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Immediate Release

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The purpose of the program is to provide services that include outpatient, ambulatory medical care, essential support services, medical case management services and other core medical and social services programs for those living in Hudson County with HIV/AIDS.

Peer Housing Navigator Initiative is for newly diagnosed persons living with HIV in need of short term housing and or utility services including a long term permanent housing plan. Also, a linkage to care and counseling as appropriate to support housing needs and retention in HIV medical care. **Allocation for this Initiative is \$226,643**

Marketing Campaign Initiative where a Hudson County Ending HIV Epidemic Plan will be implemented to reach people with HIV who are newly diagnosed, HIV diagnosed and out of care, HIV diagnosed but never in HIV care and those who are not virally suppressed. Target populations will include men who have sex with men of color and Latinx communities, including undocumented individuals, with a focus in North Hudson. **Allocation for this campaign is \$73,332.**

Rapid Start ART Initiative will develop and implement a RAPID START protocol to expedite entry into HIV medical care and rapid initiation of antiretroviral therapy for newly diagnosed, new care, or were out of care. Partner and collaborate with HIV testers, Ryan White clinics, non-Ryan White clinics, private physicians, hospitals, emergency rooms to facilitate immediate timely linkage and reassignment into care. **Allocation for this Initiative is \$125,274.**

The program will run from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022.

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri and The Board of Commissioners are committed to providing the needed financial services, support services, referral services, and prevention services to the residents of Hudson County who are living with HIV/AIDS.

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