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## Local grants available for HIV/AIDS prevention projects and interventions

Sarasota County Health and Human Services is currently accepting proposals for community-based HIV/AIDS prevention projects and interventions targeted toward those who are at high risk for contracting and spreading the virus in Sarasota County. These include black and Hispanic heterosexual males and females, youths ages 16-25, men who have sex with men, and those who are HIV positive.

Prevention services may include HIV testing and educational presentations provided by community and faith-based organizations, Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) and gatekeepers for youths in our community. Applications also should include interventions to link those who are HIV positive to health care and treatment services.

Proposals will only be accepted for a collaboration of two or more agencies.

Completed applications are due on or before 5 p.m. on Sept. 19. For more information, contact Joan Surso by email, joan\_surso@doh.state.fl.us. For details about HIV/AIDS services and programs in Sarasota County, visit <u>www.hivsarasota.org</u>.

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