

Atlanta AIDS Partnership Fund

What is the Atlanta AIDS Partnership Fund?

The AIDS Fund is a collaborative funding partnership between The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Elton John AIDS Foundation, National AIDS Fund, Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, Fashion Cares 2007, and individual donors. The AIDS Fund conducts an annual competitive grant making process that operates on a calendar year of January 1 through December 31.

What is the mission of the AIDS Fund?

The mission of the AIDS Fund is to support the metropolitan Atlanta community's HIV/AIDS advocacy, prevention education, and support service efforts through funding and leadership.

Who drives the AIDS Fund decision-making process?

The AIDS Fund Advisory Committee is the embodiment of the AIDS Fund partnership. Volunteers, representing a cross-section of the community, comprise the Advisory Committee. The committee sets the Fund's priorities for the year, designs and initiates the Request for Proposal, reads and evaluates grant requests, and conducts personal visits with applicants. The Allocations Committee makes funding recommendations to the boards of United Way and The Community Foundation for ratification.

Who is the AIDS Fund Leadership Team?

The Leadership Team for the AIDS Fund, first convened in August 2007, will develop a comprehensive plan to increase the region's awareness and involvement in the HIV/AIDS crisis, develop strategies for achieving community impact through high-quality, strategic leadership and financial investments, and create an organizational strategic plan for the AIDS Fund. David Satcher, President of the Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine and former US Surgeon General, and Sandy Thurman, President, International AIDS Trust at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and former Director of National AIDS Policy under the Clinton Administration, will co-chair the Leadership Team. Highly visible community leaders representing the academic, civic, corporate, entertainment, faith, media, medical, and philanthropic sectors will participate as members of the Leadership Team.

What are the priorities and how much is awarded annually from the AIDS Fund?

The AIDS Fund Board recommended 22 programs for funding in fiscal year 2006-2007. The award recommendations totaled \$550,000. Analyzing the recommended grants by **priority area**, the distribution of funding was:

- HIV Prevention Education: \$240,000 (44%)
- Client Services: \$255,000 (46%)
- Advocacy: \$55,000 (10%)

Since 1993 the AIDS Fund has awarded \$9.5 million.

Who is eligible to apply for funds through the AIDS Fund?

Organizations applying for grants must be a 501(c)(3), or they must have a 501(c)(3) organization acting as their fiduciary agent. Projects or programs eligible for funding must provide HIV/AIDS related services, which fall within one of the AIDS Fund's four established priority areas, in at least one of the counties funded by The Community Foundation and/or the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. This area currently includes the following **23** counties: Barrow, Cobb, Fulton, Pickens, Bartow, Coweta, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Butts, DeKalb, Hall, Spalding, Carroll, Douglas, Henry, Walton, Cherokee, Fayette, Morgan, Newton, Clayton, Forsyth, and Paulding.