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## **Susan Terry Foundation Awards \$85,000 in Community Grants to Advance Wellness in Tampa, Sarasota, and St. Petersburg**

New Susan Terry Foundation Grant Cycle Open for Applicants Until Spring 2026

**SARASOTA, Fla. – January 13, 2026** – The Susan Terry Foundation today announced three community organizations selected to receive funding as part of the foundation’s mission to support communities affected by HIV through prevention, education and care.

“We’re committed to supporting partners who are creating meaningful, measurable change in the fight against HIV,” said Ray Carson, executive director of the Susan Terry Foundation. “These three programs stood out because they reach people with empathy, knowledge and practical support, meeting community members exactly where they are. Their impact can change lives—and in many cases, futures.”

**The Fabulous Arts Foundation** in Sarasota, formerly known as The Harvey Milk Festival, was awarded \$35,000 for its *Fab Mental Health* program. The initiative offers accessible, affirming therapy and peer support for LGBTQ+ individuals living with or affected by HIV in Sarasota and nearby counties. The program aims to reduce stigma, strengthen mental wellness, and promote holistic health through one-on-one counseling, group therapy and clinician-led support groups.

In St. Petersburg, **Mount Zion Human Services** received \$25,000 for its *Wellness for All: Health Education, Empowerment and Equity* initiative. The project expands Mount Zion’s existing community wellness and prevention work by integrating HIV education, resource navigation, and empowerment activities through weekly workshops, monthly community health convenings, and on-site mobile testing. The program seeks to increase HIV testing and linkage to care.

**CAN Community Health** in Tampa was awarded \$25,000 for its *Nourish to Flourish* program, a patient-centered nutrition support initiative that addresses food insecurity among individuals receiving HIV care and prevention. Participants receive grocery gift cards to help reduce nutrition-related barriers that can affect medication adherence and health outcomes. The program aims to improve stability, increase follow-through on medical visits, and strengthen trust between patients and care teams.

“No one should have to choose between food and their care,” said Katy Wendel, vice president, Care Delivery Innovation at CAN Community Health. “The *Nourish to Flourish* program allows us to address nutrition related challenges with dignity and compassion.”

Each grant aims to address the needs of Tampa Bay’s HIV community through mental health, prevention, education and food insecurity support. Despite the significant progress made to end HIV, approximately 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV and more than 13 percent are unaware of their status. Over 31,000 new cases are still diagnosed each year. In Florida alone, 120,000 individuals are living with HIV, with the state ranking third nationally in new diagnoses. These programs aim to play a critical role in the fight to stop the virus.

The Susan Terry Foundation invites eligible organizations in the Tampa Bay and Sarasota areas to apply for grant funding. As HIV continues to impact communities, the Foundation remains committed to supporting programs that deliver practical solutions and measurable impact. Interested organizations can apply now through May 1, 2026, at [www.SusanTerryFoundation.org/Grants](http://www.SusanTerryFoundation.org/Grants).

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### **About Susan Terry Foundation**

The Susan Terry Foundation (a 501(c)(3) charitable organization) was established to honor the life and legacy of Susan Terry, a passionate advocate for equitable healthcare access, compassion in service, and community-driven wellness. Rooted in the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive, the Foundation advances programs and partnerships that reduce health disparities, promote HIV prevention/care and support underserved populations. By supporting prevention, education and care, the Susan Terry Foundation is dedicated to ending the HIV epidemic. To learn more, visit [www.susanterryfoundation.org](http://www.susanterryfoundation.org).