

Positive Action Europe 2018 Guidelines

What is Positive Action Europe?

ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action Europe is a grant-giving programme developed to support non-government and community based organisations in their work with PLHIV.

It was born out of the success of the Positive Action grants programme, first established in 1992 to support communities affected by HIV and AIDS. Grants are awarded on an annual basis for projects up to two years in duration.

What are the Positive Action Europe priority areas for 2018?

Positive Action Europe looks to fund community-based projects that reach those most affected by HIV, particularly in marginalised or vulnerable populations. We support initiatives that are innovative, sustainable and produce tangible results for PLHIV. The following areas have been identified as priorities for this grant round:

Priority Area	Project Definitions
1. Supporting HIV-related education, knowledge building and treatment literacy	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with communities • Collaborate with other organisations • Provide advice, support and literature to communities affected by HIV, including PLHIV, HCPs and stakeholders
2. Driving peer support and education	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage active and routine engagement with PLHIV and HIV-stakeholders • Provide education and support to communities, including PLHIV, HCPs and stakeholders
3. Putting PLHIV at the heart of services	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to identify and address the social, environmental and individual obstacles that have an impact on quality of life for PLHIV
4. Fighting stigma and discrimination	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and demonstrate innovative and effective methods to address stigma and discrimination, produce outcomes and allow for replication
5. Supporting the ageing of PLHIV	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the key issues affecting PLHIV as they get older, including those diagnosed from birth and as children • Support PLHIV to live the best life as they age • Engage with the older population of PLHIV to address their key unmet needs
6. Promoting testing and earlier diagnosis	Projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore new and innovative ways of promoting HIV testing in communities • Engage with the community in the importance of earlier diagnosis • Identify key populations with little access to testing • Identify key obstacles to HIV testing in communities and engaging with stakeholders to address them

Who is eligible to apply?

Countries eligible for submission are:

Albania and Kosovo, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom

The applicant must meet the following **eligibility criteria** to apply for grants:

- ✓ Be a non-profit or charity, non-governmental organisation (NGO), patient organisation (PO) or community-based organisation (CBO)
- ✓ The organisation focuses on HIV/AIDS and directly-related issues (at least 75% of activities and spending)
- ✓ The organisation focuses on supporting people living with HIV or helps raise awareness of HIV among the general public
- ✓ People living with HIV and/or other inadequately-served populations serve on the Board of the organisation
- ✓ The organisation involves people living with HIV and other inadequately-served populations in the development of and implementation of programmes and activities
- ✓ The grant requests no more than 25% of the organisation's overall income
- ✓ There are no links to government officials within the organisation

How much can you apply for?

A total of EUR 250,000 will be awarded to organisations for the 2018 grants cycle. Organisations are asked to restrict the funding request to EUR 25,000 for their projects, which can be up to two years long.

What will not be funded?

Positive Action Europe will not fund the following:

- Retrospective project expenditures
- Overseas travel costs
- On-going operational, capital works or facilities maintenance costs
- Purchase of equipment that incurs on-going maintenance costs
- Competitions, prizes, profit making or fundraising activities
- Projects that seek funding in excess of 25% of the organisation's annual income
- Grant applications that are incomplete
- Clinical programmes or interventions that are not led by community partnerships

How will the application be assessed?

Applications will be considered with the following assessment criteria:

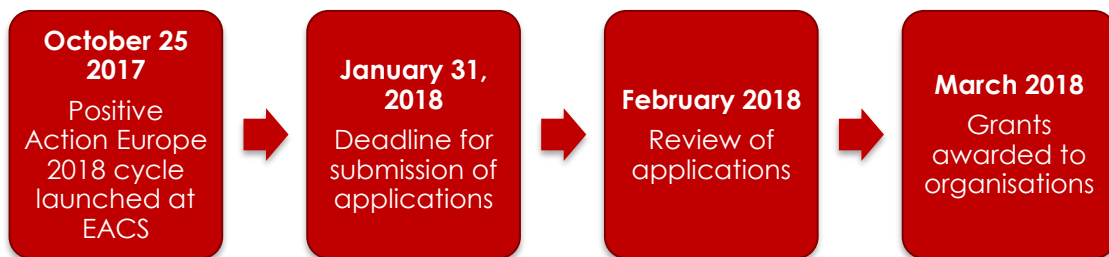
- ✓ Meet all the eligibility criteria
- ✓ Show strong evidence for the need of the project and aligned with identified priority areas
- ✓ Show clearly defined project goals, planning, budget, timeline and outcomes
- ✓ Clearly identify in-kind, cash, or voluntary contribution in the budget
- ✓ Actively engage PLHIV or at-risk populations in all stages of the project

Assessment process

Initially a review team at ViiV Healthcare will internally review all applications to ensure they meet eligibility criteria. Those that meet all the criteria will be shortlisted for the next round of review, which will be conducted by an external steering committee.

Requirements and Reporting

- Successful organisations are required to sign a grant agreement with ViiV Healthcare; this is a prerequisite to any funding being made available
- Positive Action Europe grants require a six-month progress report. Funding is linked to a successful report
- At the end of the funding period, the grant recipient is required to submit a report of the programme, including outcomes and funding acquittal
- By submitting an application you are agreeing with ViiV Healthcare Positive Action Europe to publish information, including grant amount, about your programme if your application is successful



Completing your application

Applications open: Wednesday 25th October 2017

Applications close: Wednesday 31st January 2018

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Submitting applications

To request an application form, email positiveaction.europe@viivhealthcare.com.

Once you have filled in the application form, send it to the same email address.

Alternatively, the application can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

Further information

For further information or if you require assistance please contact Evelyn Schoedl, Policy Community and Advocacy lead at evelyn.m.schoedl@viivhealthcare.com.