

Statement in support of research and care for all persons living with HIV and for HIV & sexual health prevention services at a time of funding uncertainty March 2025

Getting to Zero San Francisco unequivocally stands in support of uninterrupted care for all persons served by federal government-supported community-based organizations and care providers (e.g., Kaiser, UCSF, private practitioners, San Francisco Department of Public Health clinics and programs) that provide essential HIV and sexual health services to diverse communities throughout the City and County. We support the continuation of research that has improved the lives of the communities that we serve. We appreciate the investments in health care and research for HIV that have saved the lives of persons with HIV and other diseases. Our work is not over, and withdrawal of funding will result in immediate and long-term health losses to individuals and the community.

Our community partners are at the forefront of ensuring access to comprehensive HIV prevention and care for **ALL** San Franciscans. We will not achieve our goals of improving the lives of persons living with HIV and eliminating new HIV infections in San Francisco if evidence-based HIV prevention and sexual health programs and clinics are defunded, community members are deported without due process, and whole communities are ignored or deemed non-existent by the federal government. This perspective is antithetical to our values and our city's history. Thus, we vehemently condemn any attempts to undermine or dismantle the model of HIV care in San Francisco.

We stand in solidarity with the communities we serve - particularly vulnerable populations like trans individuals, immigrants, and people at risk of HIV - and the community partners challenging the federal government's discriminatory policies. We are in this fight together.

For HIV, sexual health, or other services

- ✓ SF City Clinic: <u>628-217-6600</u> or <u>https://www.sfcityclinic.org/</u>
- TransThrive at SFCHC: https://www.sfcommunityhealth.org/transthrive
- ✓ SF AIDS Foundation: <u>https://www.sfaf.org/</u>
- ✓ UCSF Alliance Health Project for mental health: https://alliancehealthproject.ucsf.edu/
- ✓ Help with substance use and/or experiencing homelessness, visit The Lobby at SFGH on the 1st floor of building 80, Mon-Fri 1-5 pm.

Immigration Resources

- ✓ San Francisco is a sanctuary city and "one of hundreds of cities across the U.S. with sanctuary policies or related law enforcement orders."
- ✓ Residents can visit <u>immigrants.sf.gov</u> to find support. For Rapid Response: <u>https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/rapid-response</u> or 415-200-1548.
- ✓ Know Your Rights/Conozca sus derechos Immigrant Legal Resource Center.