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**Immediate Release**

**Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved the County of Hudson to accept the allocated funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part A Grant Program, totaling (\$236,250) for fiscal year 2022**

**Jersey City-**The Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved the County of Hudson to accept the allocated funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part A grant programs, totaling **\$236,250** for fiscal year 2022.

The purpose of the program is to provide the following initiatives:

- 1) Positive Links Cares- A clinic-centered HIV linkage and engagement in care tool that is facilitated by two (2) existing Ryan White clinically affiliated care teams to track client adherence and wellness behaviors.
- 2) Peer Housing Navigator- A short-term housing and/or utility services program to support housing needs and retention in HIV medical care for persons living with HIV.
- 3) Marketing Campaign- An Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) marketing campaign to reach target populations that include Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color and Latinx communities, and diagnosed but out of care.
- 4) North Hudson EHE Services Expansion in Northern Hudson County provided at an established location including outreach and non-medical case management services for persons newly diagnosed with HIV and persons living with HIV transitioning into HIV care.

- 5) Rapid Start ART- Rapid initiation to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) protocol designed to expedite entry into HIV medical care for people with HIV who are newly diagnosed and diagnosed but out of care.

The Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services has recommended that the following agencies receive the following funds. Care Point, Hoboken University Medical Center received \$16,000, Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health Jersey City Medical Center received \$16,000, Hyacinth Aids Foundation, received \$180,625 and Hudson County Administration received \$23,625.

The program will run from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

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

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