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Federal funding has changed. Our mission has not: Allies in Hope reaffirms its commitment to HIV prevention in Houston

Following CDC changes to HIV prevention funding, the Houston nonprofit confirms services continue and invites the community to help protect prevention that saves lives.

HOUSTON, TX — August 10, 2026 — Allies in Hope, a Houston nonprofit advancing equitable access to HIV prevention and care, today reaffirmed its commitment to the community following changes to federal HIV prevention funding announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The organization's programs are continuing, and clients are continuing to receive care.

Under the changes, first reported on July 20, 2026, the CDC — at the direction of the federal Office of Management and Budget — will not renew its main five-year HIV prevention grant for community-based organizations (PS21-2102), which funded 96 organizations nationwide to provide HIV testing, linkage to care, PrEP navigation, and outbreak response. Funds will instead flow through state and local health departments — ending direct CDC funding to community organizations for the first time since the late 1980s.

The stakes are high for our city. Houston/Harris County has higher rates of both new HIV diagnoses and people living with HIV than Texas and the nation, with the Houston area consistently ranking among the metropolitan areas most affected by HIV in the country. New diagnoses here are concentrated among young adults and fall hardest on Black and Latino communities — the very neighbors community-based prevention was built to reach.

“Federal funding has changed, but our mission has not,” said William “Jeffrey” Campbell, Chief Executive Officer of Allies in Hope. “Prevention saves lives. Allies in Hope remains committed to serving our community, and we are actively pursuing new and diversified funding to protect the services Houston counts on.”

The organization's affordable and free HIV prevention medications are supported in part through its 340B program, which allows savings to be reinvested directly into patient care and prevention. Allies in Hope is opening a focused fundraising effort so the community can help sustain HIV testing, prevention medication access, and linkage to care across Houston. Supporters can give and learn more at aihhouston.org.

“Hope starts with you,” Campbell added. “HIV doesn't wait — and neither will we.”

About Allies in Hope

Allies in Hope is a Houston, Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit connecting Houston to care, stability, and hope. Its programs span prevention and education, testing and linkage to care, clinic services, Hope RX pharmacy access, Hope Communities housing, the Stone Soup Food Pantry, Camp Hope, and case management and supportive services. Learn more at AIHHouston.org.

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