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SARASOTA, Fla. – July 21, 2026 – The Susan Terry Foundation today announced five community organizations selected to receive funding as part of the foundation’s mission to support communities affected by HIV through prevention, education and care.

“I’m excited about the diversity of approaches represented in the grants we have awarded,” said Ray Carson, executive director of the Susan Terry Foundation. “From street-based outreach/navigation to community engagement to public education, these projects help extend the Foundation’s impact across a broad range of communities throughout the Tampa Bay region.”

The latest Susan Terry Foundation grant recipients are:

- **Florida Harm Reduction Collective, St. Petersburg (\$25,000)**
 - *Supports a street-based outreach program that brings HIV testing, prevention, treatment navigation and re-engagement services directly to people experiencing homelessness, housing instability and substance use challenges across the Tampa Bay region.*
- **Central Florida Ballroom Collective. Tampa (\$20,000)**
 - *Uses trusted leaders within the ballroom community to provide peer-led HIV education, prevention resources, health navigation and connections to testing/care for Black, Brown and LGBTQIA+ individuals.*
- **A Healthy Dose Foundation, St. Petersburg (\$20,000)**
 - *Expands community-based HIV testing and prevention services through mobile outreach in parks, churches, motels and other nontraditional settings.*

- **Senior Friendship Centers, Sarasota (\$20,000)**
 - *Launches a pilot program focused on LGBTQ+ older adults, providing HIV prevention education, healthcare navigation, referrals to affirming providers and support services to reduce barriers to care.*
- **Scientists, Inc., Tampa (\$15,000)**
 - *Creates a documentary-style podcast series that combines personal stories, expert perspectives and scientific information to increase public understanding of HIV, reduce stigma and connect listeners with prevention and care resources.*

Since launching in July 2025, the Susan Terry Foundation has awarded more than \$200,000 in grants to 9 community organizations in the greater Tampa Bay/Sarasota areas. Each grant aims to address the needs of Tampa Bay's HIV community and aim to play a critical role in efforts to stop the virus.

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 diagnosed annually. In Florida alone, 120,000 individuals are living with HIV, with the state ranking third nationally in new diagnoses.

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 October 31st, 2026, at www.SusanTerryFoundation.org/Grants.

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About Susan Terry Foundation

The Susan Terry Foundation (a 501c3 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.