

Gilead Sciences Canada HIV Community Grants Program

Background

Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company that has pursued and achieved breakthroughs in medicine for more than three decades, with the goal of creating a healthier world for all people. We strive to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Gilead is committed to people living and impacted by HIV as well as advocating for greater inclusivity and equality in HIV. We know there is more to be done to support the United Nations 2030 targets of 95-95-95 and still there are groups that remain overlooked and underrepresented in Canada.

Program Description

Through the HIV Community Grants program, Gilead intends to support projects that will specifically find and assist those out of care, address barriers to inequalities in HIV care, HIV prevention, peer-to-peer support programs as well as educational and advocacy programs across Canada. We believe that everyone should have access to the same quality healthcare, regardless of their background and circumstances.

Selection Criteria

Gilead will consider applications that reach diverse communities within Canada. We would welcome proposals that aim to tackle inequalities in HIV and advocate for greater inclusivity and equality in the management of HIV care and prevention. Including but not limited to:

- Two-spirit, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, including trans men
- Newcomer and migrant populations
- African, Caribbean, and Black populations
- Indigenous People
- People who use drugs
- Cis and trans women

Projects may include (but are not limited to) education programs, data collection, research in HIV disparities, research or programs identifying and finding people living with HIV, awareness-raising initiatives, HIV prevention programs, advocacy initiatives, and the creation of accessible materials, etc.

Projects must provide specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-sensitive objectives as well as clear actions required to meet the project goals. Information regarding the applicant's capacity to implement the project and clear details on how data will be collected and analyzed,

and by whom, must also be included. Proposals should have a clear plan to disseminate key learnings from the project.

Eligibility

- Gilead Canada considers requests from a broad range of not-for-profit organizations and registered charities, including but not limited to community health organizations, universities, professional associations, patient advocacy and support groups, and hospitals (for journal clubs and rounds or fellowships). In exceptional circumstances, Gilead may consider funding to for-profit organizations, where the purpose is charitable in nature and no profit will be made through the funding of the activity.
- Medical practices or clinics seeking funding should be not-for-profit organizations or registered charities to be eligible for funding.
- Requests by medical practices or clinics for project funding, including salaries, will only be considered where the project is distinct from the organization's regular operations, for a limited duration, and where the expenses are not otherwise reimbursable.
- Organizations should have an interest in improving health as part of their objective, including but not limited to providing health or social services, education or advocacy for underserved or hard-to-reach populations.
- Projects should intend to positively impact specific communities within Canada.

Evaluation and Reporting

Grantee organizations will be required to submit final project and financial reports once the project has been completed. Through the reporting process and data collection, Gilead hopes to create opportunities to learn from both the successes and challenges faced by our partners and to assess ways to increase the impact of future programs.

Application Process

Organizations are required to submit their requests using the online application form, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Please review the grant Terms and Conditions prior to applying. Please ensure that the appropriate program tag (CA – HIV Community Grants Program) is selected within the dropdown on the application form.

Review Process

Following the submission deadline, grant applications will be reviewed by Gilead's internal Grant Review Committee (GRC). Each application will be assessed against a variety of criteria including community impact, uniqueness, feasibility, scalability and how closely the proposed project matches Gilead's outlined grants criteria, our mission and therapeutic focus.

Key Dates and Deadlines

Gilead accepts applications for HIV Community Grants during two intake periods each year.

1st Intake Period

Application period opens:	March 3 rd
Deadline to submit proposals:	April 18 th
Grants awarded:	May 23 rd

2nd Intake Period

Application period opens:	September 1 st
Deadline to submit proposals:	October 17 th
Grants awarded:	November 21 st

Small-scale grants (under \$6,500) are accepted throughout the year.

Funding Details

Grant requests of up to \$50,000 will be considered; projects with a smaller budget will also be considered. Additionally, Gilead will consider requests for small-scale grants of less than \$6,500 to support travel expenses for relevant conferences. Grant requests should be proportional to the scope, complexity and reach/impact of the program while reflecting reasonable, good-faith estimates of the true operational costs related to the proposed project. Gilead will require any unused grant funds to be returned at the end of the project, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and has the right to request reasonable and appropriate documentation from the grantee in relation to grant activities.

Permitting budget availability, Gilead may also consider funding requests for one to two large-scale projects over \$50,000, but no more than \$200,000 per year, at the discretion of the Grant Review Committee. Large-scale grant requests must be discussed with Gilead before applying. Please contact Canada.Grants@gilead.com for more information.

Funding Restrictions

Gilead HIV Community Grant funding cannot support:

- Medication or purchasing of medication
- Existing financial deficits within an organization
- Clinical research or clinical trials

- Projects that directly influence or advance Gilead/Kite's business, including purchase, utilization, prescribing, formulary position, pricing, reimbursement, referral, recommendation, or payment for products
- Paying grants to individuals, individual healthcare providers or physician group practices
- Events or programs which have already occurred
- Government lobbying activities
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, colour, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression
- Any equipment that could be kept beyond the project timelines and which could be of further benefit to the organization, e.g. mobile phones, laptops/computers, vehicles, etc.
- To compensate individuals who provide services to Gilead Canada, such as speaking or advising directly for Gilead Canada
- In lieu of a discount or price concession or a part of a contract negotiation
- To fund Gilead-sponsored clinical research or investigator-sponsored research
- To pay for the compensation of HCPs with prescribing authority who are employed by the requesting organization, or
- To defray the operating expenses of the recipient (e.g., office equipment, salary, etc.) unless the grant request specifies the expenses to be covered, and such expenses are not for routine patient care or overhead that typically is reimbursed or paid for by other sources.
- Gilead must never provide grants to individual stakeholders, or to an entity that is controlled in fact by an individual stakeholder or its family member, legal representative, or agent.

Contact

Questions regarding the HIV Community Grants program or the application process should be submitted to: Canada.Grants@gilead.com.

Disclaimer Statement

- Application to the Gilead Canada Grants program is not a promise of funding
- Gilead/Kite reserves the right to approve or decline any application
- Award of a grant in any one year does not imply that a subsequent grant will be awarded without further application and approval
- Applicants must provide a detailed budget as part of the application, which will undergo a fair market value assessment
- Grant funding may be revoked or delayed if reporting and evaluation requirements are not met, or funding is not used according to the application guidelines