

2022 Interfaith HIV and AIDS Capacity Building Grant:

Request for Proposals

*Interfaith America and Wake Forest University School of Divinity through the Gilead COMPASS (COMmitment to Partnership in Addressing HIV/AIDS in Southern States) Initiative are working to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Southern United States. These states include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Interfaith America is pleased to offer **\$4,000.00 grants to campus interfaith leaders to facilitate community-wide learning and develop curricular or co-curricular programs on the HIV/AIDS crisis in the South.***

Projects will be designed to use spiritual, religious, and worldview skillsets as well as research and methodology in interfaith cooperation to address stigma and increase understanding of HIV and AIDS throughout the region. The project will be carried out by a three-person, campus-based team including faculty, staff, and/or students.

Through campus relationships, we will work together as a cohort and with faith-based organizations to engage underrepresented communities and minimize the stigmatization of HIV and AIDS. In this pursuit, we will be part of the solution to break down barriers of HIV and AIDS stigma and shame, connect through robust creative partnerships, and ensure strategic support to create an infrastructure to secure long-term engagement.

Program Overview

Interfaith America has a significant footprint across the Southern United States. Our reach spans both rural and urban areas and includes Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Minority Serving Institutions, and faith-based colleges. Invited universities will receive \$4,000.00 grants to facilitate community-wide learning and develop curricular or co-curricular programs using an interfaith lens to address the HIV and AIDS crisis in the South. Through these university relationships, we will be able to connect with faith-based organizations and engage underrepresented communities to minimize the stigmatization of HIV and AIDS and impact how these communities respond to HIV and AIDS in the future.

Timeline

Grants will be awarded in the **Fall of 2022**. We will begin accepting applications **August 15th, 2022**. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until **October 14th, 2022**, and grant implementation will take place **from October 1st, 2022 - June 20th, 2023**.

REQUIRED MEETINGS:

Grantee Orientation | Monday, October 24th, 2022, from 10 am – 12 pm CT

State of Play - HIV and AIDS in the South | Thursday, November 10th, 2022, from 1 pm – 2:00 pm CT

Grantee Connection | March 7th, 2022, from 10 am – 11 am CT

Closing Celebration | Thursday, June 1st, 2023– 11 am – 12:00 pm CT

At least one member of your team is required to attend each session.

Application

All applicants must complete and submit the pdf application prior to **October 14th, 2022**. We will begin reviewing applications as they are accepted. This form asks for the following information:

- Completed pre-assessment questionnaire
- Completed application questions
- Name and description of each Team member's role (3-person team faculty, staff, and/or students)

Use of Grant Funds

Grant awards are meant to support grantees for the time and energy it takes to create curriculum and lead programmatic initiatives. Grantees will be able to use these funds for convenings, marketing materials, staffing, and technological support.

Grant Terms and Requirements

If accepted, grantees will be asked to submit a headshot, information about their campus, and a blurb about their project as a part of a virtual celebration of their grant acceptance.

Grantees will be encouraged to schedule one on one consultations with Don Abram and to attend a Cohort Call to connect with other grantees. IA requires Grantees to submit a Project Status Report three to six months after acceptance of the Grant and a Final Report six to nine months after the conclusion of the Grant. These reports will include information on all project-related activities and a budget showing how the funds were spent.

Grantees are required to attend the following events: Celebratory Cohort Call, IA Resource and Support Workshop, a minimum of 2 Faith Coordinating Center Workshops, and the Cohort Support Call. Grantees are also required to submit a project status report and a final project report.

Disbursement of Grant Funds

IA will disperse grant funds in one lump sum. A check will be sent after the grantee signs and returns:

- *The Memorandum of Agreement*
- *Submits institution's W-9 to IA*
- *Attends the Celebratory Cohort Call*

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Questions and Support

Questions about the grant or application process are welcome and should be addressed to Don Abram, Program Manager, at dabram@interfaithamerica.org, or 773.629.5612 between the working hours of 9 and 5 pm CST / 10 and 6 pm EST on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Project Partners

The new [Gilead COMPASS Initiative Faith Coordinating Center](#) at Wake Forest University School of Divinity awarded 17 organizations with grant funding to address the HIV crisis in the South. The recipients are rooted in over 12 different states and the majority are led by Black, Indigenous, people of color.

[Interfaith America](#) is a Chicago-based non-profit organization, that supports American institutions as they seek to engage religious diversity and promote interfaith cooperation. IA defines interfaith cooperation as respect for religious and nonreligious identity, relationships across diverse religious communities, and common action for the common good. IA supports college and university campuses across the country through training, grants, resources, and research as they build bridges and advance interfaith learning in their unique environments.