CDC awarded $10.47M to health departments and community-based organizations in Puerto Rico for HIV prevention and care activities, including $2.01M in Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding.

CDC collects and disseminates data on 6 key EHE indicators. Current data are available online at AtlasPlus and on HHS AHEAD for each jurisdiction.

Puerto Ricans with HIV will face an average lifetime cost of $510,000 to treat their infection (2020 dollars).

**DIAGNOSE:** Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible

- 10% of Puerto Ricans with HIV are unaware of their status, which means they aren’t getting the HIV care they need.
- 280 new HIV infections occurred in Puerto Rico.
- 17,631 HIV tests were provided in Puerto Rico with CDC funding. HIV testing enables people to know their HIV status.

**How CDC Dollars Can Improve DIAGNOSES:**

- Expand routine screening of people in health care settings
- Increase testing in non-traditional settings (e.g., jails, emergency departments, street-based services)
- Increase access to and use of HIV self-tests
- Integrate STI and viral hepatitis screening into HIV testing services
**PREVENT:** Prevent new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs)

Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) are community-based public health programs that provide access to services to prevent HIV and viral hepatitis infections and address other syndemic issues.

*0 counties in Puerto Rico* were determined by CDC to be experiencing or at risk of an HIV outbreak or significant increase in hepatitis infections due to injection drug use.

*2 SSPs operate in Puerto Rico*

How CDC Dollars Can Improve PREVENTION:

- **Increase** access to and awareness of PrEP through innovations such as TelePrEP, a critical prevention tool in the context of COVID-19
- **Expand** access to SSPs and their capacity to provide integrated prevention services including PrEP
- **Implement** a status neutral approach to HIV prevention

**RESPOND:** Respond early to potential HIV clusters or outbreaks to get prevention and treatment services to people who need them

86 Rapidly growing clusters nationally

Cutting-edge public health approaches turn HIV data into action by identifying areas with rapid transmission and expanding resources to maximize prevention and treatment efforts.

How CDC Dollars Can Improve RESPONSE:

- **Direct** prevention and treatment resources to priority populations
- **Promote** equity in health services
- **Build** a competent workforce to address response activities

How CDC Dollars Can Build Workforce Capacity

**CDC is providing funds to build a competent HIV prevention workforce that is representative of the communities they serve.**

Nationally, learners from *216 unique organizations* completed 565 HIV prevention courses with the most requested content area being increasing awareness of, access to, and adherence to PrEP.

*These data were pulled on 9/13/2022 from NASEN (https://nasen.org/) and only represents SSPs who have authorized NASEN to publish their information.*