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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OVERVIEW OF RYAN WHITE PART A PROGRAM

Background

In 1993, New Haven and Fairfield Counties became eligible for the Ryan White CARE Act. These funds were intended to provide development, organization, coordination and operation of more effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of HIV services. The federal government classified New Haven and Fairfield County as one Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The CARE Act required the city in the EMA with the largest number of AIDS cases to act as fiduciary or fiscal agent for these funds. Under this Act, the Chief Elected Official (CEO), New Haven's mayor is directly responsible for the administration of Ryan White Part A funds.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension ACT of 2009 which went into effect October 30th, 2009 replaced the previous Treatment Act of 2006.

Current Funding & Services

The first year of Ryan White CARE Act funding (FY94/95), we received approximately \$2.1 million from the federal government. Our current award for FY2024 is \$5,450,378.00. Ryan White funds are equitably distributed in proportion to the number of HIV cases reported for each sub-region in the EMA (sub-regional divisions are as follows: Region I: Greater New Haven; Region II: Greater Waterbury; Region III: Greater Bridgeport; Region IV: Norwalk and Stamford and Region V: Greater Danbury). The regional service delivery ensures that persons living with HIV can access care in the cities where they live.

In the current FY18, local New Haven HIV service organizations received approximately \$1.3 million to provide care.

Impact

Ryan White funded services provide the vital supportive lifeline to treatments and care to those living with HIV. By the end of the last fiscal year, this grant directly assisted more than 1,800 persons living with HIV and their families throughout the EMA.

Communities disproportionately affected by this disease are receiving the greatest benefit of Ryan White funding. In the EMA, approximately sixty eight percent Forty-nine percent (49%) served are African American/African Descent and thirty-seven percent (37%) are Latino.

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Planning Council & Service Priorities

The New Haven/Fairfield Counties HIV Ryan White Planning Council consists of eighteen (18) members from throughout the EMA and is appointed by the Mayor of New Haven. The Council is a legislative of Ryan White HIV Treatment Extension Act and is comprised of persons living with HIV, representatives of community-based organizations, community leaders and others with valuable HIV expertise. It is diverse in terms of gender, race/ethnicity and sexual orientation/gender identity.

The Council's conducts needs assessments and collect other data to set service priorities for the approaching fiscal year and to determine the dollar amounts for each service.

This year the Council prioritized services for persons living with HIV/AIDS based on findings of needs assessments and consumer input from each of the five service regions. The assessment data provided by persons living with HIV determined the need for various services throughout the EMA. The following is the list of prioritized services for FY 2024:

- Medical Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services - Outpatient
- Housing Services
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Oral Health Care
- Medical Transportation
- Substance Abuse Services - Inpatient
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Intensive Medical Case management
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance

Contractor Selection Process

The City of New Haven is required to follow all service priorities and funding allocations established by the New Haven Fairfield Counties' Planning Council in accordance with the Ryan White Extension Act. The City of New Haven Bureau of Purchases issues a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Planning Council-prioritized service areas with a two-year renewable contract option.

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The Bureau of Purchases advertises the RFP in local community newspapers and each major newspaper throughout New Haven and Fairfield Counties.

The RFP clearly states the services applicants might apply for, the total amount of funds available for each service area and other qualifications required by the Treatment Extension Act of 2009, the Ryan White Planning Council and the City of New Haven.

The Ryan White Office sends the proposals to individual members of a non-conflicted and diverse review team. The goal is to select a group of individuals from throughout Connecticut who have knowledge and expertise in HIV and health services who have no conflict of interest. All reviewers are required to sign a conflict-of-interest statement that is kept on file.

The Ryan White Office strictly adheres to the recommendations of the panel and reports the recommendations to the New Haven Health Director and Planning Council. By law, only the Planning Council has the right to change service priorities and dollar allocations that support the priorities. City administration officials must adhere to the priorities and funding levels set forth by the Council.