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Dear <insert name>,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV Prevention Branch, has granted <insert Local Health Jurisdiction> \$xxx,xxx.xx for the grant period to be <insert time period>, to provide services consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding PS18-1802 entitled Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Departments. The funds must be used for evidence-based public health activities to address HIV Prevention within your local health jurisdiction (LHJ). The scope of work for these funds is limited to the activities from the LHJ’s approved work plan and based on OA HIV prevention strategies in OA’s PS18-1802 guidance: *Enhanced Integration: Guide to HIV Prevention and Surveillance:*

- Strategy 1 – Strengthen disease investigation infrastructure
- Strategy 2 – Expand and provide navigation services
- Strategy 3 – Expand Access to syringe services for people who inject drugs

For the implementation of these strategies, recipients should begin to embed and/or enhance the following priorities and approaches within their funded strategies and activities:

- **Status Neutral Approach:** A status-neutral approach to care means that regardless of HIV status, people have access and support to stay on highly effective public health interventions like PrEP and HIV treatment.
- **Syndemic Approach:** Sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis, injection drug use, and HIV are interacting epidemics, or syndemics, that can be addressed using similar strategies.
- **Health Equity:** Health is central to human happiness and well-being and is affected by where people live, learn, work, and play. Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible.



- **Innovative HIV Testing Strategies, including HIV Self-Testing:** The mass distribution of HIV self-test kits is one strategy to increase awareness of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

For additional information on these approaches, please see the following resources:

NHAS: [National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States 2022-2025](#)

[CDC DHP Status Neutral Issue Brief](#): <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies/issue-brief/Issue-Brief-Status-Neutral-HIV-Care.pdf>

[NASTAD resource on Status Neutral](#): <https://nastad.org/resources/employing-status-neutral-approaches-end-hiv-epidemic-series>

EHE website (syndemics): [CDC's Role | Ending the Epidemic | CDC](#).

CDC DHP Blue Book: [HIV Prevention in the United States: Mobilizing to End the Epidemic \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Health Equity: [What is Health Equity? \(cdc.gov\)](#)

NCHHSTP Syndemics: [Reversing the rise in STIs: Integrating services to address the syndemic of STIs, HIV, substance use, and viral hepatitis \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Self Testing Issue Brief: [Self Testing Issue Brief | Policy and Law | HIV/AIDS | CDC](#)

Your assigned Business Analyst, <insert analyst name>, will be your contact to negotiate adjustments to the program description and budget. Please remember that the grant agreement is not finalized until it has been fully executed by CDPH's Contract Management Unit and is dependent upon final funding from the CDC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact <insert analyst email>

Sincerely,



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Health Cc: <insert contacts>