



## GETTING TO ZERO MINI-GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT Year 3 - 2018-2019

### INTRODUCTION

As of 2017, there were 3,361 people living with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in the County of Santa Clara, with 156 new cases in 2017. The State of California estimates that another 9% of persons with HIV are unaware of their infection. While progress to date has helped decrease the number of new infections and improve the health of those living with HIV, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

In 2016, The Health Trust, in collaboration with the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department, and key community partners helped launch the Getting to Zero (GTZ) HIV initiative, which was made possible through funding by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. Getting to Zero Santa Clara County-Silicon Valley operationalized the initiative using collective impact concepts to engage a wide range of stakeholders to identify and develop very specific goals and objectives. The mission of the GTZ Initiative is *to meet the goals of zero new HIV infections, zero HIV-related deaths, and zero HIV stigma/discrimination through a collaborative, countywide, multi-sector, multidimensional approach*. In an effort to help advance its mission, GTZ Santa Clara County-Silicon Valley developed the following four strategies:

1. **Guideline-based STD and HIV Testing**
2. **PrEP and PEP Implementation**
3. **Initiation of HIV Care and Retention in HIV Care**
4. **Reduction of Stigma**

The GTZ initiative is driving change through a number of efforts, including the establishment of Action Teams responsible for developing and implementing work plans for each strategy listed above. A complimentary and equally important component of the GTZ initiative includes awarding mini-grants totaling \$100,000 per year over the course of the project. During this third year of funding, The Health Trust seeks to collaborate with health care providers and non-clinical organizations to advance the GTZ mission by focusing on two of its strategies:

1. **Guideline-based STD and HIV Testing**
2. **PrEP and PEP Implementation**

Mini-grants may be used to support **health care providers** in establishing and/or enhancing system, practice, or infrastructure needs in support of the two aforementioned strategies in clinical settings. Mini-grants to **non-clinical organizations** may similarly support these two strategies in community-based settings. Non-clinical partners include, but are not limited to clinics, schools, and non-profit organizations. The Health Trust may consider other innovative activities that support the two strategies.

## **GRANT AMOUNT RANGE AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

The total grant allocation for this third year of funding is \$100,000. Grant requests should not exceed \$20,000. Of the \$100,000, \$50,000 may be awarded to clinical organizations and \$50,000 to non-clinical organizations. Grant funds can be used for planning, staffing, materials, supplies, outreach and marketing needs to address the two GTZ strategies.

## **KEY DATES**

Application Release Date: Friday, October 5, 2018  
Application Due Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 by 5:00PM  
Grant Award Announced: Friday, November 9, 2018  
Project Timeframe: November 12, 2018-June 30, 2019

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Projects must directly benefit County of Santa Clara residents.
- Projects must be completed and all costs incurred by June 30, 2019.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Interested applicants must have an online account created in order to submit the full proposal. If you do not have an existing account, please click [here](#) to create an account.

Upon creating an account, click [here](#) to access the proposal.

Please e-mail questions related to this funding announcement to Candelario Franco at [candelariof@healthtrust.org](mailto:candelariof@healthtrust.org).

Applications are due on **Tuesday, October 30, 2018 by 5:00PM**

## **GRANT MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Grantees will be required to:

- Provide The Health Trust with an update of the project at the mid-point of the grant, and submit a final narrative and budget report by July 31, 2019.
- Participate in ongoing evaluation monitored by a third-party, identified and approved by the GTZ Initiative.

Grantees will be highly encouraged to participate in the GTZ Action Team meetings. These monthly meetings can serve as critical learning communities for the successful implementation of the GTZ-funded projects.