



PRC Receives \$3.4 Million in Federal Grants to Fund Substance Use Treatment, Employment and Housing Services

First ever direct federal funding received from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 18, 2017) – [PRC](#), a San Francisco-based nonprofit whose mission is to assist people living with HIV/AIDS, mental health or substance use issues, announced it will receive its first ever direct federal funding in the form of two major grants from two divisions of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS):

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will provide \$2.5 million (\$500K annually for five years) to help fund PRC Baker Places' program Substance Use Treatment HIV Enhancement (SUTHE). The project will help provide substance use disorder treatment for racial/ethnic minority populations at high risk for HIV/AIDS.
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will provide \$900K (\$300K annually for three years) to help fund Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS). The project will help improve HIV health outcomes through the coordination of supportive employment and housing services.

Previous PRC federal funding was redirected through the City of San Francisco and State of California.

"We're honored to receive these significant grants from SAMHSA and HRSA," said Brett Andrews, PRC's chief executive officer. "This critical funding will help PRC to improve health outcomes for this vulnerable community of individuals suffering from substance use disorder, who are HIV-positive or at risk of contracting HIV and/or Hepatitis C."

About Substance Use Treatment HIV Enhancement (SUTHE)

The SUTHE project will integrate HIV and Hepatitis C testing; linkages to Hepatitis B testing, Hepatitis A and B vaccinations, and primary care; HIV case management; and an HIV-prevention evidence-based practice into the agency's Joe Healy Detoxification Program (JHDP). The target population for SUTHE is adult residents of San Francisco with substance use disorder and co-occurring diagnoses who are HIV-positive or at high risk for HIV, with a focus on ethnic minority individuals. The program particularly targets underserved populations including homeless individuals, African Americans, and injection drug users. The result of these activities will be a decrease in undiagnosed HIV and Hepatitis B and C, an increase in immunity to Hepatitis A and B, a decrease in HIV transmission due to untreated HIV infection, and a decrease in HIV-risk behavior among adults with substance use disorder in the City of San Francisco. The project will increase the number of individuals from high-risk populations who are tested for HIV. SUTHE will link HIV-positive individuals to primary care and antiretroviral treatment, following up at six months to track their progress regarding adherence to treatment. Finally, through efforts to retain clients in care over the long term, SUTHE will increase the number of people with HIV in treatment with fully suppressed viral loads.



PRC Baker Places, a San Francisco-based nonprofit which provides a comprehensive array of residential treatment services to people with mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related issues, will serve a total of 1,382 unduplicated individuals over the five-year project period. Clients will receive HIV and Hepatitis testing and provide evidence-based intervention. PRC will ensure that at least 80 percent of clients participate in the six-month follow-up survey.

The SAMHSA grant provides 11% percent of the funding for the Joe Healy Detoxification Program (JHDP), through which this project will be executed.

About Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)

PRC will coordinate primary care, housing, and employment services in racial/ethnic minority communities in the City of San Francisco by increasing collaborative efforts between the agency's Employment Services program, HOPWA-funded providers, HIV primary care clinics, and other community partners.

PRC proposes a new mode of programming called Integrative Health Analysis (IHA), which screens targeted individuals for detrimental social determinants and improves them via social services offered internally by PRC or through partner agencies. Under the Social Determinants of Health paradigm, improvements in such determinants will improve health outcomes, as evidenced by ample research from around the world. The proposed project will evaluate a host of social determinants, but will focus on employment and housing statuses.

The activities of the proposal will take place mainly at two HOPWA-funded housing sites in San Francisco: 410 Eddy Street (Lutheran Social Services of Northern California's Forensic Housing Program) and 129 Hyde Street (Larkin Street Youth Services' Assisted Care program). IHA will coordinate client access to HIV primary care and ensure continuity of care as residents exit these HOPWA-funded housing programs. Client access to additional supportive services will also be provided. The proposed program will increase data sharing between agencies to track the impact of social services on identified health outcomes while building greater efficiencies into the San Francisco system of HIV care coordination and providing a replicable model for similar cities. An HIV Housing Guide will be produced to help both program clients and other HIV-positive individuals in the City of San Francisco to access stable and securing housing.

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ABOUT PRC

PRC, a San Francisco-based nonprofit, provides underserved populations with a unique set of integrated services that include: emergency financial assistance for short-term stability; legal representation for access to necessary income and healthcare benefits; and residential treatment, supportive housing and employment training for longer-term social rehabilitation. In 2016, PRC merged with two local nonprofits: Baker Places, Inc. which provides an array of residential treatment services to people managing mental health and substance use issues, and AIDS Emergency Fund, an emergency financial assistance provider for low-income residents affected by HIV/AIDS. With a combined 115-year history of service, PRC is deeply rooted in San Francisco, fighting for social and economic justice for the City's low-income and disabled populations. For more information, please visit www.prcsf.org.