with men (MSM). HIV disproportionately impacts these populations, yet they often have less access to reliable HIV/AIDS information compared to their white, heterosexual counterparts. CAN aims to disseminate NIH/HHS HIV/AIDS resources to 36 locations across six states through social media, CAN websites, digital advertising and "Virtual Outreach" efforts on dating sites, the use of QR ("quick response") Codes, print materials such as flyers, brochures, and newsletters, and traditional clinic-based and community based face-to-face outreach.

[Latino Commission on AIDS](#)

**National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) Expansion**

The Latino Commission on AIDS (The Commission) and the Hispanic Health Network (HHN) will expand the work of [National Latino AIDS Awareness Day \(NLAAD\)](#). NLAAD is a community mobilization and social messaging campaign that mobilizes over 150 Latino serving organizations throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands through information dissemination, development of facts sheets and infographics, poster campaign, webinars, and other resources. This project will target the HIV affected community, their caregivers, HIV service providers, allied health professionals, social workers, case managers and the community-at-large. The Commission will develop, design, and disseminate educational and informational materials about using NIH/HHS HIV/AIDS informational resources, ensuring that all material is culturally and linguistically sensitive to Latinx communities. Additionally, the Commission will develop PrEP focused webinars targeting PrEP Navigators and demonstrating how to use NIH/HHS HIV/AIDS resources.

[Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health](#)

**Youth Education Access on HIV (YEAH) 2.0**

In collaboration with the Wayne State University (WSU) Connect 2 Protect coalition, Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) will continue and expand the coordination and implementation of the original 2019 YEAH project in an effort to develop an informed and coordinated delivery system for improving access to HIV/AIDS-related health information for patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. The project goal is to eliminate barriers in access to information technology among Detroit youth in the short term and establish communities that are better positioned to decrease the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS among Detroit youth in the long term. The YEAH project will 1) continue to grow a high-functioning steering committee of at least eight project partners; 2) design and conduct at least two skills development trainings on creating informational TikTok videos with youth impacted by HIV in Detroit; 3) design and conduct at least one youth-led skill development training for medical providers serving youth impacted by HIV in Detroit about the importance of utilizing social media platforms for healthcare

awareness; and 4) disseminate and promote at least 25 youth- and provider- designed and developed TikTok videos sharing educational or informational materials about using NIH and HHS HIV/AIDS resources.

[SisterLove, Inc.](#)

**Sisterlove’s Interactive Online Resource Guide for People Living With and Affected by HIV and AIDS in Metro Atlanta**

SisterLove, Inc will expand the reach of the organization’s current Community Resource Guide, currently housed on the organization’s website. The [resource guide](#) is a 120-page flipbook, and has resources that include health care, housing, employment, financial education, and child care, among other categories that may be utilized by women and families who are impacted by HIV and AIDS throughout the city of Atlanta. SisterLove will update the online site to include NIH/HHS resources, make the guide more interactive, end-user friendly, and create integrations with social media. Additionally, SisterLove will create digital messaging utilizing Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to increase access to the online resource guide and to NIH/HHS HIV/AIDS resources and information. The project will target women and men living with and who are affected by HIV and AIDS who reside in metropolitan Atlanta. The overall goal of the project is to increase information access to health information, and NIH/HHS HIV/AIDS information resources through digital and social media for women and men living with and affected by HIV and AIDS throughout Metro Atlanta.

## 2019-2020

### [Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#) - HIV/AIDS and PrEP Parent/Caregiver Video Series

The HIV/AIDS and PrEP Parent/Caregiver Video Series seeks to improve access to HIV/AIDS health information for young people by educating and encouraging parents/caregivers to facilitate open and informed discussions with youth. Many adolescents who are at high risk for HIV/AIDS lack the necessary basic health information about HIV/AIDS or effective behavioral or biomedical prevention approaches, such as use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

Parents/caregivers want to keep their children safe and healthy, but often lack the knowledge and confidence and other resources to have open and honest conversations about HIV/AIDS. Lurie Children's Hospital will bridge that gap by producing two educational videos (3–5 minutes each), featuring youth and caregivers from Chicago. The videos will model ways that families can engage their children in thoughtful and informed conversations related to HIV/AIDS and PrEP. The videos will include links and instructions on how to access resources, highlighting the National Library of Medicine® (NLM) HIV/AIDS resources, and will feature how parents can use this information to support ongoing conversations with their youth.

### [Charles R. Drew University](#) - HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project

The HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project aims to increase HIV/AIDS-related knowledge and awareness among people living with HIV/AIDS and other at risk racial/ethnic minority populations in South Los Angeles. Additionally, the project will promote the use of the National Library of Medicine® resources, MedlinePlus®, AIDSsource, AIDSinfo®, and ClinicalTrials.gov through national conferences, workshops, and health fairs. Charles R. Drew University (CDU) aims to meet project goals by 1) enhancing access to NLM HIV/AIDS information resources through community mobilization efforts to promote PrEP; and 2) promoting a national conference highlighting HIV/AIDS' impact in the African-American community by electronic and social media. From the conference, CDU will form a committee to develop a 5-year strategic plan to promote synergy in biomedical and behavioral research that focuses on health, reproduction, and HIV/AIDS-related risks to African-American women within the context of their environment, socialization, family expectations, relationships, and economic realities.

### [Desert AIDS Project](#) - HIV/AIDS PrEP Information Outreach and Dissemination

The goal of the HIV/AIDS PrEP Information Outreach and Dissemination project is to expand the public's access to HIV/AIDS information resources, including NLM HIV/AIDS information resources and Desert AIDS Project (DAP) HIV/PrEP/post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) resources. Information disseminated online and through print materials about HIV/AIDS/PrEP is important for preventing the spread of HIV in a region that is heavily impacted by HIV prevalence and rising HIV incidence rates. In collaboration with Palm Springs Public Library, DAP proposes to provide improved access to state-of-the-art HIV/AIDS/PrEP information resources online via websites and social media platforms, and through print materials. The project will target the public and at-risk populations in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The tools and community-based HIV/AIDS/PrEP education activities implemented will improve access to National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS information resources, expand knowledge of HIV/AIDS/PrEP, and broaden access to DAP's HIV-specialty care and prevention services.

## [Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health - Youth Education Access on HIV \(YEAH\)](#)

In collaboration with the Wayne State University (WSU) Connect 2 Protect coalition, Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) will coordinate and implement the YEAH project in an effort to develop an informed and coordinated delivery system for improving access to HIV/AIDS-related health information for patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. The project goal is to eliminate barriers in access to information technology among Detroit youth in the short term and establish communities that are better positioned to decrease the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS among Detroit youth in the long term. The YEAH project will 1) establish a high-functioning steering committee of at least six expert organizations to guide the project; 2) design and conduct at least two skills development trainings; 3) develop, design, and disseminate at least three health educational or informational materials about using NLM HIV/AIDS resources; 4) purchase hardware and software for the purpose of accessing and sharing HIV/AIDS-related information; and 5) conduct process and outcome evaluation.

## [RipplePHX - Lotería Project](#)

The Lotería Project will leverage eight well-known Latinx community leaders and their influence to engage and educate Phoenix, Arizona's LGBTQ+ Latinx community to reduce the spread of HIV in Maricopa County. The project will focus its efforts among Latinx men, Latinx transgender men, and Latinx transgender women who have sex with men who live in Maricopa County ages 21–34. The Lotería Project will host community-centric Lotería events with key influencers from the Latinx community to increase the Phoenix Latinx LGBTQ+ community's access to NLM HIV/AIDS online information resources. The events will be supported with a high-impact social media campaign, featuring (and being driven by) RipplePHX and the project's eight key influencers. This campaign comprised of weekly photo memes, animated fact bits, and Lotería event promotions, will drive click-throughs to NLM HIV/AIDS links and articles that are self-selected with personalized calls-to-action from the key influencers. Additionally, double-sided photo meme/fact sheet and printed insert cards placed in RipplePHX's existing Safer Sex Kits will be distributed to the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community. The project will be driven from within the community and will be supported and joined by community partnerships aiming to coordinate with other HIV agencies and/or providers to provide additional training and to bring complementary services for individuals ready to take action.

## [San Francisco Public Health Foundation PleasePrEPMe - Helping People Access PrEP: A Frontline Provider Training on PrEP Research, Care, and Navigation](#)

PleasePrEPMe expands access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) through a searchable, location responsive national PrEP provider directory, in collaboration with PrEPLocator.org; local HIV-prevention resources in English and Spanish for patients and providers in all 50 states; and online chat, text, and phone with experienced navigators. The goal of the project is to update and promote the online PrEP navigation training program "Helping People Access PrEP: A Frontline Provider Training on PrEP Research, Care, and Navigation." A major benefit of the PleasePrEPMe online PrEP navigation training program is that frontline staff around the U.S. are able to complete modules from their office or home without the time or expense of travel. Through distance-based technical assistance by online chat and email, PleasePrEPMe staff will provide individual coaching and share additional materials and resources tailored to trainees' local epidemic situation, needs, and priorities.

## [Taking Effective Action - SISTAH Voices \(Sisters Inspiring Sisters to Activate Health\)](#)

Taking Effective Action, Inc. (TEA) designed SISTAH (Sisters Inspiring Sisters to Activate Health) Voices to increase access to accurate, current, evidence-based information on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment for Black women aged 18 and older residing in Prince George’s County, Maryland. TEA will achieve this goal by developing and disseminating HIV education materials based on the National Library of Medicine’s HIV/AIDS resources and tailored to women’s specific needs and interests and by improving women’s capacity to retrieve information from the National Library of Medicine’s online HIV/AIDS resources. To accomplish these goals, TEA will conduct: 1) quarterly filmed informational roundtables; 2) a social media campaign that will advertise the roundtables and the project overall; and 3) a culturally competent Web page on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment information to the TEA Web site Learn section.

## [The Prevention Collaborative, LLC - NLM Outreach for Heads or Tails and Amigos y Amantes \(“Friends and Lovers”\)](#)

The project goal is to create and market HIV educational resources featuring information from and links to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS resources by disseminating tailored, culturally relevant print and digital comic books to clinics, libraries, community-based organizations, and consumers. All previous Instagram animated story images, “Heads or Tails” and “Amigos y Amantes,” will be developed into comic book formats. The books for “Heads or Tails” will be in English and “Amigos y Amantes” stories will be available in both English and Spanish. NLM information will be included on the inside front covers, as well as inside and outside back covers. The Prevention Collaborative will partner with Project STAY, a New York-based clinic serving the target audiences to review final materials. The target audiences include men sleeping with men and transgender individuals of color who are living with or at risk for HIV infection, as well as those affected with HIV/AIDS, and service providers who work with these populations. Project STAY will also participate in dissemination activities, both at their clinical and outreach events and through their network of healthcare providers. The Prevention Collaborative will disseminate the materials nationwide to clinics, libraries, community-based organizations, and directly to consumers.

## 2017-2018

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 8 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2018 in the 25th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers.

### [AIDS Foundation Houston](#): “Project HELP (HIV Education Learning and PrEP)”

With focus on individuals in the Fifth Ward, an underserved Houston neighborhood with a high HIV prevalence rate, the goal of Project HELP is to use community stakeholders, trained as community health workers (CHWs), to disseminate HIV/AIDS and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) resources to improve and increase access to accurate information. Project HELP will disseminate National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS information resources. In addition, in collaboration with the University of Houston Honors College Community Health Worker Initiative (CHWI), Project HELP will include information about the AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) PrEP website training trainings for local health care providers and community members on how to become CHWs. AFH will educate the CHWs on how to use the NLM HIV/AIDS and PrEP resources, implement community outreach techniques, and develop HIV and PrEP fact sheets and resource cards. The training information provided will engage and encourage individuals to access NLM HIV/AIDS resources and the AFH PrEP website as the “go to” resources for accurate information. The AFH and CHWI training will prepare CHWs to also implement outreach activities. To support the effort of the CHWs, AFH will launch a digital campaign to heighten awareness of the NLM HIV/AIDS resources among the general public.

### [Black Girl Health](#): “Pop the Question (PTQ) (phase 4)”

Pop the Question (PTQ) IV is a national social media campaign using Facebook and Instagram to increase awareness about HIV prevention, specifically pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). By connecting Black women to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS resources, educating them about PEP and PrEP, offering them support, and teaching them how to transfer this knowledge to their own self-care, Black Girl Health (BGH) can educate African American women to make informed decisions regarding their health. The nationwide social media campaign targets African American women 18 to 55 years of age through engagement with a national social media influencer. BGH will create a culturally relatable media campaign that will disseminate PEP and PrEP information via engaging videos, support the message with infographics that further relate information on PEP/PrEP medications, and direct women to the BGH website through a ‘call to action’ assessment quiz that encourages interactive engagement and connects visitors to NLM HIV/AIDS and PEP/PrEP resources, including *AIDSinfo* and PrEP Navigator. The PTQ campaign benefits public health by engaging African-American women with high-quality, relatable information that encourages them to take preventative measures to control their health. The campaign also gives community organizations, navigators, and advocates culturally relevant resources to use when interfacing with clients.

### [Comunidades Unidas/Communities United](#): “PrEParate para tu futuro / PrEP for your Future”

The goal of the Comunidades Unidas’ PrEParate para tu futuro / PrEP for Your Future project is to increase the accessibility of HIV/AIDS-related health information and resources among Latinx (Latino/Latina) and LGBTQ+ individuals, specifically men who have sex with men (MSM), residing in Salt Lake County, Utah. Comunidades Unidas aims to fight stigma and empower these populations to better prevent, manage, and

treat HIV/AIDS via increased connection to National Library of Medicine (NLM) online HIV/AIDS resources and information and access to local pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) services. Comunidades Unidas, in collaboration with the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, will train staff, promotoras (community health workers), and youth leaders on HIV/AIDS prevention, NLM online resources, and local HIV prevention services such as PrEP. Once trained, these individuals will act as ambassadors and peer mentors of the project and disseminate information and provide navigation assistance for resources related to PrEP and other HIV/AIDS prevention services.

**Philadelphia FIGHT:** “Frontline TEACH Online: Empowering HIV Professionals to Take Control of Their Education”

The Frontline TEACH Online project goal is to close the gaps in competence among professionals in HIV and allied fields by providing high-quality, accessible educational content geared towards health care and social services professionals working with people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS. Frontline TEACH Online also aims to address the gaps in provider competency that prevent people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) from engaging in care by targeting professionals who are key gatekeepers in stemming the tide of HIV infection. Philadelphia FIGHT will develop eight webinars, which can be viewed sequentially or out-of-sequence, to create a time-test FIGHT treatment education program for health care providers and prescribers, nurses, social workers and case managers, community health workers, frontline staff, and others working with PLWHA. The program content will address provider competency through high-quality HIV educational information developed from NLM resources.

**The Prevention Collaborative, LLC:** “Amigos y Amantes” (“Friends and Lovers”)

The goal of this project is to continue and expand the work of a currently funded National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Program (ACIOP) initiative to create and market HIV educational online and print resources that feature information and links to NLM HIV/AIDS resources, using original, serialized stories on Instagram. To help reduce stigma, the Prevention Collaborative will create two new stories featuring relatable characters based on actual community members, who will help develop the structure and content of the stories. All stories will reference and link to NLM resources to engage the target communities in three key topics of HIV education: advocacy of regular HIV testing and the use of NLM resources to find testing locations; endorsement of PrEP/PEP for HIV prevention; and promotion of the Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) campaign. The intended nationwide audience for the proposed project is men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender individuals of color who are living with or at risk for HIV infection, and anyone affected by HIV (e.g., family members or caregivers of people living with HIV). Trained peer outreach specialists will use the Instagram platform and content to engage with followers and provide additional harm reduction counseling and links to resources. All work will be conducted by the partner organizations in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team with expertise in research, content development, health education, HIV/AIDS, and outreach to MSM and transgender communities.

**San Francisco Public Health Foundation:** “HIVEOnline.Org - Improving Access to Comprehensive, HIV-Informed Sexual and Reproductive Health Information”

HIVEonline.org is a virtual hub for disseminating best practices, has become a comprehensive online resource for HIV-informed sexual and reproductive health. HIVE aims to improve online access to, and knowledge about, HIV-informed sexual and reproductive health information for people affected by HIV. HIVE will expand its online science-based content on pre-exposure prophylaxis, post-exposure prophylaxis, and treatment as prevention/undetectable equals untransmittable, use preferred language, and improve access to the National Library of Medicine’s online HIV/AIDS information. HIVE aims to increase



HIVonline.org retrievability, functionality, and accessibility to help people affected by HIV have safe pregnancies, reproductive autonomy, and access to state-of-the-art health care.

[San Francisco Public Health Foundation: “PleasePrEPMe.org”](#)

The pleasePrEPme website expands access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) through an online searchable, location responsive national PrEP provider directory, in collaboration with PrEPLocator.org; local HIV-prevention resources in English and Spanish for patients and providers in all 50 states; and experienced navigators to provide assistance via online chat, text, or phone. The goal of the project is to improve access to PrEP services by meeting the need for no-cost, fully accessible PrEP navigation training for frontline staff, case managers, PrEP navigators, administrators, and other non-clinician staff at clinics and departments of public health. The training content will include video and print media and NLM resources such as *AIDSinfo*, MedlinePlus, AIDSsource (particularly the PrEP Navigation Resources pages of the website), and ClinicalTrials.gov. The project will be promoted via social media and email outreach, utilizing listservs such as the California PrEP Navigators Google Group, and social media channels such as pleasePrEPme’s Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages. The benefits of an online PrEP navigation training program include staff’s ability to complete modules from their office or home, without the time or expense of travel.

[University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library: “HIV/AIDS Information at the Point-of-Care”](#)

The HIV/AIDS Information at the Point-of-Care project is a collaborative effort among UMass Memorial Health Care (UMMHC); AIDS Project Worcester, Inc.; the Worcester Public Library; and the Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts Medical School to increase use of National Library of Medicine (NLM) resources in Worcester, Massachusetts. The project will increase access to NLM HIV/AIDS information resources, PrEP navigator resources, and other HIV/AIDS-related information resources by developing a web-based training module and health education information, and training outreach workers to support the health information needs of clients visiting the UMMHC HIV/AIDS clinics.

## 2016-2017

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 8 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2017 in the 24th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers.

### [AIDS Foundation Houston](#): "Project HELP (HIV Education Learning and PrEP)"

The goal of Project HELP is to utilize community stakeholders, trained as CHWs to disseminate the information to the community to improve and increase community members' access to accurate HIV/AIDS and PrEP information. The project will focus on individuals in the Fifth Ward, an underserved Houston neighborhood with a high HIV prevalence rate. Project HELP (HIV Education Learning and PrEP) will disseminate information to improve and increase the access of the National Library of Medicine's HIV/AIDS and PrEP resources. In this collaboration, AIDS Foundation Houston's Project HELP and the University of Houston's Honors College – Community Health Worker Program (CHWP) will train local stakeholders (healthcare providers and community members) to become Community Health Workers (CHWs). AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) will educate the CHWs on how to use the NLM HIV/AIDS and PrEP resources and community outreach techniques, and how to develop HIV and PrEP fact sheets and thumb cards. The training information provided will engage and encourage individuals to access NLM HIV/AIDS resources and AFH's PrEP website as the "go to" resource for accurate information. The AFH and the CHWP training will prepare CHWs to also implement outreach activities. The CHWs will utilize their knowledge, skills, educational materials, digital resources, and social media to raise awareness about the NLM HIV/AIDS resources and AFH's PrEP website, becoming the "information hub" for HIV/AIDS information. To support the effort of the CHWs AFH will launch a digital campaign to heighten the general population's awareness of the NLM HIV/AIDS resources.

### [American Sexual Health Association](#): "One-Two Punch: Knocking Out HIV and Syphilis Co-Infection"

The American Sexual Health Association (ASHA) and its partners will motivate patients, families, and communities to act in lowering the HIV and syphilis co-infection rate. Between 2013 and 2014, rates of syphilis infection skyrocketed. Further, in some communities, nearly 50% of men who tested positive for syphilis were diagnosed also with HIV. Although HIV infection rates remain steady, this co-infection occurrence is of concern as syphilis can increase the viral load of persons living with HIV and severely increase the risk of HIV transmission. The project will increase awareness of National Library of Medicine (NLM) information on HIV and syphilis co-infection. The project will develop and disseminate new materials to local and national organizations that promote public HIV and syphilis co-infection knowledge and testing, and promote screening for HIV and syphilis among patients and families. Newly developed materials include eight posters/handouts for social media or print use; two moving images (GIFs) or

memes; and one longer, informative video. Materials and training will target audiences most impacted by HIV and syphilis in ASHA's home state of North Carolina, including those who are gay, bisexual, men who have sex with men (across all races), Black/ African-American men and women, and communities in the Southern U.S.

#### [Black Girl Health](#): "Pop the Question III (phase 3)"

"Pop the Question III (phase 3)", is a national social media and video campaign using Facebook and Instagram to increase awareness about HIV prevention and treatment among minority women. The goal of this outreach project is to improve the lives of minority women by increasing knowledge and awareness of NLM HIV/AIDS resources and offering tools and support to help women talk with their sexual partners about HIV/AIDS. "Pop the Question" will also educate women about PrEP. The social media campaign targets 12 major U.S. cities identified with high rates of HIV infection by the Center of Disease Control: Baltimore, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Houston and Detroit. BGH will create culturally relatable social media video commercials that disseminate HIV/AIDS and PrEP information that includes, risky behaviors, prevention, testing, treatments, side effects, nutrition, social and emotional factors. The video will direct women to Black Girl Health's website that links to NLM resources and local resources about prevention and treatment. This project will include a website redesign that features the HIV/AIDS awareness campaign and eases the discovery of high-quality online and local HIV/AIDS resources. The "Pop the Question" campaign benefits public health by encouraging African-American women, a high-risk population, to take control of their health as it relates to HIV/AIDS through positive peer influence and access to high-quality information and services. This campaign also gives community organizations, navigators and advocates culturally relevant resources to use when engaging with clients.

#### [Gay Men's Health Crisis](#): "HIV Health Literacy Training Campaign"

Founded in 1982, Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) is the world's first organization to provide prevention, education, and care services for people living with and affected by HIV. New Yorkers need accurate, culturally-appropriate and reliable information about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention methods; however, many lack the resources to access, understand or apply this information. GMHC's project will launch an HIV health literacy training campaign and produce web videos that build consumers' skills accessing interpreting and applying HIV related information from the National Library of Medicine in their own lives. In addition, GMHC will produce a series of HIV fact sheets, to be distributed online and in print, that provide up to date, relevant, culturally-appropriate information on HIV/AIDS, PrEP and safer sex practices. The project will increase knowledge and skills and empower consumers to make healthy decisions.

#### [Philadelphia FIGHT](#): "Connect Up, Fight AIDS! - Putting Tech, Info, and Resources Where Health Happens"

The Philadelphia FIGHT AIDS Library staff will provide librarians and public computing center staff located

within the neighborhoods most impacted by the HIV epidemic with a comprehensive HIV health literacy toolbox that addresses the needs of both staff and patrons. Over the course of the project, the “Connect Up, Fight AIDS! Project” will create a Health Literacy Learning Lab to provide training on online and digital tools to a wide range of frontline staff and patrons. The Philadelphia FIGHT staff will design a 2-part curriculum geared toward librarians and digital literacy staff on up-to-date knowledge about HIV and PrEP and train on high quality NLM resources and other websites, videos, and mobile apps appropriate for library and lab users in need of confidential and stigma-free digital HIV and PrEP resources. Philadelphia FIGHT will create an eHealth Kiosk for patrons to get HIV, PrEP and other health literacy resources in a confidential manner and demonstrate to library and digital literacy staff how this eHealth Kiosk can be implemented at their own sites. The project will design Ready Reference Guides on HIV, PrEP, and other key health topics to share and distribute widely in libraries and computer labs. Philadelphia FIGHT staff will provide in-person expert workshops for patrons and lab users at various locations.

[The Prevention Collaborative, LLC](#): "Amigos y Amantes" ("Friends and Lovers")

The goal of the project is to continue and expand the work of a currently funded NLM ACIOP initiative to create and market bilingual English/Spanish language HIV educational online and print resources featuring information and links to the National Library of Medicine HIV/AIDS resources. The project will create interactive online educational content about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment for at-risk and HIV positive bilingual and monolingual Spanish speaking adults ages 18-65 with information from and links to National Library of Medicine (NLM) HIV/AIDS websites. The Prevention Collaborative will translate the current Spanish language educational fact sheets about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment featuring characters and information from the online content into bilingual materials. The project will continue development of websites and social media campaign to disseminate these materials in the community and among health professionals.

[University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library](#): "The Bringing HIV/AIDS Information to the Heart of the Commonwealth"

“The Bringing HIV/AIDS Information to the Heart of the Commonwealth” outreach program increases awareness and utilization of National Library of Medicine (NLM) resources among those impacted by HIV/AIDS in Worcester, Massachusetts. This includes those living with HIV/AIDS, their caregivers, and the staff and volunteers of the partner organizations: AIDS Project Worcester (APW) and Worcester Public Library (WPL). The project will include train-the-trainer sessions conducted by the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library (UMMS) for the APW and WPL staff and volunteers who will then provide training sessions as part of their outreach efforts. APW in turn will train UMMS and WPL staff on PrEP and the PrEP Navigator resources available through the National Library of Medicine. The project will also include website updates and content refreshes for all sites to include new NLM HIV/AIDS and PrEP resources and acquire equipment that will facilitate outreach within the partner organizations and in the community.

### [Youth, Technology, Health \(YTH\): "they2ze2.0 Mobile Application"](#)

The "they2ze2.0 Mobile Application" projects builds on the previous 2016-2017 ACIOP project. The "they2ze" app is a user-centered mobile application (app) designed to connect 16-18 year old transgender-spectrum youth (TSY), young adults, and their medical providers to inclusive HIV/AIDS information, health services and peer support. Initially developed targeting the San Francisco Bay Area, the they2ze2.0 app has been highly successful in connecting TSY and their providers to National Library Medicine HIV/AIDS prevention information and best practices, while also providing current trans-inclusive resources that address the sexual, mental health and social needs that TSY face every day. The community has expressed need and desire for access to expanded resources geographically, while they continue to face health disparities in HIV and PrEP access and utilization. Despite their increased rates of HIV transmission, TSY are clinically excluded from most PrEP education services and HIV-centered research, leaving TSY with unique and critical needs for inclusive, customized PrEP access and education. The "they2ze2.0" app builds upon Internet Sexuality Information Services/YTHs' seventeen years of successful HIV/AIDS education and outreach to minority youth and their providers.

## 2015-2016

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded eight HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2016 in the 23rd round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers.

### [Black Girl Health](#): "Pop the Question"

Pop the Question is an outreach project designed to increase the knowledge of HIV/AIDS by using social media to connect Black and Hispanic women to National Library of Medicine (NLM) online resources and testing services offered by a local health clinic. To accomplish this goal, Black Girl Health (BGH) is going to develop and launch a social media video campaign through a short-form video sharing service. The video will communicate NLM HIV/AIDS resources and promote HIV testing. Black Girl Health will evaluate the impact of the video campaign by partnering with a health clinic located in Harrisburg, PA to measure the increase in HIV testing in the target demographic. The project builds on a prior successful NLM project and an existing relationship with the clinic. The clinic established a popular Facebook page to disseminate NLM articles and build HIV/AIDS awareness among minority women. They also developed a tutorial to be used in a classroom setting.

### [Comunidades Unidas/Communities United](#): "Community Outreach Project to Increase Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information"

Comunidades Unidas will bolster accessibility of HIV/AIDS related health information and resources among the Latino population of Salt Lake County, Utah through training and social media and in-person outreach. Staff and promotoras (community health workers) trained to use NLM resources for outreach events will target the MSM and LGBT communities. In addition, Comunidades Unidas will expand the mobile and fixed technology at their Cyber Center and Health Booth at the Mexican Consulate. Informational training sessions will occur at the Health Booth and organized workshops will be held on a weekly and monthly basis. Social media – Facebook, text, Twitter – will be increased for awareness, treatment and tips. The educational sessions, use of mobile technology, cyber centers, culturally appropriate workshops and resource sheets will help to increase access to NLM resources.

### [d'Vinci Interactive](#): "HIV/AIDS Basics eLearning & Assessment Project"

d'Vinci Interactive proposes to create an interactive eLearning and assessment module. They will use content from a previously developed HIV/AIDS Basics online document created by their secondary partner, POZ Magazine. This eLearning module will cover such topics as HIV/AIDS, HIV Prevention, HIV Treatment, Opportunistic Infections, HIV and Specific Populations. Each section will be scenario-based and include

resources from the NLM to aid users in understanding and retaining knowledge. POZ Magazine will use its extensive social media outlets to promote use of the module.

#### [El Centro de Educación de Trabajadores](#): "Interactive Spanish Language Educational Modules"

El Centro de Educación de Trabajadores will create and post online at a dedicated website, four online interactive Spanish language educational modules. All content will utilize brief interactive, narrative vignettes to demonstrate key concepts in HIV prevention, testing, and treatment to highlight and link to NLM HIV/AIDS online content. The software employed allows for integration of quizzes, surveys, videos, and other interactive content. El Centro de Educación de Trabajadores will create also related print publications. All online and print content will be culturally appropriate and made readable for low literacy individuals. It will be promoted via Facebook and Twitter pages set up for the project, as well as, through presentations and one-on-one outreach to libraries, community based organizations, professional meetings and conferences, health educators, clinicians, and outreach professionals in New York City and Nassau County.

#### [Norfolk State University](#): "Project CHOICE"

Project CHOICE will develop eBooks that provides culturally relevant, interactive health information and innovative access to NLM resources to meet the health information needs related to HIV/AIDS of African American young adults in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. The eBooks will be developed using NLM databases and will be an iterative process using focus groups to provide input on the content and usability of the eBooks. A training curriculum will be developed on use of the eBooks. Once developed, faith-based and community leaders conducting work on HIV/ AIDS prevention and services will be trained to use the eBooks in programs and will encourage participants to download the eBooks for personal use.

#### [Proactive Community Services](#): "weCONNECT"

Proactive Community Services will create an HIV/AIDS health information resources curriculum using NLM resources for the participants in a Chicago State University STEP UP healthcare pathways program targeting low income African Americans. (STEP UP is a five year program funded by DHHS.) The curriculum will be used also to educate frontline health/social service workers and members of the public living with HIV/AIDS. Both target communities are located on Chicago's Southside and in Southland suburbs. The content will be pre-tested and modified if necessary and Intervention Specialists (facilitators) will be trained on its use. To reach non-STEP UP individuals a mobile classroom will be acquired and Proactive Community Services will engage with community partners and health service organizations to assist with non-Step Up individual recruitment and training spaces. Promotional materials will be developed and targeted outreach activities will be used to recruit individuals to participate in the trainings.

### [YI Advisors: "HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project"](#)

This project will create a partnership between YI Advisors and The Grassroot Project (TGP). YI Advisors is a national organization that works to engage young adults on higher education, health care, jobs, and other issues. TGP uses peer education and an interactive, engaging curriculum that targets middle school aged students to prevent HIV/AIDS in Washington, DC using student athletes to serve as role models to local youth. TGP and YI Advisors will develop and implement an interactive social media campaign that provides the latest information from NLM resources on the HIV/AIDS epidemic to a wide audience including the young people who whom TGP works closely. YI Advisors will provide training to support TGP staff in effectively developing the skills required to use social media to improve access to HIV/AIDS-related information for their primary audience of young adults. This campaign will include Twitter chats, graphics, photos, videos, and clear, informative infographics and other content that is easily shareable on social media channels. The social media campaign will be tailored to a teen and young adult audience in DC. In addition YI Advisors and TGP will update the training curriculum TGP currently uses to prepare its student volunteers to engage with the public middle school population in DC to ensure that this curriculum fully and accurately includes the latest on HIV/AIDS information from the NLM.

### [Youth Technology Health \(YTH\): "TRANSCONNECT"](#)

TRANSCONNECT is a user-centered design based mobile application to reduce health disparities faced by Transgender youth (TGY) and young adults, 16-28 year old. The application will increase availability, access, and utilization of critical HIV prevention information and resources from the NLM for TGY and TGY serving providers. TRANSCONNECT builds upon YTH's sixteen years of successful HIV/AIDS education and outreach to minority youth and their providers through the design and implementation of a unique trauma-informed mobile application that addressed the HIV prevention needs of TGY while also addressing the additional sexual, mental health and social (shelters, employment, transportation etc.) needs that TGY face in their everyday lives. Additionally, the app will offer a provider's module that supports service providers that engage with TGY. It will allow providers to take a comprehensive sexual and social history, access resources/guidelines and provide services and referrals in a TGY competent manner. All TRANSCONNECT elements will drive traffic to the NLM HIV/AIDS information resources.



## 2014-2015

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 6 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2015 in the 22nd round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers.

### [AIDS Interfaith Residential Services \(AIRS\): "The F.A.I.T.H. Project"](#)

The F.A.I.T.H. Project is outreach effort aimed to help communities of color as well as health professionals who serve them have access to accurate and reliable HIV/AIDS information and resources to effectively prevent and manage HIV/AIDS. The F.A.I.T.H. Project will extend outreach to African Americans, MSM population, seniors, youth groups, and faith-communities. Efforts to improve and increase access to HIV/AIDS information may help to address the general lack of trust behind information access and close gaps in chronic disease and minimize digital and technology disparities. One of the unique features of the F.A.I.T.H. is the use community-based theater to educate with prevention messages.

### [Black Girl Health: "HIV News Access"](#)

Black Girl Health will be using social media to reach minority young women by launching "HIV News Access" as a Facebook group, as well as developing an HIV/AIDS tutorial as a major component of this platform which would be shared by social media users but also can be used in a classroom setting. "HIV News Access" will be a mobile friendly initiative that will increase the use of NLM HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment resources. Black Girl Health will be partnering with Gaudenzia New Options a regional health clinic that serves at risk populations by providing substance abuse treatment and recovery services as well as HIV prevention and treatment services.

### [Comunidades Unidas/ Communities United: "Community Outreach Project"](#)

The goal of Comunidades Unidas'/Communities United's (CU's) HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project is to bolster the accessibility of HIV/AIDS-related health information and resources among underserved, low-income Latinos residing in Salt Lake County. Funding from the NLM will be used to address this issue in two ways: 1) Facilitating access to online NLM resources through CyberCenters for large numbers of our target demographic who lack access to computers and the internet, and (2) Using culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies to educate the Latino community about available HIV/AIDS and sexual health resources through information dissemination/distribution conducted by CU staff, volunteers, and Promotores de Salud (Community Health Workers).

[The Alliance of Border Collaboratives \(ABC\): "Promovision – Capacity Building Assistance Project"](#)

ABC seeks to strengthen Promovision a capacity building project that improves access to HIV/AIDS related health information by patients and affected community, caregivers and the general public. Increased utilization of NLMs HIV/AIDS resources in El Paso, Texas and Doña Ana County, NM will be achieved through skills development via training and tutorials as well as development of resources that provide meaningful information about HIV/AIDS, prevention, services and NLM HIV/AIDS resources.

[The Community Wellness Project: "Enhancement to CDC's Condoms and Sexual Education Project \(C.A.S.E.\)"](#)

The Community Wellness Project plans on using NLM HIV/AIDS resources as a means to enhance and strengthen their CDC funded project Condoms and Sexual Education Project (C.A.S.E.). The Community Wellness Project will develop and implement responsive C.A.S.E. HIV literacy curriculum/materials to improve participants ability to discern and select reliable online HIV/AIDS information. The project will train African-American MSM on the use of NLM and similar accurate HIV/AIDS information resources. The curriculum package will continue to be used by the agency to train additional C.A.S.E. project participants through June, 2020.

[University of Florida: "Partnering to Provide HIV/AIDS Information Outreach"](#)

The University of Florida through its Health Sciences Library Center will partner with local public libraries and the Alachua County Disease Control Unit. The goals are to increase access to HIV/AIDS resources to the vulnerable populations. The approach will be facilitating collaboration between healthcare providers, AIDS service organizations focusing on prevention and education, with creating locally relevant educational materials, training healthcare and community services providers on the use of NLM HIV/AIDS resources, raising public awareness through the NLM traveling exhibit "Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture".

## 2013-2014

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 8 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2014 in the 21st round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers.

### [AIDS Resource Center Ohio](#): "Informing HIV Prevention"

AIDS Resource Center Ohio has been serving the HIV/AIDS prevention needs of Ohioans for 30 years. This latest project will be the creation of a mobile app to provide accurate and up-to-date information about HIV transmission. Along with this there will be information and activities to determine an individual's personal HIV risk. Finally the app will provide content about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) as a means of prevention by linking individuals to health care providers and clinical trials.

### [Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health](#): "AAIUH mHealth HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Initiative"

The Arthur Ashe Institute will be conducting a multi-part outreach campaign using NLM HIV/AIDS resources. The first part will be training barbers and salon stylists to reach out to patrons on the values of NLM health information resources. Outreach materials will be developed and distributed in barber shops and salons in the Brooklyn area. A dedicated text messaging service will be created to deliver targeted alerts linking to specific NLM HIV/AIDS content and local area information.

### [Black AIDS Institute](#): "Community Outreach Project"

The Black AIDS Institute will train HIV service providers, leaders in their Black Treatment Advocates Network leaders, and volunteers across 17 cities. They will also host trainings among a targeted audience of consumers in their 17 network cities. The Black AIDS Institute will be providing training via webinars, hands-on training, and observational techniques. Additionally, they will sponsor brown bag sessions and devote a portion of several multi-day training sessions to training/promoting NLM HIV/AIDS resources.

### [HealthHIV](#): "Go2NLM Mobile Project"

HealthHIV's Go2 NLM Mobile Project seeks to build the HIV/AIDS knowledge of the community including HIV/AIDS health care providers, persons living with HIV/AIDS and advocates by the use of NLM online resources. HealthHIV will design and promote two mobile apps, one for health care providers and one for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their advocates.

[Philadelphia FIGHT's AIDS Library and Critical Path Project](#): "Positive Youth Transitions: Link, Click and Connect"

The AIDS Library and Critical Path Project of Philadelphia FIGHT have been providing HIV/AIDS services for over 25 years. Their mission is to provide state-of-the-art, culturally competent HIV primary care, and access to clinical research and education to people living with HIV as well as those who are uninfected but are high risk. The current project seeks to provide skills building and training on NLM resources for low-income HIV-positive youth who are transitioning to adult care.

[The Alliance of Border Collaboratives \(ABC\)](#): "Promovision – Capacity Building Assistance Project"

ABC seeks to expand its Promovision outreach project that improves access to HIV/AIDS related health information by patients and affected community, caregivers and the general public. Increased utilization of NLMs HIV/AIDS resources in El Paso, Texas and Doña Ana County, NM will be achieved through skills development via training and tutorials as well as development of resources that provide meaningful information about HIV/AIDS, prevention, services and NLM HIV/AIDS resources.

[The George Washington University](#): "Health Information Partners (HIPS 9)"

HIPS 9 aims to increase the public's knowledge of science-based HIV and health information, critical appraisal skills and engagement in reducing the HIV epidemic in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. To achieve these goals, HIPS 9 will support community health advocates, sponsor hands-on computer workshops for local community-based health and education centers, and conduct neighborhood outreach programs in areas highly affected by HIV/AIDS. HIPS 9 will focus trainings on health information literacy including NLM HIV/AIDS Resources for recently released incarcerated individuals and their families.

[Youth + Tech + Health](#): "YTH (Youth+Tech+Health) HIV"

YTHHIV is an integrated program using multimedia approach to increasing availability, access and utilization of HIV prevention information and resources to both providers who serve youth and young adults of color as well as young people themselves. A mobile first website will be developed using NLM content. YTH will assist in educating providers on using new media and mhealth (mobile health) to educate and engage youth. YTH will also connect youth seeking information to the NLM HIV/AIDS information resources as well as using mobile services locators to provide local resources.

## 2012-2013

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 13 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2013 in the 20th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### [Comunidades Unidas / Communities United](#): "Community Outreach Project to Increase Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information"

West Valley City, UT

Comunidades Unidas / Communities United will partner with local community groups and the Spencer Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City to introduce NLM HIV/AIDS Resource information to the Latino population. The project will focus on information retrieval skills development for health outreach workers (promotoras) and staff of local community based organizations. In addition, they will expand their text message system and social media campaigns to increase awareness of NLM resources and promote access of these resources through mobile phones and related technology.

### [Community Education Group](#): "Project HIVE I"

Washington, DC

Community Education Group will develop Health Information Virtual Exchange (HIVE), a HIPAA compliant application that will serve as a one-stop HIV/AIDS information source for African Americans in the District of Columbia's Wards six, seven, and eight. The project will capitalize on the growing use of smart-phone technology by focusing on increased access to electronic AIDS related information resources. The application will provide current and useful HIV/AIDS information.

### [The George Washington University](#): "Health Information Partners (HIPS 8)"

Washington, DC

HIPS 8 aims to increase the public's knowledge of science based HIV and health information, critical appraisal skills and engagement in reducing the HIV epidemic in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. To achieve these goals, HIPS 8 will support community health advocates, sponsor hands-on computer workshops for local community-based health and education centers, and conduct neighborhood outreach programs in areas highly affected by HIV/AIDS. HIPS 8 will focus trainings on health information literacy including NLM HIV/AIDS Resources.

[Hispanic Communications Network, LLC \(HCN\): "InfoSida Spanish-Language Outreach & Activation 2013"](#)

Washington, DC

Hispanic Communications Network (HCN) is a social marketing agency that focuses on disseminating health information to the Hispanic community as well as produces Spanish language health information for Spanish radio in the U.S. HCN seeks to leverage its national media network, online resources and partnerships with Hispanic-serving HIV/AIDS organizations to produce and syndicate culturally and linguistically appropriate messages to increase awareness and access to NLM HIV/AIDS information resources.

[Youth + Tech + Health: "YTH: HIV ACCESS Providers Project 2.0 \(HAPP2.0\)"](#)

Oakland, CA

YTH strives to provide leadership, innovation, educational resources and research in online and mobile applications to reduce HIV and STD disease transmissions for underserved minority and high-risk youth. The goal of the project is to increase access to critical information for at risk youth using a multimedia hub-spoke model of online, social media and mobile platforms. HAPP2.0 will link to the NLM resource pages as a key resource, along with information on how youth serving providers can best use this resource within their communities.

[Morgan State University: "IMPACT<sup>2</sup> Project in Community Health"](#)

Baltimore, MD

IMPACT<sup>2</sup> (Intergenerational Model for Parents, Adolescents, and Children in Technology and Training) Project is an internet-based project aimed to improve awareness of, and access to, electronic evidence-based information, as well as utilization of NLM HIV/AIDS resources. The goal of the project is to provide training in accessing HIV/AIDS information and improve knowledge-base, and develop and inclusion of community-based theater and Photovoice methodology. The target populations consist of Morgan State Peer Educators (young adults), HIV/AIDS infected adults over 25 years and HIV/AIDS infected women 50 and older.

[Philadelphia FIGHT's AIDS Library and Critical Path Project: "Patient. Click. Connect"](#)

Philadelphia, PA

The AIDS Library and Critical Path Project of Philadelphia FIGHT have been providing HIV/AIDS services for over 25 years. Their mission is to provide state of the art, culturally competent HIV primary care, and access to clinical to research and education to people living with HIV as well as those who are uninfected but are high risk. The current project seeks to provide hands-on training and support for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS and their medical providers to understand how to access their health information and link them to reliable information through MedlinePlus and other NLM online resources.

## 2011-2012

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 13 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2012 in the 19th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### AIDS Educational Global Information System (AEGiS)

San Juan Capistrano, CA

For nearly 20 years, AEGiS has been at the forefront of chronicling the social and clinical aspects of HIV/AIDS. AEGiS' main goal is to provide access to a comprehensive scope of current and post-dated HIV/AIDS related resource materials through an online living library. The online library database offers authoritative information as well as services for people living with HIV, caregivers, and the affected community. AEGiS will continue content development about the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### [Comunidades Unidas/Communities United](#): "Community Outreach Project to Increase Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information"

West Valley, UT

Comunidades Unidas / Communities United will partner with local community groups and the Spencer Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City to introduce NLMs HIV/AIDS information to the Latino population. The project will focus on information retrieval skills development for health outreach workers (promotoras) and staff of local community based organizations. In addition, they will increase awareness in the Latino community of online and mobile HIV/AIDS information resources and establish computer labs at strategic locations within the Salt Lake City Latino community to enable access to needed information.

### [Hispanic Communications Network, LLC \(HCN\)](#): "Public Relations/Communication Support for the National Library of Medicine HIV/AIDS Community Information Project"

Washington, DC

Hispanic Communications Network (HCN) is a social marketing agency that focuses on disseminating health information to the Hispanic community as well as produces Spanish language health information for Spanish radio in the U.S. HCN seeks to leverage its national media network, online resources and partnerships with Hispanic-serving HIV/AIDS organizations to produce and syndicate culturally and linguistically appropriate messages to increase awareness and access to NLMs HIV/AIDS information resources.

**Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc. (ISIS): "ISIS Youth: Tech HIV Prevention Program"**

Oakland, CA

Founded in 2001, ISIS works with community stakeholders to improve the quality and availability of HIV/AIDS and STD prevention information, education and services for underserved minority and high-risk youth. The goal of the project is to increase access to critical information for at risk youth using a multimedia hub-spoke model of online, social media and mobile platforms. Through the "ISIS Youth ::Tech HIV Prevention Program," ISIS will create a mobile compatible version of its popular website and connect the website to the ISIS Just/US Facebook page for young adults of color, Twitter account and mobile SMS HIV testing locator.

**[Metro TeenAIDS](#): "Best Youth Health Information for DC Community"**

Washington, D.C.

For 24 years, Metro TeenAIDS (MTA) has been recognized for fighting the adolescent HIV/AIDS epidemic by providing education and training to DC professionals, youth serving organizations, and local government agencies. Through the "Best Youth Health Information for DC Community," MTA seeks to increase awareness and usage of NLM resources by youth service professionals, educators, and government officials who work directly with youth impacted by HIV/AIDS. The project involves a multi-faceted approach that includes technological resources; capacity-building training for youth serving professionals; and peer-to-peer education, to raise awareness and encourage use of NLM resources among youth-serving professionals, youth-serving organizations, youth clients, and HIV-positive youth.

**[Morgan State University](#): "iHelp: Internet-based HIV/AIDS Education: Linking the Public to Science"**

Baltimore, MD

iHelp: Internet-based HIV/AIDS Education: Linking the Public to Science" is an IT-based project aimed to promote and improve access to HIV/AIDS information in a user friendly way. The scope is to increase awareness, access to and utilization of the science-based health resources compiled by the NLM and other health organizations. Based on feedback from the target populations, iHelp staff will develop a mobile application using NLM HIV/AIDS resources. The target populations consist of Morgan State Peer Educators (young adults), HIV/AIDS infected adults over 25 years and HIV/AIDS infected women 50 and older.

**[Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, LLC \(PCOM\)](#): "HIV/AIDS Education, Information Awareness and Social Media"**

San Diego, CA

The Pacific College of Oriental Medicine Library will partner with 10 major San Diego community organizations to provide training on HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. PCOM seeks to improve delivery of HIV/AIDS health care education, awareness and access to NLMs online and mobile information resources and effective use of social media and mobile phones to a



large and diverse population of San Diego, California. Training classes and workshops will focus on NLMs internet, mobile resources and social media sites.

[Philadelphia FIGHT's AIDS Library and Critical Path Project](#): "Applify Your Health: Accessing HIV/AIDS Info Anywhere Anytime"

Philadelphia, PA

The AIDS Library and Critical Path Project of Philadelphia FIGHT have been providing HIV/AIDS services for over 25 years. The current project seeks to increase the use of mobile devices for locating HIV/AIDS information. Philadelphia FIGHT will provide hands-on workshops to persons living with HIV/AIDS, those at high risk, and community outreach workers and, develop mobile versions of its websites and HIV/AIDS comprehensive resource guide. In addition to the mobile application Philadelphia FIGHT will distribute Ready Reference Guides to person with HIV/AIDS or at high risk for HIV.

[Red Ribbon Project \(RRP\)](#): "Youth Skills Building Program"

Avon, CO

The Red Ribbon Project's "Youth Skills Building Program" offers HIV/AIDS education to 6th – 12th grade students in Eagle County, CO. Health educators using NLMs HIV/AIDS resources will offer culturally competent and age appropriate information in English and Spanish emphasizing prevention, risk reduction and skills building.

[SisterLove, Incorporated](#): "Positive Connection Cyber Center"

Atlanta, GA

SisterLove, through its Positive Connection Cyber Center, seeks to increase utilization of the Center through social marketing. In addition, they will train new HIV positive peer educators/counselors as online instructors and facilitate new training classes featuring health literacy. Classes will cover topics such as evaluation of online health information, NLM online health resources, social networking for advocacy and information technology skills development.

[The Alliance of Border Collaboratives \(ABC\)](#): "Promovision – Capacity Building Assistance Project"

El Paso, TX

ABC seeks to expand its Promovision outreach project that improves access to HIV/AIDS related health information by patients and affected community, caregivers and the general public. Increased utilization of NLMs HIV/AIDS resources in El Paso, Texas will be achieved through skill development via training and tutorials as well as development of resources that provide meaningful information about HIV/AIDS, prevention, services and NLM HIV/AIDS resources.

[The George Washington University](#): "Health Information Partners (HIPS 7)"

Washington, DC

HIPS 7 aims to advance peoples' knowledge of science based HIV and health information, critical appraisal skills and engagement in reducing the HIV epidemic in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. To achieve these goals, HIPS 7 will conduct hands-on computer trainings for local community- based health and education centers as well as libraries and high schools. HIPS 7 will also conduct on the street based- outreach in neighborhoods highly affected by HIV/AIDS. HIPS 7 will focus trainings on health information literacy including NLM's HIV/AIDS resources.

[University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center: "AIDS InfoNet"](#)

Albuquerque, NM

The AIDS InfoNet is an internationally recognized online HIV/AIDS information resource to facilitate access to factsheets on the treatment of HIV/AIDS and related information written in nontechnical language and translated into several languages. The Web site enables users to easily download and print regularly updated factsheets at no cost. In addition, the Web site contains hyperlinks to authoritative HIV/AIDS resources to facilitate individual research. Based on the continued high utilization of the factsheets, AIDS InfoNet will provide ongoing maintenance of existing factsheets and develop new factsheets based on user suggestions.

## 2010-2011

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 9 HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2011 in the 18th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### Standard Awards - Up to \$60,000

AIDS Educational Global Information System

"AIDS Educational Global Information System (AEGiS)"

San Juan Capistrano, CA

Justice Resource Institute

"HIV and Aging Health Information Project"

Boston, MA

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

"The INFO Project: Empowering Native Communities through Improved Access to and Utilization of Health Information"

Denver, CO

The Alliance of Border Collaboratives - ABC

"Promovision - Capacity Building Assistance Project"

El Paso, TX

The George Washington University

"Health Information Partners"

Washington, DC

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

"AIDS InfoNet"

Albuquerque, NM

Washington Area Consortium on HIV in Youth/Metro TeenAIDS

"Best Youth Health Information for DC Community"  
Washington, DC

Express Awards - Up to \$10,000

Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc.  
"Friendship House HIV Capacity-Building Project"  
San Francisco, CA

Lee County Health Department  
"HIV and Me: A Collaborative Approach to Information Dissemination Among At-Risk Rural Populations"  
Dixon, IL

## 2009-2010

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 8 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2010 in the 17th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### [University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center: "AIDS InfoNet"](#)

Albuquerque, NM

The AIDS InfoNet is an internationally recognized online HIV/AIDS information resource to facilitate access to factsheets on the treatment of HIV/AIDS and related information written in nontechnical language and translated into several languages. The web site enables users to easily download and print regularly updated factsheets at no cost. In addition, the web site also contains hyperlinks to authoritative HIV/AIDS resources to facilitate individual research. Based on the continued high utilization of the fact sheets, awarded funds from the NLM will be used for ongoing maintenance of existing fact sheets and the development of additional topics based on user suggestions.

### AIDS Educational Global Education System (AEGiS)

San Juan Capistrano, CA

For nearly 20 years, AEGiS has been at the forefront of chronicling the social and clinical aspects of HIV/AIDS. AEGiS's main goal is to provide access to a comprehensive scope of current and post-dated HIV/AIDS related resource materials through an online living library. The online library database offers authoritative information as well as services for people living with HIV, caregivers, and the affected community. Funding from the NLM will be applied towards the database's continuous content development in order to keep pace with the large amount of data produced on and about the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### [Metro TeenAIDS: "Best Youth Health Information for DC Community"](#)

Washington, D.C.

For over 20 years, Metro TeenAIDS (MTA) has been recognized for fighting adolescent HIV/AIDS epidemic by providing education and training to DC professionals, youth serving organizations, and local government agencies. Through the "Best Youth Health Information for DC Community," MTA seeks to increase awareness and usage of NLM resources to youth service professionals, educators, and government officials who work directly with youth impacted by HIV/AIDS. It involves a multi-faced approach that includes technological resources; capacity-building training for youth serving professionals; and peer-to-peer education, to raise awareness and encourage use of NLM resources among youth-serving professionals, youth-serving organizations, youth clients, and HIV-positive youth.

### [University of Kentucky Research Foundation: "GO KNOW NOW: Empowering Positive Living in Kentucky"](#)

Lexington, KY

The “GO KNOW NOW: Empowering Positive Living in Kentucky” is a collaborative effort involving [AIDS Volunteer, Inc. \(AVOL\)](#), [Bluegrass Care Clinic \(BCC\)](#), and the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science, with the intent to improve access to, and use of, electronic HIV/AIDS information resources primarily for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who reside in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Awarded funds from the NLM will be used to create a computer resources center at AVOL and BCC and provide training for clients/patients on the use of electronic HIV/AIDS information resources.

[Flint Urban League](#): “Peer Health Information Mentors”

Flint, MI

The Peer Health Information Mentors (PHIM) Project involves the collaboration of the Flint Urban League, YOUR Center, Genesee County Health Department, and the Prevention Research Center of Michigan at the University Of Michigan School Of Public Health. The aim of the PHIM Project is to provide training and peer-to-peer HIV/AIDS information outreach to young adults aged 18 to 24, in Flint and Genesee County, Michigan. The specific goals of PHIM are: 1) increase access and use of HIV/AIDS information resources among the targeted group, and 2) increase health information literacy in order to better prepare the community to be more effective consumers of health information online.

[The AIDS Library](#): “Mobile Electronic Library Education and Network (E-LEARN) Classroom”

Philadelphia, PA

For over 10 years, with the support of the NLM, the AIDS Library has offered a public access computer classroom; classes on computer basics, how to find and access HIV information on the web; and online class through the E-LEARN program for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A), caregivers, and professionals. Funds awarded by the NLM will help the AIDS Library to create a Mobile E-LEARN Classroom, thus expanding the AIDS Library’s services to the wider Philadelphia AIDS Service Agencies (ASOs) and improve frontline staff and caregivers knowledge of critical HIV treatment, prevention, and how to be an advocate for PLWH/A.

[Renz Addiction Counseling Center](#): “De Mujer a Mujer Computer Learning Access Project”

Elgin, IL

The Renz Addiction Counseling Center is a 501 (c)(3) community based organization that provides alcohol/substance abuse prevention and treatment, HIV prevention education, and HIV testing and counseling services to people of all ages. Awarded funds from the NLM will help the Center create a computer lab to complement its existing De Mujer A Mujer (DMM) program. The DMM program provides HIV and Substance Abuse outreach and prevention services to high risk Latinas within the region. The computer lab will help improve access and increase knowledge of HIV/AIDS information available through the NLM to staff, volunteer health promoters, targeted Latina population, and key collaborative partners.

[P.I. Advocates International \(PIA\)](#): “Seniors Specific HIV/AIDS Information Access Computer Training”

Washington, DC.

The overarching goal of the Seniors Specific HIV/AIDS Information Access Computer Training is to increase health literacy and computer literacy by providing monthly HIV/AIDS PowerPoint prevention education and teaching seniors how to use computers to access, navigate, and retrieve online HIV/AIDS information in the District of Columbia region. The HIV/AIDS presentations and hands-on computer training will ultimately empower participants

to take an active role in their personal health and wellness and acknowledge their personal responsibility for HIV infection.

## 2008-2009

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 12 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2009 in the 16th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### **Standard Awards - Up to \$60,000**

#### [University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center: "AIDS InfoNet"](#)

Albuquerque, NM

The AIDS InfoNet is an internationally recognized online HIV/AIDS information resource which provides factsheets on the treatment of HIV/AIDS and related information in nontechnical language. The web site is specifically designed to facilitate user access to materials. Each topic has one up-to-date factsheet which are reviewed annually and provided in several languages. Fact sheets are easily printable from the Internet in a "clean" single-page format for duplication and distribution to clients who do not have Internet access. To increase availability, InfoNet fact sheets are at no cost to other HIV/AIDS web sites. In addition, the site includes a hyperlinked, categorized listing of approximately 750 HIV/AIDS web sites to facilitate individual research and highlights many HIV/AIDS resources from the NLM.

#### **AIDS Educational Global Education System (AEGiS)**

San Juan Capistrano, CA

AEGiS is an Internet based living HIV/AIDS library. The website provides users with current research information, human resources, treatment, prevention, products, and policy information with worldwide news and event coverage. The documents contained in the living library chronicle the history of HIV/AIDS. Information is organized in sections by publication type, year, and date with clearly stated sources, authors, and publication dates.

#### [George Washington University/School of Public Health & Health Services: "Community Health Advocates: Health Information Partners 5"](#)

Washington, D.C.

Community Health Advocates: Health Information Partners 5 (HIPS5)'s goal is to improve the environment of Washington, DC and its surrounding areas by providing people with accurate information to prevent the spread of HIV. HIP5 distributes evidence-based HIV information to promote protective personal behaviors and healthy social policies. HIPS5 is also informing Washington, DC communities about the dangers of HIV/AIDS and prevention methods by offering skills-based health information trainings.



[Pacific College Oriental Medicine](#): “Reaching Out with Networks and Conferences - HIV/AIDS Education and Information Awareness”

San Diego, CA

The Pacific College of Oriental Medicine is reaching out to the San Diego Community through a series of local conferences which will provide attendees with information, presentations, workshops, and social networking opportunities which may help in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The goal of the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine is to improve information dissemination and access to HIV/AIDS related information in a meaningful way. The organization also plans to increase the community’s awareness of the National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health online HIV/AIDS and medical resources.

[The CORE Foundation](#): Health Information, Risk Assessment, and Screening (HIRAS)

Chicago, IL

The CORE Foundation provides skills development in finding and using online health information resources, HIV and STI risk assessment, and linkage to HIV and STI screening for at risk individuals. The project will focus on students from Malcolm X College of Chicago and clients of two drug and alcohol recovery group homes. The CORE Foundation hopes to promote and improve healthy behaviors by increasing the awareness and utilization of NLM resources and increasing knowledge about HIV/AIDS and other STIs.

[Pacific Resources for Education and Learning](#): “Building Capacity for HIV/AIDS Prevention in the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands”

Honolulu, HI

Building Capacity for HIV/AIDS Prevention in the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands (BC-HAPP) is a program used to provide librarians, educators, public health personnel, and other community members in the U.S. Affiliated islands with resources on HIV/AIDS. BC-HAPP provides trainings on how to access and retrieve accurate HIV/AIDS related information using resources appropriate to the U.S. affiliated Pacific islands (USAPI). BC-HAPP has also produced a CD-ROM of select National Library of Medicine HIV/AIDS resources and materials to give information to those with limited internet access.

[SisterLove, Inc.](#): “Positive Connections Cyber Center”

Atlanta, GA

Since 1989, SisterLove, Inc. has provided HIV/AIDS prevention information, education, interventions, support, advocacy, and resources for African American women at risk and/or living with HIV/AIDS in the Atlanta area. SisterLove also founded the Positive Connections Cyber Center (PCCC), which is a community based internet and networking center used to increase awareness and teach people how to use current HIV/AIDS related websites and resources. The PCCC provides access to computer training and online resources that inform, engage, and sustain women and men as they struggle with HIV/AIDS diagnoses.

[Central New York Health Systems Agency, Inc.:](#) “CNY Connec+ions”

East Syracuse, NY

CNY Connec+ions is a program which targets people living within a 14-county region of Central New York who are infected, affected, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, and teaches them skills to improve their ability to access and use HIV/AIDS health information. CNY Connec+ions is an interactive program which includes a dedicated website with links to HIV/AIDS health information resources, moderated telephone and web conferencing sessions for people with HIV/AIDS, a Facebook page with videos and event photos, and “how to” access training for people with AIDS, HIV/AIDS service providers and the general community.

[P.I. Advocates International \(PIA\):](#) “HIV Information Internet Access Training”

Washington, DC.

P.I. Advocates International (PIA) will be providing hands-on computer training workshops to the residents of Washington, DC. The workshops will focus on accessing and retrieving information on HIV from internet-based medical libraries. PIA will also provide monthly HIV prevention information sessions in hopes of educating the people of Washington, DC on the spread of the disease. The program will target 1,950 people who have HIV/AIDS, are clients of substance abuse and transitional housing programs, people who are not HIV positive but exhibit risky behavior, and the general public.

**Express Awards - Up to \$10,000**

[CAEAR Foundation:](#) “Navigate to Learn More – Increasing HIV Primary Care Provider Use of NLM Online Resources”

Washington, DC

CAEAR Foundation (CF)’s goal is to connect with the primary care providers of people with HIV/AIDS. CF provides the primary care providers with the needed resources to ensure that they are giving their patients the best care and treatment for HIV/AIDS.

[K. I. Services, Inc.:](#) “Access and Empowerment through HIV Online Outreach and Education”

Alexandria, VA

K.I. Services has a program in which 175 people are chosen to participate. The program teaches individuals how to access and retrieve information on HIV/AIDS and treatment options. The program will provide training on information retrieval, provide access to accurate documents with HIV/AIDS related information, and highlight resource development.

[AWARE Worldwide, Inc.: “E-Source to Resource”](#)

Virginia Beach, VA

The “E-Source to Resource” is an outreach program for people living with HIV/AIDS, people who are at risk for contracting the virus, and all other people who are interested in HIV/AIDS information. The “E-Source” center will provide the afore listed parties with access to computers and assistance in finding the most up-to-date HIV/AIDS information resources and services and treatment/medical options.

## 2007-2008

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 12 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2008 in the 15th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

### **Standard Awards - Up to \$60,000**

[Alliance Library System](#): "AIDS Information and Outreach in the Virtual World of Second Life"

East Peoria, IL

The Alliance Library System (ALS) is a regional multi-type consortium with 260 public, academic, school, corporate and medical libraries in central Illinois. The ALS will collaborate with other health agencies in the virtual world of Second Life to create a community library/resource center for people of all ages who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as their family and friends, health professionals, and librarians. The virtual world will contain tutorials, news feeds, links to current awareness searches in PubMeds, links to NLM resources about HIV/AIDS, AIDS.gov, and other resources. There will also be narratives about the experiences that come with having, or knowing someone with HIV/AIDS.

[California State University](#): "Salud es Cultura: ¡Protégete! Project (Health is Culture: Protect Yourself!)"

California State University, Long Beach Foundation c/o National Council of La Raza Long Beach Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation and Leadership Training

"Salud es Cultura: ¡Protégete! Project (Health is Culture: Protect Yourself!)"

Long Beach, CA

The goal of the "Salud es Cultura: ¡Protégete!" HIV/AIDS prevention education project is to provide training and HIV/AIDS education and training materials for community health workers (promotores de salud) from over 25 community based organizations utilizing a tested culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV/AIDS intervention curriculum developed for the Latino community. Through the implementation of this project, the Center aims to: 1) Disseminate "Salud es Cultura: ¡Protégete!" Project Toolkits to CBOs seeking to develop new, or augment existing HIV/AIDS education programs targeting Latinos; 2) Conduct regional trainings; and 3) Develop and maintain an interactive resource web-page to facilitate request and downloading of Salud es Cultura: ¡Protégete! Project materials as well as links to other HIV/AIDS-related National Library of Medicine resources.

[Ruth Lilly Medical Library/Indiana University School of Medicine](#): “Improving HIV/AIDS Health Information Use and Access for HIV/AIDS Health Care Professionals, Patients, Affected Communities, and General Public in Indiana”

Indianapolis, IN

The goal of the SHINE (Statewide HIV/AIDS Information Network) Project is to improve HIV/AIDS health information use and access for HIV/AIDS health care professionals, patients and the affected communities. Previously funded by NLM in 2007, the project continuation will use the SHINE website to explore Web 2.0 technologies (podcasts, RSS feeds, blogs, etc) to deliver information, training sessions on information access and retrieval, and to enhance document access. The project will continue to increase the awareness and utilization of the National Library of Medicine online health and medical resources, as well as SHINE project resources, to the HIV/AIDS community through exhibits and presentations.

[Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center \(MCAHEC\)](#): “Southeast Georgia AIDS Information Link (SEaGAIL)”

Statesboro, GA

SEaGAIL serves rural, medically underserved southeast Georgia, and the project aims to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information by libraries, health professionals, community-based organization staff and persons affected by HIV/AIDS through improved access to electronic and print resources and training. The project will provide links from the SEaGAIL website to Georgia Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES), PubMed, and MedlinePlus and will also train librarians, health professionals, and others on accessing electronic HIV/AIDS information. In addition, MCAHEC will expand the collection of existing web-based tutorials in English and Spanish to train HIV/AIDS affected consumers and others on retrieval of HIV/AIDS information through the SEaGAIL website and the National Library of Medicine online resources.

[Maricopa Integrated Health System](#): “Maricopa Integrated Health System 2008 AIDS Community Information Outreach Project”

Phoenix, AZ

The Maricopa Integrated Health System has provided care for HIV-infected and affected people since 1989. In 2007 the System received an NLM AIDS Community Information Outreach Express Award, which funded the development of educational materials. As a continuation project, the System will provide HIV-infected women and youth, particularly monolingual Spanish speakers, with skills in using the Internet and accessing HIV/AIDS information resources from the National Library of Medicine and other reputable resources. Classes will be offered in both English and Spanish on internet use and accessing HIV/AIDS health information resources. In collaboration with medical Spanish interpreters and the MIHS Educational and Organizational Development Department, the audiovisual computer-based internet tutorial and HIV Care Planner resource (developed under the 2007 NLM Express Award) will be translated and utilized during training classes. After successfully completing the course, each of the clients will have a chance to receive a donated, refurbished computer to maintain their interest and skills obtained from participation in the class.

[Pacific College of Oriental Medicine: “San Diego HIV/AIDS Health Information Literacy Service”](#)

San Diego, CA

The Pacific College of Oriental Medicine has partnered with the San Diego Public Library, The Center, San Diego County LGBT community based organization, the Third Avenue Charitable Organization of Lutheran Church of San Diego, the PCOM Clinical Education Department and its community off-site clinics to develop the San Diego HIV/AIDS Health Information Literacy Service. The San Diego HIV/AIDS Health Information Literacy service is an outreach program to teach both health professionals and people and the community how to use the National Library of Medicine’s databases to find HIV/AIDS and related health information. The program is specifically targeted towards those who are infected, affected or at risk for HIV/AIDS, health professionals, clinical interns, public health, librarians, and staff and users of community and faith based organizations that provide services to HIV/AIDS patients and their families. This program will bridge the information gap for a public of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds and the professionals that serve the afflicted by providing authoritative information resources.

[Philadelphia FIGHT/The AIDS Library: “Developing HIV Leaders in the Philadelphia Shelters”](#)

Philadelphia, PA

The AIDS Library is developing a network of HIV Coordinators in the Philadelphia Shelter System. The Developing HIV Leaders in the Philadelphia Shelters program was put in place to train the coordinators in essential life-saving HIV prevention and treatment information and locating print and online resources for shelter staff and residents. The AIDS Library seeks to address the needs of those who have unstable housing by developing the capacity of the shelters staff to recognize the risks of shelter residents and the needs of those diagnosed with HIV. The program is being developed for 30 shelters in the Philadelphia area.

[“AIDS InfoNet”](#)

Albuquerque, NM

The AIDS InfoNet is an on-line information resource which provides people with fact sheets on information related to HIV/AIDS. The information provided on the fact sheets is written in non-technical language, and is also offered in both English and Spanish. The website is regularly updated with new information pertaining to the HIV/AIDS community. All of the information on the site is free of charge to individuals, as well as other organizations. The Website also includes over 750 links to other websites which can help users with research on HIV/AIDS.

[The Wall Las Memorias, Inc.: “The Wall Las Memorial Project – Pláticas \(Community Discussion\) Project”](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Project Pláticas is a community-based project which has relationships with faith-based organizations and a wide variety of Latino populations in the greater Los Angeles community. The project is designed to teach people to access accurate information from the National Library of Medicine and other reputable

resources. The Wall Las Memorias, Inc. will conduct training sessions for all to be able to find and access all available HIV/AIDS information and resources that can be of use to the target populations. This effort will also include country-wide training of HIV/AIDS providers on cultural sensitivity in the delivery of HIV health and mental health services. Project Pláticas will also provide print versions of the most relevant HIV/AIDS information and develop specific educational resources that specifically meet the needs of the clients of The Wall Las Memorias, Inc. and its surrounding community.

### **Express Awards - Up to \$10,000**

#### [Queens Borough Public Library](#): “Queens Borough Public Library HealthLink HIV/AIDS Outreach Information Project”

Jamaica, NY

The Queens Borough Public Library has a successful HealthLink project which focuses on access to information on Cancer Trials and new innovations in the fight against cancer. The library wants to replicate the elements of the Cancer Trials HealthLink and tailor for the HIV/AIDS community. The new HIV/AIDS HealthLink will include links to HIV/AIDS resources, opportunities to purchase books relevant to the HIV/AIDS community, factsheets, and brochures. The project will also provide training for librarians, advocates, direct service providers and community residents. The trainings will teach the clients to access information regarding available resources and pertinent literature at their local public library.

#### [AID Atlanta, Inc.](#): “Technological Upgrade of the AID Atlanta Client Resource Room”

Atlanta, GA

AID Atlanta, Inc. is updating the technological resources of their Client Resource Room. With the update of this equipment, AID Atlanta will be able to continue to provide the community with one-on-one and group trainings regarding computer literacy and how to access HIV/AIDS information resources and services on the internet.

#### [University of Maryland, Health Sciences and Human Services Library](#): “Improving Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information to Baltimore Youth through the STAR TRACK Program”

Baltimore, MD

The goal of the STAR TRACK program is to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS by educating youth between the ages of 12 and 24 in the Baltimore area regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and the use of HIV/AIDS information resources and services in the community. STAR TRACK will also develop culturally appropriate brochures and increase the awareness and utilization of online resources such as MedlinePlus.gov, AIDSinfo.gov, and Maryland Health Go-Local (through MedlinePlus.gov).

## 2006-2007

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded 13 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2007 in the 14th round of the program. NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS– related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for HIV/AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

Awards were made for the following projects:

### **Standard Awards – Up to \$60,000**

**AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS): “Project Restore/Expanded Access II”**  
(San Juan Capistrano, CA)

The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS) is a nonprofit organization that was established in the 1980’s in response to the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic, and continues to disseminate AIDS-related clinical information and late-breaking news to those in need and isolated by geographical location. The “Project Restore/Expanded Access” project plans to facilitate access to current patient/clinician information, specific to HIV/AIDS, via state-of-the-art technology and preserve a global history of the pandemic with AEGiS’s historical news and treatment database. The internet-based library has more than 1,000,000 documents that address the HIV/AIDS pandemic from 1981 to the present.

**[Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy](#): “Project AIR 2007”**  
(Houston, Texas)

Founded in 1995, the Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy (CFA) is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the latest, most up-to-date HIV/AIDS research, disease, and treatment information. With three funded projects from NLM since 2001, the CFA has developed and expanded Project AIR (AIDS Information Roadshow), an innovative outreach program that promotes health literacy and empowers clients affected by HIV/AIDS to take an active role in caring for themselves. Individuals learn to locate and assess reliable HIV/AIDS information sources in local libraries, the Internet and through the NLM’s MedlinePlus. Phase II of this project will focus on the train-the-trainer approach by providing advanced training as computer/Internet users and peer educators, and the peer educators will train the community to access HIV/AIDS information. This train-the-trainer component will exponentially extend Project AIR’s reach, improving lives, health, and communities throughout Houston and Harris County.

**[Family Health Centers of San Diego](#): “Positive Connections Website Enhancement Project”**  
(San Diego, California)



The Positive Connections website enhancement project will focus on improving and increasing access to current HIV/AIDS care and treatment information and additional resource linkages through targeted efforts to HIV positive, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender men and women residing in San Diego County. The project will utilize existing tools such as the Gay Men's Health website and explore various social media channels in order to broaden the scope of the audience to include HIV positive individuals. Family Health Centers of San Diego:

[Huston-Tillotson University](#): "The HT Community Health Empowerment Online Project"  
(Austin, Texas)

The Huston–Tillotson University (HTU), a Historically Black College and University, has gained a significant reputation as an online health information access training/educational support system and resource for the East Austin community as exemplified by a successful, previously funded NLM project which trained over 1,000 individuals and/organizations on how to find and access HIV/AIDS information. The HTU will build upon its existing campus and community HIV/AIDS outreach work and combine its resources and technological expertise to partner with local community and state HIV/AIDS and related health organizations. The HT Community Health Empowerment Online Project will continue partnership with HTU to empower the underserved East Austin community with improved access to current and accurate on–line HIV/AIDS related information by expanding to the Hispanic population and tailoring culturally appropriate resources to this community. The continuation/expansion project will include: train–the–trainer consumer health advocacy certification and curriculum to provide online health informational access education and evaluation constituents, and the community health WEB page and 1800 line consumer support resource.

[Philadelphia FIGHT/The AIDS Library](#): "E-LEARN - The Electronic Library Education and AIDS Resource Network"  
(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

The AIDS Library, a program of Philadelphia FIGHT, a comprehensive AIDS Service Organization, has succeeded over the years in providing access to the Internet to people living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Region. The AIDS library seeks funding from the NLM in order to create an online HIV/AIDS learning network to bring access and structured learning to the extensive array of treatment information and resources available through the AIDS Library website and the Internet. Through this medium, the AIDS Library will move beyond the traditional push approach to information management and will encourage the community to participate in classes where meaningful learning and discussion take place.

[Pacific Resources for Education and Learning](#): "Enhanced HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Pacific"  
(Honolulu, Hawaii)

The purpose of this project is to provide librarians, educators, public health personnel, and other community members in the U.S.–affiliated Pacific with training on how to access and retrieve state–of–

the-art HIV/AIDS-related information from tools appropriate to the U.S.-affiliated Pacific such as CD-ROMs, PubMed and EBSCO's health databases. Training courses will be presented at the annual Pacific Educational Conference (PEC), the annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA) Conference, meetings of the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA), and other appropriate venues. Pacific Resources for Education and Learning will also work with its network of partners to distribute resource materials via community-based organizations. Pacific Resources for Education and Learning:

**Public Health – Seattle & King County: “Creating and Maintaining an Empowered HIV/AIDS Community through Information Access”**  
(Seattle, Washington)

The HIV/AIDS Program of Public Health–Seattle King County (PHSKC) will improve access to HIV/AIDS information by patients, affected communities, their caregivers, persons at high risk for HIV infection, HIV prevention organizations, and the general public. The “Creating & Maintaining an Empowered HIV/AIDS Community through Information Access” project will accomplish the following goals: 1) Provide training and skills development on how to find and use accurate and reliable HIV/AIDS information to CBOs, public health staff, and people at risk or living with HIV/AIDS; 2) Develop a user-friendly guide to access HIV/AIDS journals found in the PHSKC Digital Library; 3) Utilize email listservs and the Internet to create and distribute HIV/AIDS information; 4) Provide technical assistance to local HIV/AIDS organization on information gathering and dissemination; and 5) Provide document access and delivery through the HIV/AIDS Resource Center & Library to public health and CBO staff.

**SisterLove, Inc.: “Positive Connections Center for Women”**  
(Atlanta, Georgia)

Sisterlove, Inc., founded in 1989, has a long history of providing prevention information, education, interventions, support, advocacy and resources to African American women at risk and/or living with HIV/AIDS. Sisterlove will launch Positive Connections, a community-based socio-cultural networking website and internet service for underserved populations of HIV positive women in Metro Atlanta. The project will accomplish the following goals: 1) use cutting edge technology as a means to create online support groups and educational and training workshops through live broadcasts; 2) provide a community-based virtual learning center for women to access online or in person; and 3) increase awareness and utilization of current HIV/AIDS related websites that provide information regarding treatment, prevention, support, research and advocacy. Sisterlove, Inc.: <http://www.sisterlove.org> and <http://www.sisterwisdom.org>

**Test Positive Aware Network: “Peer Empowerment Education Referral Station (PEERS) Online”**  
(Chicago, Illinois)

The Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) collaborated in 2007 to launch PEERSpeak, which provides online access to five peer-developed and professionally reviewed

modules on HIV self care. This year, the PEERS Online project seeks funding from NLM in order to continue/expand the PEERSpeak project to reach a special population, HIV-positive men and women recently released from the corrections system. The new PEERSpeak modules can also be used as a self-paced training format for Peer Navigators working with HIV-positive clients in both clinical and social service settings as well as a source of information and support for family and friends of those newly diagnosed with HIV. AIDS Foundation of Chicago: <http://www.aidschicago.org> Test Positive Aware Network: <http://www.tpan.com>.

### **Express Awards – Up to \$10,000**

[Community Health Action of Staten Island \(CHASI\)](#): “Community HIV/AIDS Information Network (CHAIN)” (Staten Island, New York)

The Community Health Action Staten Island (CHASI) is a not for profit organization that provides HIV outreach, education, prevention and direct services for populations most vulnerable and affected – youth, substance users, people of color, and LGBT community. Through this project, CHASI plans to establish a Community HIV/AIDS Information Network (CHAIN) on its 40 foot Mobile Health Unit that provides HIV prevention and wraparound health and support services to Staten Island communities of highest seroprevalence. Through individual information retrieval sessions, one-on-one web-based tutorials and small group workshops, CHAIN will increase HIV/AIDS knowledge and improve access to HIV/AIDS information and resources for the community. Community Health Action of Staten Island: <http://www.sihealthaction.org>

[Maricopa Integrated Health System \(MIHS\)](#): “HIV Community Information Outreach Project” (Phoenix, Arizona)

The goal of the Maricopa Integrated Health System’s (MIHS) HIV Community Information Outreach Project is to disseminate HIV/AIDS resource information to Maricopa County’s underserved HIV infected and affected population, and present HIV/AIDS information and resources in a culturally relevant and easy to understand format for low literacy populations. MIHS will develop an on-line tutorial instructing users how to access healthcare information on-line and empower them to take a more active role in their healthcare. Maricopa Integrated Health System: <http://www.mihs.org>

[Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association](#): “Community Health Advocates - Outreach and Education” (Washington, DC)

The Community Health Advocates: Outreach and Education program, led by the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association’s (MWPHA) Health Disparities Committee that is composed of community members, health workers, and public health students, organizes grassroots outreach and education in the Ward 8 neighborhood of the District of Columbia. The project also partners with the Washington Highlands

Public Library which is a center for health and community programs. The program will offer health information trainings, conduct community discussions and street outreach, train five community health advocates, and develop 2–3 video clips for YouTube and other distribution channels. The project will provide the opportunity to engage more community residents as educators and develop new information resources. Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association: <https://dcmetropha.org/>

[Trinity Development Corporation](#): “Love is Thicker Than Blood HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Comprehensive Web Site”  
(Washington, DC)

The Trinity Development Corporation convened the first “Clergy Leadership Summit on HIV/AIDS” for the purpose of engaging clergy and lay leaders in the establishment of a comprehensive, coordinated HIV/AIDS effort that would be compatible with churches’ environs and ministries. The “Love is Thicker Than Blood” Project was established as an outgrowth of the summit and consists of nine churches of various denominations located in the District of Columbia, one in each of the eight Wards, and Trinity Episcopal Church. The TDC seeks funding from NLM in order to develop and maintain a web site designed to promote scientific-based HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse information; enable the “Love is Thicker Than Blood” Conversation center staff to share information; and foster awareness of the HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse crisis and available support services among residents of the District of Columbia. Trinity Episcopal Church: <http://trinitychurchdc.org/>

## 2005-2006

### **NLM Funds 17 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2006 in the 13th Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

Awards were made for the following projects:

#### **Standard Award Projects**

##### **AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS): “Project Restore/Expanded Access” (San Juan Capistrano, CA)**

AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS) was established in the mid 1980’s to disseminate AIDS-related clinical information and late-breaking news to those in need and isolated by geographical location. AEGIS is presently serving over 900,000 users per month, and has archived over 1.1 million documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. The sources for this information include, but are not limited to, the National Library of Medicine, AIDS Service Organization publications, and Wire services (Agence Presse France, Associated Press, Inter Press Service, Reuters, BBC, Wall Street Journal, etc.). AEGIS seeks funding from NLM to assist in providing HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community, researchers and caregivers. Funding will assist AEGIS in seeking pre- and post- Internet/CDROM era conference abstracts, related news reports, and AIDS Community-Based Organization related reports to be integrated into the main database and disseminated via the AEGIS website. The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS) on the Web: <http://www.aegis.org>.

##### **[AIDS Foundation of Chicago/Test Positive Aware Network](#): “Peer Empowerment Education Referral Station (PEERS) Online Project” (Chicago, IL)**

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago, founded in 1985, collaborates with community organizations to develop and improve HIV/AIDS services and coordinates prevention, care and advocacy projects. The goal of the Peer Empowerment Education Referral Station (PEERS) Online Project is to improve the ability of individuals who are newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS to access quality HIV/AIDS information and referrals to Chicago area services. In collaboration with the Test Positive Aware Network, the PEERS Online Project will utilize print, animation, and audio/visual files to guide users through self-care modules which will facilitate

access to care, HIV/AIDS information, and HIV-related services available throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The presentations will allow individuals with low literacy skills and cognitive disabilities to use the modules for self-education and service referrals, and can be easily adapted for use in other languages. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago on the Web: <http://www.aidschicago.org>. The Test Positive Aware Network on the Web: <http://www.tpan.com>

**[Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium](#): “Community Drum - An Alaska Native/Rural Alaska AIDS Information and Education Outreach Project”  
(Anchorage, AK)**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is the largest tribal health care organization in the United States, formed in December 1997 to manage the statewide health services component of the Alaska Native health care system. The ANTHC’s Community Drum project provides internet information on the care and prevention of HIV/AIDS, links to various Alaska HIV/AIDS resources, and offers an opportunity for communication between Alaska Native consumers who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Community Drum will expand on the NLM previously funded project by translating the Community Drum stories into Yupik, Aleut, Tlingit, and Inupiaq and creating culturally-relevant HIV prevention materials for the four Alaska Native tribes. The HIV/AIDS information developed can be downloaded from the website for Tribal health organizations and communities to use as part of their patient education efforts. The Community Drum is on the Web: <http://www.communitydrum.org/index.html>

**[Community Education Group](#): “New Day”  
(Washington, DC)**

The Community Education Group (CEG), a nonprofit agency, is dedicated to social change through the creation and expansion of programs addressing health, socio-economic, environmental and systemic challenges facing African American families. Through the New Day project, CEG will develop and distribute culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV/AIDS materials for African Americans who are recently released from incarceration. Community partners will be trained to engage community members in conversation about HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS information resources will be distributed within the prison system and throughout the community. Fact sheets, informational booklets, and additional resources available on the CEG website will increase the awareness of HIV/AIDS information resources and issues related specifically to African Americans and HIV/AIDS. This information will provide recently released persons and their partners with a fresh start toward HIV prevention. The Community Education Group on the Web: <http://www.communityeducationgroup.org>

**The CORE Foundation: “Project AHEADD - Access to Health Education and Digital Development”  
(Chicago, IL)**

Project AHEADD – Access to Health Education and Digital Development will enable the CORE Foundation and the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County Academic Center Library (ACL) to enhance the

HIV/AIDS electronic health information and resources of the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center Resource Center (RC). The project will (1) provide the RC with technology solely designated for electronic HIV/AIDS health education; (2) provide computer, internet and electronic HIV/AIDS health resources training to Adult Peer Educators working at the CORE Center who will guide clients in the library; and (3) enhance the current electronic HIV/AIDS health resources available to staff and clients who utilize the RC and are either infected, affected or at-risk for becoming infected with HIV/AIDS. This project is an expansion and enhancement of a previously funded NLM funded project, COMET to the Community. The community will be trained to use COMET and other HIV/AIDS resources in order to access quality health information.

**Homes for Hope: “Peer to Peer Data Guides: Transgenders and Young Questioning MSM”  
(Washington, DC)**

Homes for Hope (HFH) is a nonprofit organization founded to provide supportive housing to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, especially minorities and women in Washington, DC. Presently, clients receive computer training through a program as a result of collaboration with the Partnership for Health Program which is funded by NLM. The Peer to Peer Data Guides project will address the informational needs of two client groups, transgender (TG) and young men who have sex with men (MSM) that have historically been disconnected from vital HIV/AIDS information due to societal barriers. HFH will develop a basic computer skills and Internet training program to include participant training manuals and materials for the client groups. HFH will train clients on basic computer skills, accessing HIV/AIDS resources relevant to TG and MSM groups, and provide peer led Internet data sessions and searches at the HFH facilities and at several partner agencies. The HFH will also develop a webpage to provide information on HIV/AIDS topics relevant to TG and young questioning MSM.

**Hope House Day Care Center: “Hope for Families for Life Phase II”  
(Memphis, TN)**

Hope House Day Care Center, founded by the Junior League of Memphis in 1994, has a mission to improve the quality of life of HIV-impacted children and their families by addressing their educational, social, and psychological and health needs. In 2002, the NLM funded the Hope for Families for Life Phase I project to establish a library/computer resource center. Phase II of the Hope for Families for Life project will offer the day care centers’ administrators, teachers, staff, parents, volunteers, and community members access to computers for HIV/AIDS information searches, in-service workshops, presentations, and library resources. Hope House Day Care Center on the Web: <http://www.hopehousedaycare.org>

**Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library: “Project St. Hope: An HIV/AIDS  
Community Information Outreach Project”  
(Houston, TX)**

Project St. Hope is designed to facilitate access to electronic HIV/AIDS information resources, and is a collaborative effort involving the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, the Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy, and St. Hope Foundation. St. Hope Foundation operates three HIV/AIDS outpatient clinics in the greater Houston area. Project funds will be used to 1) purchase and set up a mobile computer lab that can be circulated between the three clinics, 2) provide training on the use of electronic HIV/AIDS information resources for staff members, 3) and purchase computers for social workers to introduce HIV/AIDS information resources into the client intake process. A series of five themed presentations will be delivered at each of the three clinics by the HIV/AIDS educator and the health sciences librarian regarding topics related to HIV/AIDS and electronic information resources. The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library on the Web: <http://www.library.tmc.edu>

[Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc.](#): “Advancing HH - Online HIV/AIDS Information Access in San Francisco’s Castro District”  
(Oakland, CA)

Internet Sexuality Information Services (ISIS), a non profit organization whose mission is to use technology for sexual health promotion and disease prevention, has joined together with Magnet, a gay men’s health center in the Castro, to implement the Advancing HH project. Advancing HH: Online HIV/AIDS Information Access in San Francisco’s Castro District is a project designed to improved HIV/AIDS information access for the community of men who have sex with men in San Francisco. Advancing HH will also be available to men around the world who look to San Francisco for cutting edge, up-to-date education about gay men’s health issues, especially HIV/AIDS information. Funding from NLM will provide ISIS the resources to increase the number and speed of computers and networks at the Magnet storefront and expand and update the health section of the MagnetSF.org website with detailed, up-to-date, and culturally relevant information about HIV/AIDS. The Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc. on the Web: <http://www.isis-inc.org>

Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center: “Southeast Georgia AIDS Info Link (SEaGAIL)”  
(Statesboro, GA)

The Magnolia Coastlands AHEC (MCAHEC) is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that is committed to providing high quality, accessible, educational programs and services designed to meet the specific needs of the health care practitioners, students, and health professions' faculty residing and working in its 39 county service area. The goal of SEaGAIL is to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information by libraries, health professionals, community-based organization staff and persons affected by HIV/AIDS through electronic and print resources and training. Project SEaGAIL will 1) improve information retrieval to electronic HIV/AIDS and other health related information resources, 2) enhance skills development by providing training on accessing HIV/AIDS information resources to staff of public libraries, public health, community-based organizations and to persons affected by HIV/AIDS, 3) enhance document access through facilitating interlibrary loan requests and providing document retrieval services, and 4)



develop on-line tutorials that will assist individuals in accessing HIV/AIDS resources. The project will build on services that were established by the SEaGAIL project funded by NLM in 2002.

Regents of the University of New Mexico/Health Science Center/School of Medicine/ Department of Internal Medicine: "[AIDS InfoNet](#)"  
(Albuquerque, NM)

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an on-line HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in both English and Spanish. Although originally designed to serve the HIV community in New Mexico, the InfoNet has grown into a national and international resource. Fact sheets are viewed over 300,000 times each month, including significant usage from outside of the United States. Funding from NLM will support the ongoing maintenance of the existing fact sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. In addition, the InfoNet will collaborate with selected AIDS Service Organizations to arrange for translation of fact sheets into additional languages. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians. The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the Web: <http://www.aidsinonet.org>

[Ruth Lilly Medical Library, Indiana University School of Medicine](#): "Indiana HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project"  
(Indianapolis, IN)

The Indiana HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach (IHACIO) Project goal is to improve HIV/AIDS health information use and access for HIV/AIDS health care professionals, patients and the affected communities as well as the general public in Indiana. The project plans to 1) provide training sessions on accessing HIV/AIDS information resources to health care professionals throughout the state, 2) develop a CD-ROM tutorial and web-based tool kit to serve as an adjunct to the training; and 3) exhibit at local minority health fairs in an effort to promote the resources and services available through the project. The Medical Libraries Indiana University School of Medicine on the Web: <https://library.mednet.iu.edu/>

### **Express Award Projects**

[AIDS Response Seacoast](#): "HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach 2006"  
(Portsmouth, NH)

The AIDS Response Seacoast was established in 1987 as a non-profit, community-based organization and provides assistance, education and advocacy for persons and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. Funding from the NLM will support the production of brochures detailing information regarding the programs and services offered by both the Client Services Department and the Prevention and Education Department of the AIDS Response Seacoast. The project will also develop and distribute pamphlets including information about prevention, transmission, treatment options, and HIV co-infection of Hepatitis-C. The AIDS Response Seacoast on the Web: <http://www.aidsresponse.org>

**AIDS Survival Project: “FOCUS”**  
(Atlanta, GA)

Project FOCUS, an initiative of the AIDS Survival Project’s HIV Treatment Education Program, will create a curriculum for Internet-based HIV education and provide people living with HIV with access to the latest information on HIV therapy. The HIV Treatment Resource Center’s staff and trained volunteer peer educators will assist clients in learning the skills necessary to navigate computers and the Internet, and to evaluate the legitimacy and relevance of treatment information. The program will conduct quarterly “Skills Building” + “Health Choices” - “Health Lives” workshops and present public HIV treatment forums targeting HIV affected populations and care providers.

**Coharie Intra-Tribal Council: “Coharie Indian HIV/AIDS Mini Conference”**  
(Clinton, NC)

The goal of the “Coharie Indian HIV/AIDS Mini Conference” project is to provide HIV/AIDS information and education primarily to the Coharie Indian populations, but also to Indians throughout North Carolina. The Coharie Intra-Tribal Council will collaborate with the Tri-County Community Health Center, Sampson Health Department, Harnett Health Department, and the Healing Lodge to plan and coordinate the Coharie Indian HIV/AIDS Mini Conference. The mini-conference will include presentations by health professionals and researchers, and will also provide consumers with information regarding HIV/AIDS resources and services.

**Columbus AIDS Task Force: “Sexuality Education: Empowering Youth”**  
(Columbus, OH)

The Columbus AIDS Task Force is a community-based organization serving a diverse community of more than 1,000 HIV positive clients in central Ohio. In collaboration with the Ohio AIDS Coalition, Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio, and the Kaleidoscope Youth Center, the CATF plans to address the urgent need for information on HIV/AIDS transmission in the youth community. The project will promote the wealth of information housed in the CATF Resource Library by effectively disseminating the information to local high-risk youth populations. The Sexuality Education: Empowering Youth project will 1) form a communication/referral network among health, wellness and youth organizations to share/disseminate comprehensive HIV/STD information and make service and education referrals, 2) train youth and youth educators on how to search for and evaluate HIV/AIDS information on the web, and 3) provide health information support to CATF’s youth Speakers Bureau to present/disseminate information on sexual health issues to their peers. The Columbus AIDS Task Force on the Web: <http://www.catf.net>

**Community Impact, Inc. “AIDS Integrated Information Network”**  
(Yazoo City, MS)

The Community Impact, Inc., a non-profit organization, strives to improve the quality of life for individuals in the Delta Region through advocating on their behalf and promoting the development of community-based systems of health and social services related to HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the AIDS Integrated Information Network is to enhance technology in rural and underserved communities of color and increase access to HIV/AIDS information and resources in the Mississippi Delta Region. Community Impact, Inc. will collaborate with the Youth VineYard, Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Department of Health to establish community distribution centers know as “drop-in” centers. These centers will provide consumers with computer workstations with Internet access and assistance in accessing HIV/AIDS resources and services.

## 2004-2005

### **NLM Funds 18 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2005 in the 12th Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

Awards were made for the following projects:

#### **Standard Award Projects**

**AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS): “AIDS Community Outreach 2005”**  
(San Juan Capistrano, CA)

AEGIS seeks funding from NLM to assist in providing HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community, researchers and caregivers. AEGIS will accomplish this goal by maintaining content development assistance in support of Sr. Mary Elizabeth, the Operations Director of the AEGIS website. Funding will assist AEGIS in the linking of research documentation to NLM’S PubMed abstract database and developing a conference abstract database. AEGIS is presently serving over 900,000 users per month, and has archived over 1.1 million documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. The sources for this information include, but are not limited to, the National Library of Medicine, AIDS Service Organization publications, and Wire services (Agence Presse France, Associated Press, Inter Press Service, Reuters, BBC, Wall Street Journal, etc.) All of this data is archived and is keyword searchable. With these new features, many articles’ footnotes will be linked so that original material is located easily on PubMed, and pre-Internet/CD ROM era abstracts of conferences will be accessible from the AEGIS website.

**AIDS Services in Asian Communities (ASIAC): “Asian & Pacific Islander Consortium HIV Health Information”**  
(Philadelphia, PA)

The ASIAC is a 501(c) 3 community-based organization dedicated to providing culturally sensitive and language appropriate HIV/AIDS related services to Asian and Pacific Islanders (A&PIs) and their partners, family members, friends, and service providers in the Philadelphia area. The partnership between ASIAC, Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation, and The Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition forms the Asian and Pacific Islander Consortium (APIC). Through the APIC HIV Health Information project, APIC will design, develop, produce, and distribute HIV/AIDS information brochures alerting A&PIs of HIV/AIDS resources available in their community. The brochures will be available in 5 Asian languages (Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Khmer, and Indonesian) to ensure cultural and linguistic appropriateness, and will address the following HIV/AIDS topics: HIV testing, living with HIV, Women & HIV, and HIV &

Youth. The HIV/AIDS information brochures will be distributed to clients through the APIC consortium as well as by other community-based organizations, AIDS service organizations, clinics, and hospitals that work with A&PIs.

**Bailey House, Inc.: “Technical Assistance Clearinghouse”**  
(New York, NY)

Bailey House, Inc. was founded in 1983 in Greenwich Village, New York, and is committed to empowering people living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones, and the communities and agencies that serve them to achieve their fullest potential through the development and provision of housing, supportive services, and technical assistance. The goal of the Technical Assistance Clearinghouse project is to increase the awareness and access to HIV/AIDS information through the enhancement and expansion of the Technical Assistance Clearinghouse website. The project will be executed regionally within the states of New York and New Jersey and will consist of 3 major components: 1) The addition of HIV/AIDS related health care resources on the existing TA Clearinghouse website, 2) The expansion of the range of resources and marketing efforts for the New York and New Jersey regions, and 3) The development and distribution of a user-friendly guide to health care information via the Internet in three languages and in large type for the visually impaired. The Bailey House, Inc. on the web: <http://www.baileyhouse.org>.

**Brooklyn Public Library – “Know Your ABC’s to Prevent HIV Project”**  
(Brooklyn, NY)

The Know Your ABC’s to Prevent HIV Project is a health information and educational campaign of the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) in collaboration with the Caribbean Women’s Health Association, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center and the Church Avenue Merchants Block Association, Inc. (CAMBA). The project will host workshops and train librarians, community workers from partnering organizations, and other interested community organizations on how to access HIV/AIDS materials and online resources in English, Spanish, and Creole and how to conduct library-based educational programs on HIV/AIDS for adults and teens. In support of the educational and training workshops, BPL will develop an HIV/AIDS collection in English, Spanish, and Creole to be offered in various formats (print, video, DVD, and CD ROM). A bibliography of the collection will be prepared and disseminated in all 3 languages, and identified resources will be featured on the Library’s website. The Brooklyn Public Library on the web: <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org>.

**Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services: “Southwestern New Mexico HIV/AIDS Resource Development Project”**  
(Las Cruces, NM)

Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services, a non-profit community-based organization, will provide access to printed and electronic information to those living with HIV/AIDS, those affected by HIV/AIDS, their care providers, and the general community. Funding through the NLM will provide the opportunity for the Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services to introduce a centralized HIV/AIDS Information Center within the

agency. The Southwestern New Mexico HIV/AIDS Resource Development Project will increase accessibility to HIV/AIDS resources via the Internet, improve user and staff skills in locating HIV/AIDS resources through training, develop catalogs to assist users in locating resources, develop Spanish resources, and increase accessibility to HIV/AIDS related printed materials.

[Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy](#): “Project AIR 2005”  
(Houston, TX)

The Center for AIDS (CFA) is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides treatment and research information to people with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. Since 2001, the CFA has successfully implemented and evaluated Project AIR (AIDS Information Roadshow), an innovative outreach program that has taught HIV-positive individuals, as well as caregivers and service providers, fundamental information about HIV/AIDS disease and treatment. The program provides Internet based training and curricula on how to obtain objective and accurate information about HIV/AIDS research and treatment options. The Project AIR has been successful in reaching minority participants and has been translated and presented in Spanish to better reach monolingual, Spanish-speaking people affected by HIV/AIDS. Through Project AIR 2005 sessions, persons living with HIV/AIDS and their providers/caregivers will be given a blueprint for building their own information “support networks” both virtually (via the Internet) and physically in their community. The Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy on the web: <http://www.centerforaids.org>.

[Community Education Group](#) – “Beat of the Drum”  
(Washington, DC)

The Community Education Group (CEG), a nonprofit agency, is dedicated to social change through the creation and expansion of programs addressing health, socio-economic, environmental and systemic challenges facing African American families. Through the Beat of the Drum project, CEG will develop and distribute culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV/AIDS educational and informational resources for African American women. Fact sheets, informational booklets, and additional resources available on the CEG website will increase the awareness of HIV/AIDS information resources, prevention, treatment options and issues related specifically to African American women. The Community Education Group on the web: <http://www.communityeducationgroup.org>.

CORE Foundation – “Comet to the Community – C2 Project”  
(Chicago, IL)

The purpose of the C2 Project is to enable the CORE Foundation and the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County Academic Center Library to provide electronic information on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) to four target communities: patients at risk for becoming infected with HIV diseases, patients living with the disease, affected friends and family members, and allied health care providers. The project is a strategic expansion and enhancement of an already existing computer-based

HIV/AIDS patient education course – the COMET program – and extends access to that system and other relevant Internet resources. The target communities will be trained to use COMET and other HIV/AIDS resources in order to access quality health information.

**Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board** – “Project Red Talon: HIV/AIDS Media Outreach Campaign”  
(Portland, OR)

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a non-profit tribal organization serving the 43 Tribes of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Guided by the Red Talon STD/HIV Coalition, this project will improve access to HIV/AIDS information for tribal youth and other high-risk community members. Project Red Talon will develop and distribute culturally appropriate educational materials to tribal Health Directors, Tribal Health Educators, Community Health Representatives, Tribal Health Clinics, Youth Prevention Coordinators, Tribal Schools, Tribal Youth groups, and Family Services personnel at each of the 43 member tribes. To improve community access and skill development, Project Red Talon will promote the develop HIV/AIDS educational materials in the NPAIHB newsletter, update the Project Red Talon Resource Directory, and will provide training during tribal site visits, Red Talon STD/HIV Coalition meetings, and the NPAIHB quarterly meetings. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board on the web: <http://www.npaihb.org>.

**Partners for Health Information** – “Partners for Health Information”  
(Washington, DC)

Partners for Health Information (Partners) disseminates online HIV/AIDS information and teaches information literacy and information retrieval skills to staff and patients/clients of community health centers in the District of Columbia. Partners helps lead the Health Information Partners Coalition, which includes HIV educators, public and health sciences librarians, adult educators, public health organizations, and health providers. Funding from the NLM will enable Partners to expand efforts to disseminate HIV/AIDS and other health information to local communities, provide scientific databases to health center providers, create a new web based teaching tool on HIV, and continue to lead and collaborate with Health Information Partners.

**Regents of the University of New Mexico** – “[AIDS InfoNet](#)”  
(Arroyo Seco, NM)

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an on-line HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in both English and Spanish. Although originally designed to serve the HIV community in New Mexico, the InfoNet has grown into a national and international resource. Fact sheets are viewed approximately 400,000 times each month, including significant usage from outside of the United States. Funding from NLM will support the ongoing maintenance of the existing fact sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. In

addition, the InfoNet will collaborate with selected AIDS Service Organizations to arrange for translation of fact sheets into additional languages. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians. The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the web: <http://www.aidsinfonet.org>.

**River Region Human Services, Inc.** – “HIV and AIDS Resource Center (HARC)”

(Jacksonville, FL)

River Region, a non-profit 501-©-3 corporation established in 1979, will create an information resource center that will provide client-friendly computer access, internet/computer training, and library resources. The HIV and AIDS Resource Center (HARC) will offer electronic access to a variety of HIV and other health related information, scheduled workshops for participants to improve computer and internet skills and an array of literature and resources specifically for individuals living with the disease, family members, caregivers and professionals who work in the field. The HARC will be integrated into the existing HIV services provided by River Region, and will serve as yet another invaluable resource. The River Region Human Services on the web: <http://www.rrhs.org>.

**University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio** – “Project Be Aware”

(San Antonio, TX)

The Division of Community Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in collaboration with Planned Parenthood San Antonio are taking the initiative to provide access to health information online to those served at their clinics. Some of the goals of Project Be Aware are to 1) develop an interactive, self-guided, computerized tutorial on HIV/AIDS and sexual health, 2) provide access to HIV/AIDS and other health information at clinics and 3) assess the usefulness of computer kiosks in clinics. Ultimately, the knowledge gained from this project will identify an effective, self-guided, and anonymous way of increasing information exposure among individuals at risk for HIV/AIDS. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio on the web: <http://www.uthscsa.edu>.

**Express Award Projects**

**AIDS Council of Northeastern New York** – “AIDS Council Targeted Information/Options Network”

(Albany, NY)

The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York was established in 1984. The Council currently serves over 1,300 HIV-positive individuals and 500 family members while offering HIV prevention education, professional training, and outreach programs for the community. Funding from the NLM will provide the Council an opportunity to upgrade the current website, administer training for staff, and develop promotional materials to publicize the website. The updated website will include a chat function, instant messaging capabilities, and specific information about HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York on the web: <http://www.aidsCouncil.org>.



### Catskill Regional Medical Center - “Ryan’s Internet Café”

(Harris, NY)

Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) will collaborate with The Recovery Center to provide improved access to HIV/AIDS related information for HIV patients and their caregivers in New York’s Southern Catskills. The Ryan’s Internet Café project will specifically focus on three information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, and document access. The Recovery Center will provide internet accessible computer workstations in the waiting room for clients to retrieve HIV/AIDS information on the web. Training sessions will be offered for staff members of local HIV/AIDS programs on accessing reliable and up-to-date HIV/AIDS related information resources. Also, the CRMC Health Information Library will support and provide information services to staff, patients, and community members. The Catskill Regional Medical Center on the web: <http://www.crmcny.org>.

### Community Service Network, Inc. – “RURAL AIDS Resource Connection”

(Dunn, North Carolina)

Founded in 2003, the Community Service Network (CSN) has a family-community approach in providing programs and services for adult clients in Case Management, Intervention, Community Revitalization, increasing family stability and promoting community cohesion. The purpose of the Rural AIDS Resource Connection Project is to bring HIV/AIDS resources and information to the rural residents of North Carolina who have been affected by the disease. CSN will partner with the local HIV/AIDS Community Task Force, Harnett CARES and the County Literacy Association to offer North Carolina residents a resource center, computer literacy training, and Internet access training specifically for HIV/AIDS.

### Manna House, Inc. – “The Information for Survival Project of Manna House Inc. (INFOMANNA)”

(Baltimore, MD)

The Manna House, a community based organization (CBO) founded in 1967, is a Soup Kitchen that feeds an average of 175 persons each day. The Manna House, also known as the Drop-In-Center, has expanded its services and now provides assistance to the community to include job training assistance, drug addiction treatment information and counseling, and HIV/AIDS related support. The INFOMANNA project will develop culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS information resources that are Baltimore area specific for the clients of Manna House. Computer workstations will be available for clients and community members, and the staff of Manna House will be trained to access the most reliable and up-to-date HIV/AIDS health information.

### Mobile AIDS Support Services – “Knowledge eNables Our Wellness (KNOW)”

(Mobile, AL)

Mobile AIDS Support Services (MASS), organized in 1987 as a community-based service organization, provides supporting services to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWA) and HIV prevention education to the twelve counties of southwest Alabama. The KNOW project will establish an HIV/AIDS information resource

room and accessible computer stations to access electronic information. MASS will expand the Mobile Public Library HIV/AIDS resource materials and provide training sessions for PLWH/A, caregivers, and service providers in accessing information resources. MASS will also develop brochures describing the AIDS informational resources and the Knowledge eNables Our Wellness (KNOW) project.

## 2003-2004

### **NLM Funds 20 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2004 in the 11th Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

Awards were made for the following projects:

#### **Standard Award Projects**

**[AID Atlanta, Inc.](#)** - Improving Access to HIV Information for AIDS InfoLine Callers  
(Atlanta, GA)

AID Atlanta, Inc. provides a toll-free statewide HIV/AIDS information hotline that supplies information, referrals, crisis/emergency intervention and HIV/AIDS and STI (sexually transmitted infection) information utilizing Internet resources for the information and referrals. The Information Hotline provides callers who lack access to the Internet or computers, or are unaware of how to access appropriate resources, with valuable and potentially life-saving information about HIV transmission, prevention, and testing. The Hotline receives approximately 800 calls monthly and is maintained by qualified, trained staff and volunteers. The goals of the AIDS Community Information Outreach Project include improving and enhancing the operation of the InfoLine and increasing the visibility of this service among high risk targeted populations. The AID Atlanta Inc. on the web: <http://www.aidatlanta.org>

**AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS)**  
(San Clemente, CA)

AEGiS seeks funding from NLM to assist in providing HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community, researchers and caregivers. AEGiS will accomplish this goal by maintaining content assistants who will support Sr. Mary Elizabeth, the Operations Director of the AEGiS website. Funding will also assist AEGiS in the linking of research documentation to NLM'S PubMed abstract database. AEGiS is presently serving over 900,000 users per month, and has archived over 1.1 million documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. The sources for this information include the National Library of Medicine and many other government agencies, AIDS Service Organization publications, Wire services (Agence Presse France, Associated Press, Inter Press Service, Reuters, United Press International, etc.), numerous regional news organizations (Bangkok Post, BBC, Mail & Guardian, New Vision, Sunday Times) and local publications (Los Angeles

Times, San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner, Newsday, etc). All of this data is archived and is keyword searchable. With this new feature, many articles' footnotes will be linked so that original material is located easily on PubMed. The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS) on the web: <http://www.aegis.org>

**AIDS Resource Center Ohio (ARC Ohio) - GOAL: Greater Ohio AIDS Link  
(San Clemente, CA)**

AIDS Resource Center Ohio is a non-profit service and prevention organization serving 31 counties in western and north central Ohio. Project GOAL will provide safe, client-friendly computer information access to the HIV/AIDS affected community and their families in four sites located in Dayton, Toledo, Lima and Mansfield Ohio. Internet/computer access training will be offered at each of the sites. Funding will also enable ARC Ohio to enhance the current website to include updated links to complimentary service providers throughout the area (hospitals, clinics, food pantries, counseling centers, transportation, etc.) and an interactive HIV/AIDS chat room where questions will be answered by qualified case workers and AIDS education specialists. The website will also include an online catalog of the library's resources. The AIDS Resource Center Ohio on the web: <http://www.arcoho.org>

**[AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland](#) - HEAL (the HIV/AIDS Education Access Library)  
(Cleveland, OH)**

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (ATGC), established in 1983, is the oldest AIDS service organization in Ohio. The Taskforce serves as a primary provider in Cleveland of both community based HIV prevention education, and non-medical direct services to people living with HIV and AIDS. Project HEAL plans to develop a library containing books, professional and consumer periodicals, and computerized information along with purchasing 5 private computer stations with Internet access. The Taskforce will also enhance the current website to include an online catalog of the library's materials and recommended research sites for providers and consumers. The library staff and volunteers will assist library patrons in accessing both printed and electronic information, and provide a weekly newsletter in English and Spanish addressing important HIV/AIDS issues. The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland on the web: <http://www.aidstaskforce.org>

**Columbus AIDS Task Force - The Resource Library Youth Program  
(Columbus, OH)**

The Columbus AIDS Task Force is a community-based organization serving a diverse community of more than 1000 HIV + clients in central Ohio. The purpose of this project is to improve access to HIV/AIDS information for urban youth in central Ohio. CATF will develop a bibliography and distribute to local high school libraries, GLBTQ youth groups, and community-based agencies serving at-risk youth. The CATF resource library will expand its collection to include updated books, videos, and pamphlets that are not

easily available to teens. CATF will also provide students and educators with training on accessing HIV/AIDS resources via the Internet. As a result of the project, young people will gain access to culturally appropriate, accurate, and current HIV-related information, and youth educators will gain the training and resources needed to address HIV-related issues of the young people they serve.

**Philadelphia's Community Information Resource and Referral Centers: An AIDS Outreach Project**  
**Germantown Settlement, One Day At A Time, Positive Effect Outreach Ministry and the AIDS Library**  
(Philadelphia, PA)

Germantown Settlement, One Day At A Time, Positive Effect Outreach Ministry, and the AIDS Library seek funding from NLM to help alleviate the digital divide in the Philadelphia neighborhoods of Germantown and Kensington. The project will 1) maintain three Community Information and Referral Resources Centers (CIRRC) in Northwest Philadelphia and Kensington with computers and access to the Internet; 2) provide training in computer literacy skills and searching the Internet for AIDS related health information; 3) develop a training course for clients specific to their needs; 4) and use the resources of the AIDS Library for inter-library loan and document delivery for the CIRRC staff to answer HIV-related questions. The AIDS Library on the web: <http://www.aidslibrary.org>

**Huston-Tillotson College** - The HTC Community Health Empowerment Online Project  
(Austin, TX)

The Huston-Tillotson College, a Historically Black College and University, will build upon its existing campus and community HIV/AIDS outreach work and combine its resources and technological expertise to partner with local community and state HIV/AIDS and related health organizations. The goal of the project is to empower HTC staff, faculty, students, alums, AIDS Service Organizations staff, and community residents in East Austin with health information to improve their health. The HTC Community Health Empowerment Online Project will conduct train-the-trainer sessions led by regional NLM staff for community representatives/Consumer Health Advocates (CHAs). The CHAs will assist consumers and peers in retrieving online HIV/AIDS health information making use of existing computer workstations on campus, in community centers, and a mobile van. Funding will enable the college to update the current website to reflect the community surrounding HTC, and will offer a 1 800 Help Line for assistance in locating online resources. Huston-Tillotson College on the web: <https://htu.edu/>

**Medical and Health Research Association of New York City, Inc.** - New York City HIV/AIDS Services Mapping Project  
(New York, NY)

Medical & Health Research Association (MHRA) was founded in 1957 primarily to facilitate the creation and administration of health research projects and the development and operation of health care services. The New York HIV Mapping Collaborative was formed in response to the need to develop a single,

integrated data source containing information about all publicly funded HIV-related services in New York City. The collaborative -- comprised of MHRA, the New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, and Columbia University -- has identified and integrated data from a myriad of relevant resources. NLM funding will support MHRA in making the integrated HIV/AIDS services data source available to those affected by HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS service providers, and other interested parties via an interactive, searchable, web-based interface. Availability of this free, searchable resource will make it easier for consumers and health care providers to locate specific services in their area. Medical and Health Research Association of New York City, Inc. on the web <http://www.mhra.org>

#### **Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry - HIV/AIDS Website for Youth in Arlington County, VA (Arlington, VA)**

Since 1987, Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) has played a significant role in the struggle against the AIDS epidemic by providing responsive programs throughout Northern Virginia. The NOVAM project will develop and pilot test an interactive internet application designed to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information for African-American and Hispanic youth and young adults in Arlington County, Virginia. NOVAM will enhance the existing Arlington County website for teens ([www.getrealnow.net](http://www.getrealnow.net)) to include an interactive chat room and HIV/AIDS related resources. The website will be designed, programmed, and marketed by the teens. NOVAM will also install kiosks in public settings that are frequently accessed by the youth. The project collaborators include: NOVAM; Arlington County Department of Human Service Public Health Division; Arlington County Public Library; Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources; Career Center of the Arlington County Public Schools; and Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families. The Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry on the web: <http://www.novam.org>

#### **Pacific Resources for Education and Learning - HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Pacific (HAPP) (Honolulu, HI)**

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that serves the educational community in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands, the continental United States, and countries throughout the world. The HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Pacific (HAPP) project's goal is to improve education and access to quality HIV/AIDS-related information in the remote and underserved multicultural communities across the U.S.-affiliated Pacific. The project will 1) provide training sessions for public librarians, educators, and selected community members on building basic information retrieval skills to access and use up-to date HIV/AIDS online resources; 2) develop educational and informational materials that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for the target audience using a successful model; and 3) distribute materials via community-based partners. The Pacific Resources for Education and Learning on the web: <http://www.prel.org>

#### **Regents of the University of New Mexico - New Mexico AIDS InfoNet (Albuquerque, NM)**

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an on-line HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in both English and Spanish. In addition, the

web site includes a hyperlinked, categorized listing of more than 500 HIV/AIDS web site addresses to facilitate individual research. Although originally designed to serve the HIV community in New Mexico, the InfoNet has grown into a national and international resource. Also, the InfoNet materials receive nearly 300,000 .page views. each month, including significant visits from outside the United States. Funding from NLM will support the ongoing maintenance of the existing fact sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians. This project will also offer presentations on HIV/AIDS treatment topics within New Mexico and at selected regional or national conferences. The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the web: <http://www.aidsinonet.org/>

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio - Project LEARN IT (San Antonio, TX)**

The Division of Community Pediatrics (CP) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio will develop, implement, and evaluate the efficacy of a training program through Project LEARN IT. The project targets underserved health care professionals and high-risk adolescents at alternative high schools and incarcerated facilities in the metropolitan area of San Antonio. The goals of Project LEARN IT are 1) to eliminate barriers to internet access and use of online HIV/AIDS health information, 2) enhance health care professionals' capacity to transfer knowledge and motivation to high-risk adolescents, and 3) to provide online access to the LEARN IT training curriculum. Ultimately, the knowledge gained from this program will improve the dissemination of online HIV/AIDS and sexual health information to minority adolescents in the San Antonio metropolitan area and South Texas. Learn It Live It on the web: <http://www.learnitliveit.org>

**University of Washington/School of Social Work/HIV AIDS Project Development & Evaluation Unit - Prevention Organizations with Empowerment Resources On the Net (PowerOn) (Seattle, WA)**

PowerON is a HIV/STD prevention project providing access to comprehensive localized health web sites and an online HIV/STD education center. The online HIV/STD education center provides 24 hour access to education, referral information, instruction and support for 4 licensed locations: Seattle, WA; Kansas City, MO; Tacoma/Pierce County, WA; and Peoria, IL. Funding from NLM will assist in the design and resource development of a HIV/STD Information Access Tool that is presented through an interactive online self-tutorial. The implementation of this project will create a network of community connections and referral mechanisms. This state of the art electronic resource will allow health departments and other AIDS organizations to more easily identify services offered through other agencies, find and disseminate vital information and statistics in a more timely fashion, and will be a resource to people with HIV/AIDS and community based organizations.

**Express Award Projects:**

[Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association \(Four A's\)](#) - Four A's Resource Library Expansion (Anchorage, AK)

Established in 1985, the Four A's is a not-for-profit AIDS service organization providing HIV/AIDS education, case management, housing assistance, and other supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Four A's seeks funding from NLM in order to establish a well versed and updated HIV/AIDS resource library that is accessible to clients, family members, staff and the community. Four A's will enhance and expand upon current resources available in the library by purchasing up-to-date books, journals, and various publications. The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association on the web: <http://www.alaskan aids.org>

**AIDS Outreach Center** - AIDS Outreach Center Resource Library  
(Fort Worth, TX)

The AIDS Outreach Center, a community based organization, seeks funding from NLM to expand AOC's information and referral library, enhancing the availability of the most accurate health information resources for those affected by HIV/AIDS, health care providers, case workers, social workers and the general public in the Tarrant and the surrounding rural county areas. The project will provide 1) public access to a computerized card catalog and index of the AOC AIDS Resource Library, 2) public access to electronic HIV/AIDS related information and resources, and 3) training to AOC staff, clients, and patrons on how to use the library and website resources. The AIDS Outreach Center on the web: <http://www.aoc.org>

**Brazilian Rainbow Group, Inc.** - Informational Resource and Outreach Development Program (IROD)  
(New York, NY)

The Brazilian Rainbow Group, Inc. (BRG), a non-profit organization under the auspices of the Gay Men's Health Crisis Inc., is building upon its current outreach capabilities serving the Portuguese-speaking community of the New York City metropolitan area. The IROD project will 1) establish a website with the most up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS and other health issues and concerns of the Portuguese-speaking community, 2) purchase computer equipment and software and hire a native Portuguese to update and maintain the BRG website, 3) and create new HIV/AIDS informational materials in the Portuguese language. The Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. on the web: <http://www.gmhc.org>

**Cascade AIDS Project - Oregon AIDS Hotline Database Access Project**  
(Portland, OR)

Founded in 1983, Cascade AIDS Project is the oldest and largest community-based provider of HIV services, housing, education and advocacy in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The Oregon AIDS Hotline Database Project will provide health and social service professionals and people impacted by HIV/AIDS in Oregon with an interactive, comprehensive, current, user-friendly database of local, regional, and national HIV/AIDS resources and information. The Hotline currently fields more than 5,540 callers annually from the 36 Oregon counties, but the project will provide direct access to the Hotline database via the Internet. The project will 1) adapt the Oregon AIDS Hotline Database to be web driven and accessible to Internet users,



2) develop a system for remote maintenance of the database, and 3) promote the use of the database to providers and those impacted by HIV/AIDS. Cascade AIDS Project on the web: <http://www.cascadeaids.org>

**People of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN)** - It's a Mind-Body-Spirit Thing  
(Seattle, WA)

People of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN), founded in 1987, is a non-profit, multi-cultural AIDS prevention organization committed to develop, implement, and promote comprehensive multicultural HIV/AIDS prevention models that are effective and responsive to the evolving needs of communities of color. The project's goal is to increase access to health care for newly infected HIV positive individuals, their caregivers, and health care providers by expanding the availability of health care information that is culturally relevant and easily accessible. POCAAN will create, produce and distribute an instructional video focusing on Mind, Body, Spirit, Family, and Community of those infected with the disease. The project will also develop and distribute a series of bilingual brochures to accompany the instructional video to expand on the awareness of HIV/AIDS health information resources. People of Color Against AIDS Network on the web: <http://www.pocaan.org>

**Plymouth County Sheriff's Department** HIV/AIDS Awareness & Outreach Project  
(Plymouth, MA)

The Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Facility is an all male facility housing approximately 1,650 inmates. The facility has in operation an Inmate Health Services Unit, of which an HIV/AIDS program has been instituted. The goal of the HIV/AIDS Awareness & Outreach Project is to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information for inmates and their families through outreach and partnerships with social service agencies and medical health care providers throughout the county. The project will improve upon the current HIV/AIDS program offered to inmates by implementing a culturally appropriate booklet as part of the PCCF HIV/AIDS curriculum. The inmate-written booklet will be used in both the correctional and community setting. The PCCF will cultivate current and additional partnerships through outreach & social service agencies, faith-based organizations, and medical health care providers to promote the booklet and the use of HIV/AIDS information resources on the Internet. The Plymouth County Sheriff's Department on the web: <http://www.pcsdma.org>

**Spring of Life Wellness Center** - Increasing Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information Using Electronic Media  
(Riverdale, MD)

The Spring of Life Wellness Center (SOLWC) is a nonprofit community health organization founded in 1995 under the auspices of the Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ (RSCOGIC). The center fills a void in providing preventive and clinical healthcare to the residents of Prince George's County who lack health insurance or who are underinsured. The Spring of Life Wellness Health Information Center currently provides the community with private computer workstations, volunteer assistance in searching the

Internet for health information, and health information brochures. Through this project, the SOLWC will 1) purchase a computer workstation, 2) provide a stipend to support staff, and 3) offer HIV/AIDS health education classes and health information database training on HIV/AIDS resources. The Spring of Life Wellness Center on the web: <http://www.solwc.org>

## 2002-2003

### **NLM Funds 16 AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects in September 2003 in the 10th Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community- based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith- based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access. Awards were made for the following projects:

#### **Standard Award Projects**

##### **AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS) (San Clemente, CA)**

AEGiS seeks funding from NLM to assist in providing HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community, researchers and caregivers. AEGiS will accomplish this goal by maintaining two content assistants who will support Sr. Mary Elizabeth, the Operations Director of the AEGiS Website. Funding will also assist AEGiS in the linking of research documentation to NLM'S PubMed abstract database. AEGiS is presently serving over 735,000 users per month, and has archived over 1.1 million documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. The sources for this information are the NLM and many other government agencies, AIDS Service Organization publications, and Wire services (Associated Press, BBC, Inter Press Service, Reuters, Wall Street Journal, Agence Presse France, etc.). All of this data is archived and is keyword searchable. With this new feature, many articles' footnotes will be linked so that original material is located easily on PubMed. The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS) on the web: <http://www.aegis.org>.

##### **[Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium](#): "Community Drum"- An Alaska Native/Rural Alaska AIDS Information Community Outreach Project (Anchorage, Alaska)**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is the largest tribal health care organization in the United States, formed in December 1997 to manage the statewide health services component of the Alaska Native health care system. The purpose of this project is to improve education and information access to quality HIV/AIDS information and to establish an online community for Alaskan Native HIV/AIDS patients, affected family members, and the community. This project will provide a means for Alaskan Native HIV/AIDS patients to form a continuing support network through communication with other

Alaskan Natives and families coping with similar diseases. This consortium will provide an Alaskan Native informational website for use by HIV+ Alaska Natives and rural Alaskans including a message board and links to other credible HIV/AIDS website resources, create a web-based CD for use by clients without Internet access and for distribution to regional health organizations, and develop a database of area HIV/AIDS service providers and resource centers.

**Center for AIDS: Hope & Remembrance Project-Project AIR 2003**  
(Houston, TX)

The Center for AIDS (CFA) is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides treatment and research information to people with HIV/AIDS and service providers in Houston and Harris County. Project AIR 2003 is an expansion and updating of an outreach program previously funded by NLM in 2001, to teach clients and service providers how to obtain objective and accurate information about HIV/AIDS research and treatment options. The Project AIR 2003 will expand previously created curricula to provide updated HIV-specific treatment information as well as internet based training. The curricula will be taught to 30 groups of historically underserved patients and minority service providers. This project will also link participants to the CFA storefront information center where they can apply their skills using the CFA's computer workstations and the Internet to access current treatment information.

**Critical Path AIDS Project: Community-Based Internet Connectivity - An AIDS Outreach Project**  
(Philadelphia, PA)

Critical Path AIDS Project has developed a complementary and diverse suite of information services, designed by a person with AIDS for persons with AIDS and their caregivers. Founded in 1989 by the late Kiyoshi Kuromiya, the project began with a print newsletter and later BBS but expanded in 1995 to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP) bringing dial-up access, email, and the World Wide Web to low income people in Philadelphia affected by the AIDS epidemic. The Critical Paths AIDS Project will maintain service on the Critical Path system, as an Internet Service Provider, providing security for all users with the installation of server based virus software. The funding of the project will help build on the current Internet services provided by Critical Path AIDS Project to the 215 and 267 area codes that serve Philadelphia, Bucks, and Montgomery counties and the 856 area code serving Southern New Jersey. The Critical Path AIDS Project on the web: <http://www.critpath.org>

**Family and Medical Counseling Service, Inc.: Health Information Ventures**  
(Washington, DC)

The Family and Medical Counseling Service, Inc. (FMCS) is a nonprofit organization located in the Anacostia area of Southeast Washington, DC for the past 23 years. The Health Information Ventures is a program designed to improve the health of people living with HIV/AIDS by first teaching and incorporating

computer technology into clients' everyday lives as a means to enhance provider-patient relations. Funding from the NLM will enable the FMCS to provide computers and Internet connections to clients who participate in HIV-1 training sessions, provide clients with email access to Adherence and Medical staff members to ask questions regarding health issues, and educate the community about HIV/AIDS information through Internet resources to help clients understand their conditions and treatments. The Family and Medical Counseling Service, Inc. on the web: <http://www.fmcsinc.org>.

**Holyoke Health Center, Inc.: Cultural Access to HIV/AIDS Resources**  
(Holyoke, MA)

Through collaboration with the ACCESS Holyoke/Nueva Esperanza, Valley Opportunity Council (VOC), Holyoke Consumer Health Library, Baystate Medical Center and Springfield Southwest Community Health Center, the Cultural Access to HIV/AIDS Resources project will improve access to quality HIV/AIDS information in the Holyoke area of Massachusetts. Coordinated under the umbrella of the Holyoke Health Center's Center for Healthy Holyoke, this HIV/AIDS information access project will accomplish the following goals: 1) offer support for HIV/AIDS patients through the use of Spanish-language, Latino-oriented Internet resources linked through the Holyoke Health Center web site to the Holyoke Consumer Health Library, 2) use a set of community technology access points to train and educate staff and consumers about HIV/AIDS, allowing individual access to Internet resources and establishing a community access point at Holyoke Health Center, and 3) create an integrated system of support for HIV/AIDS self-management, health education and information access, and support for informed consumer participation. The Holyoke Health Center, Inc. on the web: <http://www.hhcinc.org>.

**Public Health - Seattle & King County - HIV/AIDS Information Outreach:**

**Working with Communities at Risk of Acquisition and Transmission of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases**  
(Seattle, WA)

The HIV/AIDS Program of Public Health-Seattle & King County will collaborate with community-based organizations to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information. This project will: 1) Provide state-of-the-art computer equipment, software and technical assistance to CBOs that serve the HIV/AIDS community, 2) Provide training and information skills development to the staff of CBOs that target IDUs and GLBT persons, 3) Utilize the HIV/AIDS website to disseminate important public health information to community organizations involved in HIV prevention and care, and 4) Continue dissemination of accurate up-to-date information in a variety of formats to Public Health staff, CBOs and others affected by HIV/AIDS in King County through the HIV/AIDS Resource Center & Library and the HIV/AIDS Program home page. Public Health- Seattle & King County on the web.

Regents of the University of New Mexico-New Mexico [AIDS InfoNet](#)  
(Albuquerque, NM)

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an on-line HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in both English and Spanish. In addition, the web site includes a hyperlinked, categorized listing of more than 500 HIV/AIDS web site addresses to facilitate individual research. Although originally designed to serve the HIV community in New Mexico, the InfoNet has grown into a national and international resource. Also, the InfoNet materials receive nearly 300,000 "page views" each month, including significant visits from outside the United States. Funding from NLM will support the ongoing maintenance of the existing fact sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians. This project will also offer presentations on HIV/AIDS treatment topics within New Mexico and at selected regional or national conferences. The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the web: <http://www.aidsinonet.org/>

[Self Reliance Foundation: Conociendo el SIDA \(Understanding AIDS\)](#) - A Public Education Campaign

**Targeting Latino Adults**  
(Washington, DC)

For the past 20 years, the Self Reliance Foundation (SRF), a nonprofit organization, has produced and syndicated educational and informational programming to address the special needs of America's Latino community. The Conociendo el SIDA (Understanding AIDS) project will develop new mass media and database resources to provide Spanish- language HIV/AIDS related health information to adult Latino audiences. The goals of this initiative are to: 1) produce nationally syndicated informational radio capsules on HIV/AIDS information, 2) produce national syndicated newspaper columns on HIV/AIDS information, 3) update a national database of community organizations providing culturally competent HIV/AIDS information and services to Latinos, and 4) provide a national toll-free information and referral service for callers who have questions on HIV/AIDS or who need referrals to community service providers. The Self Reliance Foundation on the web: <http://www.accesohispano.org>.

**Express Award Projects:**

[Boston Area Rape Crisis Center \(BARCC\): Sexual Assault HIV Information Project](#)  
(Cambridge, MA)

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) is a community-based organization that provides free services to survivors of rape and sexual assault, as well as their friends and family regardless of age, sex, race, disability, income, ethnicity, class, religion or sexual orientation. BARCC is committed to providing culturally sensitive, age appropriate services to rape survivors who have the least access to counseling,

medical care, and legal assistance. The goal of the Sexual Assault HIV Information Project is to educate survivors of sexual assault and their medical providers by increasing access to quality HIV/AIDS information about HIV transmission, testing and prophylaxis following a sexual assault. The BARCC will develop and distribute the informational brochure Sexual Violence and HIV, which will be written in 3 languages (English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole). BARCC will also develop the Sexual Violence and HIV web page as a part of the existing BARCC website, which survivors and their families may access in order to obtain health information relating to HIV/AIDS following a sexual assault. The Boston Area Crisis Center (BARCC) on the web: <http://www.barcc.org>.

**Carl Vogel Center: Facilitating Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information**  
(Washington, DC)

Through the Facilitating Access to HIV/AIDS Health Information project, the Carl Vogel Center will design and implement a training and skills development program for clients and staff enabling them to access on-line resources for up-to-date HIV/AIDS health information. Clients will use this specialized training to carry out a thorough peer education effort, staffing the Treatment Resource Library and Computer Lab, which are maintained by the center. The trained clients and staff will assist other clients and members of the affected community in Washington, DC who visit the Treatment Resources Library and Computer Lab. The Carl Vogel Center on the web: <http://www.dcpca.org/metrohealth>

**Columbus AIDS Task Force-Central Ohio's HIV/AIDS Resource Library**  
(Columbus, OH)

The Resource Library at the Columbus AIDS Task Force (CATF) currently serves a varied patron group of HIV+ clients and their loved ones, health care providers, researchers, and the general public. CATF is a community-based organization serving a diverse community of more than 1000 HIV+ clients in central Ohio. Through this project, CATF will improve access to HIV/AIDS information in central Ohio through computer literacy and document access. NLM's funding will enable CATF to improve computer literacy skills among community members with limited economic resources through computer training courses, improve document access specifically to HIV serials, and add several bibliographies to the CATF website for minority communities. These bibliographies will be developed in the library, and will specifically target the African-American, Somali-American, and elderly consumers.

**Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso: Helen Gillette Library Resource Expansion Program**  
(El Paso, TX)

The Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso (PPCEP), through a collaborative effort with the Metropolitan Community Church of El Paso and Las Americas, seeks funding from the NLM to expand the Desert Rainbow Center's (DRC) Helen Gillette Library and Resource Center. The goals of the Helen Gillette Library

Resource Expansion Program include: 1) increasing the availability and accessibility of Spanish language resources for individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, 2) enhancing the current DRC web page to include bilingual resource tools that are easily accessible and maneuverable including national, state, and local links, and 3) providing HIV/AIDS information retrieval training sessions for clients, caregivers, family members affected by HIV/AIDS, healthcare professionals, and community members on how to navigate the website and access the Helen Gillette Library and Resource Center.

[Public Health - Seattle & King County](#): Teen Advisory Board HIV/AIDS Internet Outreach Project  
(Seattle, WA)

Public Health-Seattle & King County is a department within King County Government, with a mission to achieve and sustain healthy people and healthy communities throughout King County by providing public health services that promote health and prevent disease. Historically, Public Health - Seattle & King County has received funding from The NLM's AIDS Community Information Outreach program to provide technical support to AIDS Service Organizations within Seattle & King County. They are now seeking funding from the NLM in order to create HIV/AIDS web pages designed for and by local youth serving on Public Health - Seattle & King County's Teen Advisory Board. This project utilizes a peer education model, improving access to HIV/AIDS information in two ways: 1) the creation of culturally-specific web pages featuring HIV/AIDS prevention information and 2) training a group of local youth to deliver HIV/AIDS prevention information to their communities. Public Health - Seattle & King County on the web.

[Sisterlove, Inc.](#): Sister's Wisdom, Sister's Lives - Information and Resources for Women of African Descent Affected by HIV/AIDS  
(Atlanta, GA)

Founded in 1989, Sisterlove, Inc. has been dedicated specifically to the education, prevention and support needs of women at risk and those living with HIV/AIDS. Through this project, Sisterlove, Inc. intends to develop an internet portal to provide women at greatest risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and those providing them services and support access to information and resources that are culturally responsive and reflective of the experiences, concerns and needs of women of African descent who are living and/or affected by HIV/AIDS. Sisterlove, Inc. will also develop materials to specifically address the informational and educational needs of women of African descent who are living and/or affected by HIV/AIDS that are not readily available online. These materials will be available on the developed Internet portal. The Sisterlove, Inc. on the web: <http://www.sisterlove.org>.

[YWCA of Northwest Louisiana](#): AIDS Minority Community Outreach Program-Internet Public Access Project  
(Shreveport, LA)



The YWCA of Northwest Louisiana has been in existence for 80 years, serving a ten-parish area in the northwest corner of Louisiana. The geographical jurisdiction includes both urban and rural populations where the majority of clients are minority women and youth. Funding from NLM will enable the YWCA to install 4 computer workstations in the Internet Public Access Computer Lab located in the Allendale area of Shreveport. This computer lab will give individuals the opportunity to retrieve HIV/AIDS medical related information and participate in on-line support services. Through a collaboration with the Health Sciences Library at the Louisiana Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, the YWCA will provide Internet search training for staff and volunteers, who will be available to provide technical assistance to the clients and general public who visit the Internet Public Access Computer Lab. The YWCA of Northwest Louisiana on the web: <https://ywcanwla.org/>

## 2001-2002

### **NLM Funds 15 AIDS Information Community Outreach Projects in September 2002 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS-related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

#### **Awards were made for the following projects:**

[AID Atlanta, Inc.](#): AIDS Information Outreach Project: Using the Internet to Enhance Access to Information (Atlanta, GA)

The goals of the AIDS Information Outreach Project include improving delivery of HIV/AIDS health information to AID Atlanta clients who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, and creating a new and/or expanded source of information for AID Atlanta's clients, Case Managers, Health Educators, and the general public. AID Atlanta will create a new website and implement a Client Resource Room where clients can be trained to access information and resources via the Internet. AID Atlanta on the web: <http://www.aidatlanta.org/>

AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS)  
(San Clemente, CA)

AEGiS will add a content assistant to their staff. Funding will also assist AEGiS in the linking of research documentation to NLM'S PubMed abstract database. With this new feature, many articles' footnotes will be linked so that original material is located easily on PubMed. AEGiS is presently serving 600,000 users per month, and has archived over 750,000 documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. [UNESCO](#) recognizes AEGiS. AEGiS on the web: <http://www.aegis.org>

[Asian Association of Utah](#) - HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan  
(Salt Lake City, UT)

The goal of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan project is to increase access to the latest health information regarding HIV/AIDS for Asian Pacific Islander (API) and refugee communities served by the Asian Association of Utah. Some of the objectives for the HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan project include: 1) to improve health information access for clients and their cultural communities, 2) provide training to access HIV/AIDS related information via electronic sources, 3) provide accurate information regarding HIV/AIDS to clients with limited English proficiency, and 4) promote wellness and safer sexual behavior among API and refugees, particularly adolescents and young adults, by improving their skills of accessing health information. Asian Association of Utah on the web: <http://www.aau-slc.org>

Columbus AIDS Task Force – Central Ohio's HIV/AIDS Resource Library  
(Columbus, OH)

The National Library of Medicine, the Columbus Medical Association, and the Dupont Pharmaceutical Company provided the initial funding for the Resource Library, and this project will support the expansion of services including additional outreach and development of more library services. Columbus AIDS Task Force on the web: <http://www.catf.net>

[Critical Path AIDS Project](#) – Community-Based Internet Connectivity: An AIDS Outreach Project  
(Philadelphia, PA)

Critical Path AIDS Project has developed a diverse suite of information services, designed by a person with AIDS for persons with AIDS and their caregivers. Founded in 1989 by the late Kiyoshi Kuromiya, the project began with a print newsletter and later BBS but expanded in 1995 to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP) bringing dial-up access, email, and the World Wide Web to low income people in Philadelphia affected by the AIDS epidemic. The funding of the project will help build on the current Internet services provided by Critical Path AIDS Project to the 215 and 267 area codes that serve Philadelphia, Bucks, and Montgomery counties and the 856 area code serving Southern New Jersey. Critical Path AIDS Project on the web: <http://www.critpath.org>

[Germantown Settlement and The AIDS Library](#): Expanding Services at an AIDS Library Satellite and Computer Resource Center: An AIDS Outreach Project  
(Philadelphia, PA)

The WISDOM program of Germantown Settlement, which provides services to people with HIV/AIDS will expand services available through the Community Information and Referral Resource Center (CIRRC). Previous NLM funding supported the development of CIRRC; the new funding will allow an increase in the number of hours the CIRRC is open with staff, the purchase of new computers, and regular training for all library assistants. The AIDS Library on the web: <http://www.aidslibrary.org>

[Hope House Day Care Center](#) - Hope for Families Life  
(Memphis, TN)

Hope House Day Care Center provides direct day care, respite care, 24-hour emergency care, transportation and related services for children infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, as well as auxiliary support services for their families. Support from NLM will enable Hope House to purchase computer equipment, books and journal subscriptions, and offer information retrieval training and workshops geared towards the appropriate literacy level of the workshop participants i.e. health professionals, parents, caregivers, and other family members and children served by the program. The resource center will be used to conduct educational forums, parent meetings, and support group sessions. Also, training sessions will be provided by medical librarians on Internet-based resources and database evaluation for Hope House staff, and parents who attend the monthly meetings. Hope House Day Care Center on the Web: <http://www.hopehousedaycare.org>

[Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center](#) - Southeast Georgia AIDS Info Link  
(Statesboro, GA)

The Southeast Georgia AIDS Info Link (SEaGAIL) will increase access to HIV/AIDS related resources in Georgia. The project will offer training to librarians, health professionals, staff of community-based organizations, and Spanish speaking clients of CBO's in Pineland on how to access quality HIV/AIDS resources and information using online databases. Electronic and print collections of consumer oriented HIV/AIDS materials in both English and Spanish will also be developed. Partners in this project include: Statesboro Regional Library, Zach S. Henderson Library of Georgia Southern University, Student Health Services at Georgia Southern University, the Amethyst Project, Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Pinelands Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Center and Center for Rural Health and Research. Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center on the web: <https://magnoliacoastlandsahec.org/>

[One Day At A Time, Positive Effects Outreach Ministry and The AIDS Library: Creating Access at the Street Level - An AIDS Outreach Project](#)  
(Philadelphia, PA)

One Day At A Time, Positive Effects Outreach Ministry, and the AIDS Library created two Community Information and Referral Resource Centers (CIRRC) which are located in two storefront sites serving low-income people of color who are living with or are at risk for HIV infection. Funding will increase the number of hours that the CIRRCs are open and staffed, support the purchase of computers, as well as training for the staff. The AIDS Library on the web: <http://www.aidslibrary.org>

[Philadelphia Fight - TEACH OnLine: An AIDS Outreach Project](#)  
(Philadelphia, PA)

Philadelphia FIGHT will create an interactive media series called TEACH Online. This tutorial will be useful for Project TEACH classroom participants, AIDS Library users, and other community members with HIV/AIDS who use the AIDS Library website from other locations. The AIDS Library is a local point for the community to access HIV/AIDS health information via the Internet. The library has also developed many training programs, which assist low-literacy HIV/AIDS infected individuals in the following areas: information about consumer friendly and reliable HIV/AIDS databases, web pages, electronic mailing lists, and other information resources. The AIDS Library will also increase the number of computers accessible to the HIV/AIDS population who use the Community Room. The AIDS library on the web: <http://www.aidslibrary.org>

[Project Reach Youth, Inc.](#) - Project SAFE: Speak-Out on AIDS Facts and Education  
(New York, NY)

Project SAFE will create age and culturally appropriate materials that are relevant and attractive to youth of primarily Latino and African-American descent. The organization will guide a group of HIV Prevention peer educators in developing print materials appropriate for distribution to other young individuals. The

youth group will create a pamphlet/magazine and a resource directory of websites with HIV/AIDS information attractive to young people. The informational pamphlets will be distributed to youth audiences attending Project Reach Youth, Inc.'s educational presentations, theatre performances, and street outreach activities. The websites will be added to Project Reach Youth, Inc.'s website and the information for this website will be distributed to the local libraries in Brooklyn and New York. These directories will also be available to other youth-service organizations in Brooklyn such as the Bedford-Stuyvesant Crown Heights Community Coalition on Research & Planning, the Brooklyn Association of Teen Educators (BATES), the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, and the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies. The Project Reach Youth, Inc. on the web: <https://www.projectreachnyc.org/>

#### [Regents of the University of New Mexico](#) – New Mexico AIDS InfoNet (Albuquerque, NM)

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an online HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in both English and Spanish. In addition, the web site includes a hyperlinked, categorized listing of more than 500 HIV/AIDS web site addresses to facilitate individual research. The InfoNet materials receive nearly 200,000 “page views” each month, with over 45% of these visits from outside of the United States. Funding from NLM will support the ongoing maintenance of the existing fact sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the web: <http://www.aidsinonet.org/>

#### [University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio](#) - Web Based HIV/AIDS Education Resources for High-Risk Youth and Health Care Providers in South Texas (San Antonio, TX)

The University of Texas Health Science Center will develop their website to meet the diverse language, educational, cultural needs of youth who are at-risk for HIV/AIDS in the San Antonio metropolitan area and south Texas. Some of the goals and objectives of this project include: 1) foster communication and information action among targeted Health & Human Service Providers in metropolitan San Antonio and south Texas, 2) develop age and cultural appropriate materials geared toward targeted high-risk minority youth in the San Antonio area, and 3) provide age and culturally appropriate materials for information access by high-risk minority youth at sites in metropolitan San Antonio and south Texas. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio on the web: <https://www.uthscsa.edu/>

#### [Utah AIDS Foundation](#) - Sharing Digital Resources: An Interlibrary Partnership (Salt Lake City, UT)

The Utah AIDS Foundation (UAF) is an AIDS Service Organization (ASO) that receives and handles inquiries regarding treatment and care, legal issues, and the social impact of HIV/AIDS. Because of the limited materials currently available in the UAF Resource Library, the staff often refers visitors to the Spencer Eccles Health Sciences Library. This project proposes to digitally connect the resources of the Utah AIDS Foundation (UAF) Resource Library and the Spencer Eccles Health Sciences Library, and create an easy-to-use compilation of existing highly regarded HIV/AIDS and other health related online information resources, both national and local. Therefore, staff and faculty of both locations, students visiting either

sites, and community individuals affected by HIV/AIDS will be able to access these collections via either facility, and also search for local information and resources through the compilation of online resources which will be available on the UAF Resource Library's website. The Utah AIDS Foundation on the web: <http://www.utahaids.org>

**WAM Foundation, Inc. - Community AIDS Outreach Projects**  
(Houston, TX)

WAM Foundation, Inc. is an AIDS Service Organization (ASO) that provides educational and social services programs in the community. The WAM Foundation will work with the TechnoMerica, Inc., a nonprofit computer technology organization, in order to implement the *Fresh Start* project, a structured computer/internet training program for the community, care givers, and those affected with HIV/AIDS. The program will focus on computer literacy, introduction to the Internet, health & wellness online information retrieval, and special applications and forms. The WAM Foundation, Inc. on the web: <http://www.wamfoundation.org>

## 2000-2001

### **NLM Funds 16 AIDS Information Community Outreach Projects in September 2001 in the Eighth Round of the Program**

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, faith- based organizations, departments of health, and libraries. This program provides support to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access.

#### **Awards were made for the following projects:**

##### **Project 2000 (Washington, D.C.)**

PROJECT 2000 and Hine Junior High School will team together to offer HIV/AIDS training to select staff and students who will then serve as trainers for Hine students and parents, and students and parents in the PROJECT 2000 community. Participants will learn how to search the web for information on HIV/AIDS, using the website developed with previous NLM funding. A computer lab in PROJECT 2000 House (set up during the previous NLM project), a study center located in the Woodland Terrace Housing Project in Ward 8 in southeast Washington, DC will serve to further community exposure to HIV/AIDS awareness. This site will be open to parents and community members on designated week nights and weekends during the course of the proposal. Students themselves will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the website.

##### **The AIDS Library (Philadelphia, PA)**

Building on the previous programs funded by NLM the AIDS Library will expand its services. The earlier funding from NLM enabled the AIDS Library to purchase six computers, develop four tutorials on accessing information and develop specialized web pages. The web pages included a low-literacy treatment page with important information about treatment options and services as well as links to related sites and a Living with HIV page with practical information for individuals who are managing their disease. This new project will target inner city people living with HIV, especially people of color-the most impacted group in Philadelphia. Through presentations, training, tutorials, and culturally sensitive low literacy material, the project will facilitate increased access and information utilization that allows people with HIV to live healthier and more productive lives. The AIDS Library on the web: <http://www.aidslibrary.org>

### [Public Health Seattle and King County HIV/AIDS Program](#) (Seattle, WA)

The HIV/AIDS Program of Public Health-Seattle and King County (PHSKC) will work with community-based organizations in King County to improve access to HIV/AIDS related information for patients, affected communities and their caregivers. They will partner with Management Information Services of Public Health-Seattle and King County and the CBOs to provide computer technical assistance to CBOs in King County that serve communities of color and provide training and information skills development to people of color and staff of CBOs in King County. The HIV/AIDS Program of Public Health-Seattle and King County on the web: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health.aspx>

### New Mexico [AIDS InfoNet](#) (Albuquerque, NM)

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an online HIV/AIDS information resource, providing Fact Sheets on treatment and related information in non-technical language, in English and Spanish. In addition, the web site includes a categorized listing of more than 500 HIV/AIDS web site addresses. The InfoNet materials receive over 100,000 page views each month. Over 45% of these visits are from outside the United States. This funding will support ongoing maintenance of the existing Fact Sheet collection and development of selected additional topics. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians, and the project will provide access to HIV/AIDS journal articles for New Mexicans living with HIV and their health care providers. The Project will also offer training in the use of the Internet and of the InfoNet web site to HIV/AIDS case managers and clients within New Mexico and at selected national AIDS conferences. New Mexico AIDS InfoNet on the web: <http://www.aidsinonet.org/>

### One Day At a Time, Positive Effects Outreach Ministry and The AIDS Library (Philadelphia, PA)

Positive Effect Outreach Ministry (PEOM), and One Day At a Time (ODAAT) each have storefront outreach programs in heavily impacted Philadelphia Neighborhoods. These multipurpose storefront sites make a range of HIV services available to neighborhoods that include people with AIDS/HIV and many extremely at risk for HIV, included people already infected who are unaware of their status. Services on site included counseling and testing, primary care clinics, case management, housing assistance and referrals. Through this project PEOM and ODAAT will join with the AIDS Library to increase access to information for people with HIV/AIDS, and AIDS service staff by installing computers in two storefront sites in the Kensington and Northeast Philadelphia sections of the city. These computers will form the core of mini-computer centers and AIDS Library branches to enable those using the storefront to find up to date, comprehensive, and literacy appropriate information through the Internet and the World Wide Web. The AIDS Library will provide guidance and training for the above groups as well as developing a special web site for users to link to, and will have staff available to assist ODAAT and PEOM staff as they guide consumers through the wealth of information available on the World Wide Web.

### **AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS)**



This funding will support one staff person who will be a content assistant to Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Operations Director of the AEGiS Website. This will assist in archiving of the constantly growing HIV/AIDS news and research body of knowledge. In addition, it will assist AEGiS in the linking of research documentation to NLM's PubMed abstract database. This will enable patients and researchers of HIV/AIDS to get to original source material very quickly. AEGiS is presently serving over 500,000 user sessions per month. It has archived over 700,000 documents dealing with HIV/AIDS. The sources for this information are the National Library of Medicine and many other government agencies, and AIDS service organization publications, and Wire services. All of this data is archived and is word searchable. Now with this new feature many articles' footnotes will be linked so that original material is located easily on PubMed. AEGiS on the web: <http://www.aegis.org>

#### [Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University](#) (Baltimore, MD)

The Johns Hopkins Welch Library and Maternity Center East (MCE), a community-based primary care clinic serving poor, uninsured women of East Baltimore, will supplement and enhance its existing HIV/AIDS screening and counseling services by purchasing computers and offering current, accurate information on local and relevant national AIDS/HIV resources in a web-based format enhanced by audio- recordings of the healthcare providers and the women served by the clinic. The goal of the project is to provide accurate, current information, in a way that enhances confidence in the resources and overcomes barriers to understanding the textual presentation of the information. Clinicians of MCE will record descriptions of the resources. The women who use the resources will be invited to describe their experience using the resources, and recordings of both the testimonials and clinician's descriptions will be clustered on the web page near the textual description of the resource. Both health professionals of the clinic and the women served by the clinic will be trained in basic computer skills enabling them to use the web page and audio recordings. The effect of audio on resource utilization will be tested by randomly assigning clients into two groups: those who use the web page of resources and those who use a web page of resources enhanced with audio. Welch Medical Library on the web: <http://www.welch.jhu.edu/>

#### [Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center](#) (Albany GA)

Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEFA-AHEC) will assess and significantly expand HIV/AIDS resource awareness specific to the residents of the 38 counties of southwest Georgia. After a baseline survey undertaken by meeting with representatives of the affected community (defined in this proposal as all individuals who are directly affected by the AIDS pandemic, particularly those who are infected with the disease or are the primary caregiver for somebody who is infected with the disease), the project will develop and market a web site, conduct hands-on training at eight southwest Georgia population centers, and the distribute printed materials. They will focus on how and where to find reliable information (both print and electronic) on all facets of the AIDS pandemic including but not limited to current trends in treatment, medication, financial resources, clinical trials, legal aid, medical research, and

transmission statistics; and what and where AIDS resources are available in southwest Georgia. Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center on the web: <http://www.sowega-ahec.org/>

[Nebraska AIDS Project, INC.](#) (Omaha, NE)

Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) will improve access to electronic HIV/AIDS information resources for the clients, staff, volunteers, and the community-at-large in metro- Omaha by establishing a computer lab networked with high-speed Internet access. NAP will develop state-of-the art information resources specifically targeting metro-Omaha, Nebraska, and Southwest Iowa residents with rich, multimedia educational web content and links to authoritative HIV/AIDS websites. NAP will improve the ability of people with HIV/AIDS and caregivers to access state-of-the- art information resources hosted on or linked to the NAP website by providing Computer Clinics aimed at developing basic computer skills, exploring web applications and multimedia content, and troubleshooting technical issues. The Nebraska AIDS Project on the web: <https://www.nap.org/>

[Critical Path AIDS Project](#) (Philadelphia, PA)

Since its founding in 1989 by the late Kiyoshi Kuromiya, Critical Path AIDS Project has developed a complementary and diverse suite of information services, designed by a person with AIDS for persons with AIDS and their caregivers, available nowhere else in the United States. The project began with a print newsletter and later BBS but expanded in 1995 to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP), bring dial-up access, email and the World Wide to low income people in Philadelphia affected by the ADSI epidemic. Critical Path AIDS Project request funding to provide people living with HIV/AIDS access to the rich information resources on the Internet. The Critical Path AIDS Project will maintain service on the Critical Path system as an Internet Service Provider; upgrade our electronic mailing list software to allow more sophisticated uses of email lists at all levels of Internet literacy; and redesign the Critical Path Web by Critical Path AIDS Project to the 215,267, and 445 area codes that serve Philadelphia, Bucks, and Montgomery counties. Critical Path AIDS Project on the web: <http://www.critpath.org/>

[AIDS Research Consortium of Houston DBA The Center for AIDS: Hope and Remembrance Project](#) (Houston, TX)

The CFA is a nonprofit, community- based organization that provides treatment and research information to person with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. The CFA's information center houses the largest collection of HIV/AIDS-specific literature in this part of the country. The objectives of this project include: developing three training curricula and pilot test and refine them; obtain equipment for the training; and conduct training sessions to assist clients and providers in developing their skills. Center for AIDS on the web: <http://www.centerforaids.org/>

### **Germantown Settlement and the AIDS Library (Philadelphia, PA)**

The project will create a Community Access Computer Center and HIV Resource Center (CCRC) in the Germantown Philadelphia offices of WISDOM/Germantown Settlement. This is a community-based organization that provides services to people with HIV. Using the experience developed in the current programs of the AIDS Library previously funded by NLM, this project will take the resources of the AIDS Library into the community by establishing a satellite location in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Staff and community representatives will be training the use of computers as well as in the use of the Internet to gather HIV-related health information. The AIDS Library's collections will be made available by training local staff and referring more complicated questions to the Library. This project will specifically target low-income women of color living with HIV and women with a history of drug and alcohol abuse that puts them at high risk for HIV infection. The Germantown settlement is an established community center and the location of the CCRC there will provide a supportive environment for information access.

### **Center for Human Development (Pleasant Hill, CA)**

The Empowerment Program, a service of the Center for Human Development, submits this request for quotation for the creation of an Empowerment Internet Cafe. The proposed project of the Empowerment Program will provide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Youth (LGBTQ) in Contra Costa County, CA, access to current and reliable on-line education on the social, emotional, and medical issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. It will also give them access to computers in an accepting atmosphere. This project will first offer online training to peer educators and then, through them, expand the training to other LGBTQ youth. As the training grows, so will the ability of the target population to be educated about HIV/AIDS. A web-site for the project will also be developed so youth who utilize the Empowerment Program's drop-in services and youth who have access to a computer elsewhere can get current information that will be posted by trained peer-editors and professional staff. The goal of the Empowerment Cafe is to reduce the growing number of HIV/AIDS cases among youth in Contra Costa Country. Center for Human Development on the web: <https://www.empowermentprogram.org/>

### **Stonewall Alliance Center (Chico, CA)**

This project will provide greater access to information regarding HIV/AIDS and other men's health issues to a rural area of northern California. This audience in rural areas presents unique challenges to HIV prevention workers and care providers. The Momentum Education Network will expand the ability of both the providers as well as the affected population to access needed information. The project includes (1) provider Internet access to online health databases; (2) a portal page for linking online databases to the Stonewall Alliance Center web page; (3) development of a database of area HIV service providers; (4) documents distribution and reference to the public through the Stonewall Alliance Center's Harlen Adams Memorial Library; and (5) promotion of these services and materials to the public. Stonewall Alliance Center on the web: <http://www.stonewallchico.org/>

[Safe Haven Outreach Ministry, Inc.](#) (Washington, DC)

This organization provides a residential substance abuse treatment program and drop in center targeted to homeless and recently incarcerated men and women who have multiple diagnoses, e.g., mental illness, a history of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. These locations afford SHOM the opportunity to provide extensive training in the use of and access to the NLM's MedlinePlus and other medical information resource via the Internet. The training program will train clients who participate in the residential program and who will, in turn, serve as peer trainers and system monitors for other residential clients and those visiting the drop in center. Safe Haven Outreach Ministry on the web:

<https://www.safehavenoutreachministry.org/>

[Metro TeenAIDS](#) (Washington, DC)

This organization works to prevent HIV among youth and is the leader in the Washington, DC region in bringing the message of HIV/AIDS prevention to the Youth Centers. Through existing "Internet Cafes" located at MTA's three Youth Centers, we will establish an electronic resource program for youth that is both youth oriented and informative. MTA will establish a training program designed to equip the staff and peer educators with knowledge about using the Internet and accessing HIV/AIDS related information. The staff and peer educators will, in turn, train the target audience (youth ages 13- 24) and enable them to be confident and competent in utilizing the Internet to research HIV/AIDS related information. Additionally, MTA will distribute flyers and palm cards encouraging youth to use their facilities to access Internet databases on HIV/AIDS information. Metro TeenAIDS on the web: <https://washingtonpeacecenter.org/metro-teen-aids/>

## 1999-2000

NLM has continued its HIV/AIDS- related outreach efforts to community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups, departments of health, and libraries. Funding is available to enable these organizations to design local programs for improving information access for AIDS patients and the affected community as well as their caregivers. Emphasis is on providing information or access in a way meaningful to the target community. Projects must involve one or more of the following information access categories: information retrieval, skills development, Internet access, resource development, and document access. Inquiries about this program may be made to [aids@aids.nlm.nih.gov](mailto:aids@aids.nlm.nih.gov)

The most recent awards were made to support the following projects:

### Union Positiva, Inc. (Miami, FL)

Funding from NLM will allow Union Positiva to develop and maintain an organizational web site. The information on the web site will be in Spanish and will include: information about Union Positiva and its services; information about the HIV/AIDS epidemic among Hispanics/Latino communities in South Florida; a community calendar noting events of importance for Hispanics/Latinos in South Florida; our quarterly Newsletter; materials developed by the organization; and links to other Spanish HIV/AIDS web sites. The web site will also offer a chat capability and the organization will host monthly chats with Spanish speaking physicians to answer questions online about HIV prevention, treatment and adherence. There will also be monthly chats with their outreach workers and peer counselors. Union Positiva will provide direct training to clients at their facility and in the community so that these clients can learn to access the Internet.

### North Dade Health Center (Opa-locka, FL)

Project "Make It Real" proposes to increase access to current HIV/AIDS and other STDs information to predominantly African American inner city adolescents, and to help them develop their computer literacy skills. The program will train the teens to create a website for two high schools with school-based health centers. The focus for content will be on teen-appropriate prevention information such as negotiation skills for safe dating, how to know if you are ready to have sex, explaining how the body works, how to talk to your parents about sex, etc. The Miami Dade County Public Schools, the Public Health Department, and the University of Miami will provide regular information about their programs for mounting on the web site. Students will also be training in how to access HIV/AIDS information from NLM, CDC and other reputable sources. They plan to build capacity in the schools by developing a group of well-trained students who will be able to train their peers. The teens will be recruited from each of the schools' established HIV Peer education programs, health professions programs, and other students including male athletes.

### New York Public Library (Bronx, NY)

The Bronx HIV/AIDS Information Outreach Project will offer training and access to reliable, current health and medical electronic resources for the Bronx HIV/AIDS community. The project will conduct 15 technology training workshops at two NYPL training centers for AIDS service organization staff, to help them identify, evaluation and use electronic information resources that they can share with their clients. Bilingual and lower literacy level materials will be emphasized. They will promote NYPL's role and a

community resource for free HIV/AIDS electronic information and the training necessary to find that information. They will develop and distribute a bilingual guide to HIV/AIDS Internet resources written at the appropriate reading level. Project web pages will be developed with links to selected resources and other NYPL health and medical information.

#### Gay Men's Health Crisis (New York, NY)

Support from NLM will enable GMHC's Treatment Education Program to formally develop and incorporate an Internet Training Program into their menu of services. They plan to upgrade their existing treatment library and computer equipment as well as to develop, promote, and implement Internet training. The library renovation will ensure that the available space will be appropriately designed for use as a research center and Internet training area. They will purchase three additional computers for use in accessing information and for training. Each training session will be tailored to the information needs and skills of the participants. Training will include an overview of Internet search engines, databases (including NLM's), and web sites. Small group, three-hour training sessions will be held three times a month with the library and computers available during business hours for individual use.

#### Whitman-Walker Clinic (Washington, DC)

The Whitman-Walker Clinic will improve client access to HIV information by installing six computers and Internet access at four client service sites: the Client Access Center, the primary point of service; Austin Center for Health and Living, the day treatment center; McKinney House, a residential facility for HIV positive women and their children; and the Bridge Back Program, a residential facility for HIV positive individuals in substance abuse treatment. They will also provide skills development for 500 clients as well as ongoing training at least once a month at each site. They will use other opportunities to discuss HIV/AIDS resources on the Internet such as their lecture series. In addition, they will promote using these resources by reporting on the project within the community.

#### Big Country AIDS Resources (Abilene, TX)

The proposed HIV/STD Resource Center is a multimedia collection of HIV- and STD-related material specifically geared toward the HIV-affected community. It will serve 19 counties in rural West Texas. The collection will include books, periodicals, videos, and CD-ROM, as well as access to the Internet. A special feature will be Research by Request, which will enable patrons who are unable to visit the Resource Center to request information by mail (traditional or e-mail). The center will be promoted through the Speakers Bureau and brown bag lunches. In addition to HIV-infected individuals and their families, target populations for this project include the general public, high school and college students and area prison inmates.

#### Family and Medical Counseling Service (Washington, DC)

This project will provide patient education in a unique format in a very underserved community (Anacostia). The primary medical department of this organization will not only provide comprehensive health care, but will provide a resource center for training clients to access information, staffed by the clinicians. This will enable the clients to pose their medical information questions to those who can and will help them interpret the information. The resource center will be open to the clients all day. Initial training of the clinic staff will be done through the PARTNERS Project, an NLM-funded consumer health

project at the Himmelfarb Library, George Washington. NLM funding of this project will be used to purchase computers for the resource center. The ultimate goal is to have a resource center that will allow electronic access to medical information to any community person. The computers will also enable the social workers to work directly with their clients to connect them to services and state-of-the-art information.

#### The AIDS Library (Philadelphia, PA)

The AIDS Library proposes to create a satellite library and community access computer center in the North Philadelphia offices of One Day at a Time (ODAAT). ODAAT is a community-based organization that provides services to people with HIV who have a history of drug and alcohol abuse, when mainstream agencies are closed. ODAAT is the oldest established residential substance abuse recovery program in Philadelphia. This project will take the resources of the AIDS Library into the community. Project TEACH, which has received support from NLM in the past and the AIDS Library will provide training for staff and ODAAT community leaders in the use of computers as well as the Internet to gather HIV information. The AIDS Library's collections will be made available to ODAAT staff and clients and satellite library staff will also be trained. They will be able to refer more complicated questions to the staff at the AIDS Library. The project will specifically target low-income people of color living with HIV, and people with a history of drug and alcohol abuse, which puts them at a high risk for HIV infection.

#### Project 2000 (Washington, DC)

Project 2000 and Hine Junior High School will team together to offer HIV/AIDS training to select staff and students who will then serve as trainers for Hine Students and parents, and students and parents of the Project 2000 community. Participants will learn how to search the web for information on HIV/AIDS information, from prevention to caring for those who are exposed to the virus. The Hine Library, under the guidance of its librarian, has 6 high-speed computers linked to T1 lines, which will serve as the training site to access NLM's HIV/AIDS-related information. A computer lab will be set up in Project 2000 house, a study center located in the Woodland Terrace Housing Project in Ward 8 in southeast Washington, DC to further community exposure to this information. This site will be open to parents and community members on designated week nights and weekends during the course of the project. Additionally, Hine and Project 2000 students will develop a web page on HIV/AIDS to be included on Hine and Project 2000 web sites. Students themselves will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the web site.

#### University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Library (Oklahoma City, OK)

A virtual information resource for Oklahomans living with HIV/AIDS is desperately needed in the state. Oklahoma's rural character contributes to patients' isolation, concerns about confidentiality, and the difficulty of traveling to a health library with a substantial collection. These are barriers to both consumers and to health providers in Oklahoma. The low prevalence of HIV infection in the state combined with the rural nature presents unique challenges. The proposed project will: (1) improve electronic access to HIV/AIDS information resources via an innovative web-based resource (including an electronic reference desk to answer questions and fulfill document requests); (2) provide skills development training in access and using these resources; and (3) enhance the ability of local organizations to better meet the needs of their geographically dispersed clients by creating and providing access to a resource directory of HIV/AIDS services in the state.

### **River Region Human Services, Inc. (Jacksonville, FL)**

Three local non-profit agencies will collaborate to provide a comprehensive Jacksonville AIDS Information Service (JAIS) Library. The three agencies are: River Region Human Services (RRHS), a community-based HIV, substance abuse, and mental health agency; Edward Waters College Library (EWC), an African American institution located in the highest risk area for HIV/AIDS; and the Borland Health Sciences Library (BHSL), a technical library providing research and training services to medical and health professionals. They will use a three-pronged approach to reach different subpopulations of the area. Level I will target members of the most at-risk communities with a mobile library of basic information and referrals. Level II will be the hub JAIS Center located in the heart of the African American community at the EWC. Level III, at BHSL, will provide training to health professionals. This model will provide a continuum of services and resources in the community.

### **AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGiS)**

AEGiS seeks funding from NLM to support a staff person as a content assistant to the Operations Director (Sr. Mary Elizabeth). AEGiS is presently serving over 350,000 user sessions per month and has archived over 700,000 documents dealing with HIV/AIDS including information from NLM and other government agencies, wire services, and community organizations. All the data are retrievable through word searching. It is anticipated that the number of documents stored will grow tremendously over the next two years. Additional assistance in processing this material is required to keep the site timely and accessible.

### **Project Inform (San Francisco, CA)**

Continued funding from NLM will support Project Inform's Online Treatment Information Project which provides a state-of-the-art resources for important HIV/AIDS treatment information access and retrieval. Project Inform staff produces all of the treatment information available on the web site ([www.projectinform.org](http://www.projectinform.org)). This project (Online Treatment Information Project) is entering its fifth year with record use of its web site. It receives over 300,000 hits to the website per month and usage is increasing. The web site provides a comprehensive resource for in-depth HIV/AIDS treatment information and late breaking news in the areas of drug development and access. The Project Inform web site is often used by the newly diagnosed as it is free and confidential and is a highly trusted resource by the community.

### **Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX)**

The Dallas AIDS Information Network, organized by the university, currently operates Internet workstations at the Dallas AIDS Resource Center, Nelson-Tebedo Clinic and the Oaklawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library. This collaborative effort is building a local HIV/AIDS information infrastructure with the Dallas AIDS Information Network as its hub. This new project will extend DAIN from the traditional gay district of Dallas into three new community sites. These additional sites include areas of high populations of minorities and disadvantaged families. In addition, training will be provided at the three new sites and a Spanish Language section will be added to the web site.

### **University of Massachusetts Medical School (Worcester, MA)**

The Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts and 5 HIV/AIDS related agencies who came together in October 1998 to form the Worcester Area HIV/AIDS Information Network (WAHAIN) will



partner with an additional 4 agencies to expand and continue the project. The Lamar Soutter Library will provide training and equipment to access and find current reliable HIV/AIDS related information via the Internet and NLM database. The original project focused on the staff of the agencies. This project will expand the focus to include training sessions specifically designed for the consumer or those with the disease.

#### **New Mexico AIDS Info Net--University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM)**

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is an online HIV/AIDS information resource, providing fact sheets on treatment and related information in non- technical language in English and Spanish. In addition, the web site includes and categorized listing of more than 400 HIV/AIDS web site addresses. The web site received of 35,000 visits each month; 45% of those visits are from outside the US. This proposal is for the expansion of the fact sheet collection and ongoing updating of the existing collection. In addition, partnering with the Ryan White/Partners in Care program, New Mexico's HIV/AIDS physicians will be encouraged to incorporate the fact sheets into their patient education activities. In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library, the InfoNet web site will be publicized to audiences of public librarians and medical librarians and access to HIV/AIDS journal articles will be provided for New Mexico consumers and health care providers.

## 1994 to 1999

### Overview

Each year from 1994 through 1999 NLM has announced recipients of purchase orders of up to \$25,000 each to community-based organizations and libraries (public and health sciences). These awards enable the recipients to develop local programs for improving access to HIV/AIDS-related information. This program resulted from recommendations made at the NIH HIV/AIDS Information Services Conference hosted by NLM in June 1993. Many of these projects involve the efforts of a number of organizations and libraries.

The awards are primarily intended to promote improved access to HIV/AIDS information to patients, the affected community and their care givers as well as the general public. Implementation of this goal may include providing access to electronic resources, training in the use of these resources, expanding collections, Internet connections, development of locally specific information materials, and opening access to collections and document delivery services.

### 1999

In September 1999 NLM announced 14 recipients. Awards for new projects were made to the following groups:

Multicultural AIDS Coalition

[AIDS Library](#)

[Minnesota AIDS Project](#)

Texas Women's University

Truman Medical Center

[VA AIDS Information Center](#)

[Delaware HIV Consortium](#)

Awards for Extensions/Expansions of Previously Funded Projects were made to the following groups:

Project Inform

[Critical Path AIDS](#)

Osborne Association AIDS in Prison Project

[Vermont Cares](#)

[University of Texas, Houston](#)

[Seattle-King County Public Health](#)

### 1998

In September 1998 NLM announced 19 recipients. Awards for new projects were made to the following groups:

[Gay Men's Health Crisis](#)

[Vermont CARES](#)

[Project Inform](#)

[Osborne Association AIDS in Prison Project](#)

[Staten Island AIDS Task Force](#)

[AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin](#)

[Seattle-King County Department of Health](#)

[AIDS Community Alliance of Pennsylvania](#)

[Lamar Souter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester Area HIV/AIDS Info Network](#)

[Duke University Center for Health Policy - North Carolina AIDS Information Outreach](#)

Awards for Extensions/Expansions of Previously Funded Projects were made to the following groups:

[Critical Path AIDS Project](#)

[AEGIS](#)

[Philadelphia FIGHT](#)

[WORLD](#)

[AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts](#)

[University of Texas - Houston School of Public Health- HAIL](#)

[Trinity Lutheran Hospital Foundation - Reach Project](#)

[New Mexico AIDS InfoNet](#)

1997

In 1997 NLM announced 19 recipients. Awards for new projects were made to the following groups:

[Philadelphia Fight \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

[AIDS Action Committee \(Boston, MA\)](#)

[Chinese American Planning Council, Inc. \(New York, NY\)](#)

[Body Positive, Inc. \(New York, NY\)](#)

[Vanderbilt University \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

[Medical College of Ohio \(Toledo, OH\)](#)

[HIV Coordinating Council of New Mexico \(Sante Fe, NM\)](#)

[St. Louis Effort for AIDS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

[Chester County AIDS Support Services \(Coatesville, PA\)](#)

[Seattle-King County Dept. of Public Health \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

[AIDS Project Los Angeles \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

Awards for Extensions/Expansions of Previously Funded Projects were made to the following groups:

[Critical Path AIDS Project \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

[AIDS Information Network \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

[Newburgh Free Library \(Newburgh, NY\)](#)

[University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, School of Public Health \(Houston, TX\)](#)

[Tompkins-McCaw Library, VCU \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health (Tallahassee, FL)

1996

In 1996 NLM announced 22 recipients. awards were made to the following groups for new projects:

[AIDS Information Network \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

Columbus AIDS TASK Force (Columbus, OH)

Evergreen AIDS Task Force (Bellingham, WA)

[Gay Men's Health Crisis \(New York, NY\)](#)

Women Organized against Life-threatening Diseases - WORLD (Oakland, CA)

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library (Oklahoma City, OK)

[University of Rochester Edward G. Miner Library \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

[New York Public Library - Bronx \(New York, NY\)](#)

[American Psychiatric Association \(Washington, DC\)](#)

Beacon Clinic (Boulder, CO) Fair Haven Community Health Center (New Haven, CT)

Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health (Tallahassee, FL)

HIV/AIDS Information Technology Consortium (Los Angeles, CA)

Trinity Lutheran Hospital Foundation (Kansas City, MO)

Support Center for Nonprofit Management (San Francisco, CA)

7 Awards were made to extend/expand previously funded projects:

AIDS Foundation San Diego (San Diego, CA)

[Critical Path AIDS Project \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

University of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois)

[University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, School of Public Health \(Houston, TX\)](#)

[Virginia Commonwealth University \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

San Diego Public Library (San Diego, CA)

[Seattle-King County Department of Public Health \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

1995

In August 1995 NLM announced 16 recipients. Awards were made to the following groups:

South Central Research Library Council (Thompkins County, New York)

[Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. \(New York, NY\)](#)

NH/VT HIV Information Coalition, Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

[Test Positive Aware Network \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

[New York Public Library, Office of Branch Libraries \(New York, NY\)](#)

[Newburgh Free Library \(Newburgh, NY\)](#)

[AIDS Action Committee \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Cathedral City Library (Cathedral City, CA)

[Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

Planetree Library (Santa Clara County, CA)

Western Baptist Hospital Library (Paducah, KY)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI)

University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)

AEGIS (San Juan Capistrano, CA)

[University of Texas, Houston, School of Public Health \(Houston, TX\)](#)

Delta Health Education Center (Helena, AK)

## 1994

In 1994 NLM announced 19 recipients. Awards were made to the following groups:

[AIDS Information Network \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

[Seattle-King County Department of Public Health \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

[Virginia Commonwealth University \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

Whitman Walker Clinic (Washington, DC)

Geisinger System Services (Danville, PA)

[University of Texas Houston School of Public Health \(Houston, TX\)](#)

[Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenberg County \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

Eastern Virginia Medical School (Norfolk, VA)

Southern Tier AIDS Program (Johnson City, NY)

Harvard University (Cambridge, MD)

AIDS Foundation San Diego (San Diego, CA)

[Critical Path Project \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

[New York Public Library, The Branch Libraries \(Staten Island, NY, NY\)](#)

La-Paz County HIV/AIDS Technology (Yuma, AZ)

Santa Cruz AIDS Project (Santa Cruz, CA)

San Diego Public Library AIDS Resources Centers (San Diego, CA)

New North Citizens' Council (Springfield, MA)

Portland Public Library (Portland, ME)

[Kansas City Public Library \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)