

Call for applications

Mini-grants on advocacy for removing barriers to community-led services for HIV prevention

These mini grants support advocacy activities that address legal, policy and practical barriers to community-led service delivery of combination HIV prevention in the European Union (EU).

HIV combination prevention refers to the use of several prevention tools together, including testing, PrEP, PEP, condoms, vaccinations, harm reduction services, community support, and legal and policy measures that improve access to services for key populations.

Background

AIDS Action Europe, through a new round of the European HIV Legal Forum (EHLF) project¹ ‘*Legal and Policy barriers to Community Service Delivery*’, is launching a call for mini-grants of up to 1000€ to support national advocacy on legal, policy and practical barriers that limit community-led service delivery of HIV prevention services in the EU member states. The project’s overall goal is to improve access to HIV combination prevention for diverse key populations by removing barriers to community-led service delivery models.

The mini-grants will support **targeted advocacy projects**. Proposals should describe a **specific barrier** that limits **community-led service delivery**, and set out a **clear and feasible advocacy activity** to address it. Activities must focus **on advocacy to change laws, policies, regulations, guidelines or practices** that limit community-led delivery of HIV combination prevention.

We expect to fund up to five projects in different EU member states.

Selected grantees will be expected to actively contribute to this EHLF project beyond the implementation of their national advocacy activities. This includes participation in an in person strategic meeting with other project partners in Berlin, as well as contributions to the documentation of lessons learned. Grantees will be expected to support the identification of good practices and challenges and to provide a short report to support the project’s dissemination activities.

The Call is open to AAE member organisations registered and based in the EU member states.

Eligible activities

Activities must have a clear advocacy goal related to community-led service delivery. Examples of possible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Legal or policy analysis focused on community-led service delivery, followed by advocacy meetings

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- Roundtables or national consultations with community-led organisations, public health institutes and other stakeholders
- Advocacy initiatives targeting a specific law, regulation or guideline that blocks the expansion of community-led service delivery
- Media and communication activities that support a clear and specific advocacy objective

These examples are not exhaustive and applicants are welcome to propose other advocacy activities that are relevant to the aims of this call.

We will not fund:

- service delivery
- general organisational running costs that are not linked to the proposed project
- activities outside EU member states.

Budget and duration

The maximum grant amount is **1000 € per project**.

All activities must take place **between March 2026 and September 2026**.

How to apply

Applicants are invited to submit:

1. A free format **application describing**:
 - Background and the barriers. In addition, please explain whether the current context create an opportunity for advocacy impact?
 - Objective(s) and planned activity(ies)
 - Simple budget
 - Timeline
2. **Confirmation letter** (a short, signed PDF document) from a member of the executive team of your organisation confirming that you represent your organisation and they support your application for this grant.

Applications should be sent by email to Nina Tumanyan nina.tumanyan@dah.aidshilfe.de with the subject line: **EHLF mini grants**

Deadline for submission: 30 January 2026

Selection process

Applications will be reviewed by a committee including representatives of the EHLF network and members of the AAE Steering Committee.

The committee will consider in particular:

- Thematic diversity
- A balanced selection of projects addressing different key populations
- Geographic diversity
- The relevance of the proposal to the scope of the call
- The advocacy potential and feasibility of the proposed activities.