

## Co-Sponsor HB 6173 (Osterman)/SB 3821 (Steans): Maintain Access to Life-Saving HIV/AIDS Medications, Services and Prevention Programs

HB 6173/SB 3821 calls for an increase of \$18 million in funding for state HIV programs in FY11, for a total IDPH HIV line item appropriation of \$44.06 million. The funding would be used for three purposes:

### 1. MAINTAIN ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING HIV MEDICATIONS (\$10.56 million)

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) needs an additional \$10.56 million in new state funding because:

- **Program costs are projected to rise 36% in FY10 and 25% in FY11.** People with HIV are living longer, and the newly unemployed are turning to the program.
- **ADAP allows people to remain healthy enough to work.** Approximately two-thirds of ADAP recipients work but have inadequate or no insurance coverage.
- **HIV medications slow the progression of HIV disease,** maintaining health and delaying disability and death. ADAP keeps people with HIV off Medicaid, ultimately lowering state spending.
- Without \$10.56 million in new funding, **hundreds of people with HIV will be cut** from the program, jeopardizing their health and raising future costs for the state.

**We need a responsible budget – support HB 174!** Illinois must raise significant new revenues to avoid even more harmful cuts in crucial services for people with HIV and other vital needs. Illinois has already slashed funding and delayed payments for critical programs, right when people need them most. It's time for a balanced, responsible approach: a general tax increase combined with fairness measures to raise more adequate revenues the right way, as proposed in HB 174.

### 2. PREVENT NEW HIV CASES (\$4 million):

Because of the need to maintain access to HIV medications, approximately \$4 million (65%) was cut from HIV prevention programs in FY10. It costs an estimated \$300,000 to provide medical care to a person with HIV over their lifetime. *On average, 1,500 people per year in Illinois are diagnosed with HIV. Without appropriate, proven prevention services, the result could be an increase of up to \$450 million in future medical costs, most born by the state.*

### 3. SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH HIV (\$3.4 million):

Because of the need to maintain access to HIV medications, approximately \$3.4 million (75%) was cut in FY10 from other vital services for people with HIV, a 75% funding cut. The bulk of the funding cuts came from housing for people with HIV, a critical support that improves health outcomes by facilitating stability, access to medications, medical appointments, nutrition and other services.

**IDPH was forced to cut \$7.4 million from HIV prevention, housing and supportive service programs provided by the following agencies to maintain access to life-saving HIV medications through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

Partial list of programs or agencies with award amounts reduced or eliminated in FY10:

**HIV Prevention Programs**

Asian Human Services (Chicago)  
BEHIV (Chicago)  
Cass County Health Department  
Center on Halsted (Chicago)  
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District  
Chicago Child Care Society (Chicago)  
Chicago House and Social Services (Chicago)  
Chicago State University (Chicago)  
City of Country Club Hills  
Diverse Communications (Oak Park)  
Douglas County Health Department  
East St. Louis Health District - Prevention for Positives  
Families and Children's AIDS Network (FCAN) (Chicago)  
Friends of Martin Luther King  
Gift House (Chicago)  
Howard Brown Health Center - (Chicago)  
Illinois Harm Reduction Providers Coalition (Statewide)  
Jackson County Health Department  
MAGIC-Changing a Generation  
Men and Women in Prison Ministries (Chicago)  
Peoria County Health Department- Latino Outreach & Counseling  
Prevention Partnership (Oak Park)  
Puerto Rican Cultural Center (VIDA/SIDA) (Chicago)  
Southside Help Center (Chicago)  
Test Positive Aware Network (Chicago)  
ZAMS Hope  
Cook County Dept. of Public Health  
Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health  
Champaign/Urbana Public Health District  
Winnebago County Dept. of Public Health  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Chicago Department of Public Health

**HIV Social Marketing**

Community Wellness Project (E. St. Louis)  
Diverse Communications - Get Tested Illinois and Internet Risk Reduction (Oak Park)

**HIV Testing, Education, and Referral**

Care Point Adult, Child, & Family Association (Evanston)  
Center on Halsted (Chicago)  
Test Positive Aware Network (Chicago)

**Housing Initiatives & Direct Services**

AIDS Care (Chicago)  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago- Chicago Metro Rental Assistance Program  
Alexian Brothers (Bonaventure) (Chicago)  
Alexian Brothers (The Harbor) (Waukegan)  
Asian Human Services (Chicago)  
Bethany Place (Belleville)  
Central Illinois FRIENDS of PWA, Inc. (Chicago)  
Chicago House and Social Services (Chicago)  
Children's Place Association (Chicago)  
Community Supportive Living Systems (Chicago)  
De La Cerda House (Rock Island)  
Fifth Street Renaissance/Sara Ctr. (Springfield)  
Greater Community AIDS Project (Champaign/Urbana)  
House of James (Cook County/S. Suburbs)  
Jo Ray House (Chicago)  
Phoenix Center (Springfield)  
Pioneer Center of Peoria (Peoria)  
Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless (Marion)  
Vision House (Chicago)

**Treatment and Treatment Adherence**

Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center  
Southern Illinois Health Care Foundation  
University of Illinois

**Services to Correctional Populations**

Jackson County Health Department  
Chicago Department of Public Health

*Source: Illinois Department of Public Health*