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**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Awards
Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC)
Funding to Support the Development and Implementation of Effective
Community-Based HIV Prevention Programs**

The **Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC)** is pleased to announce that we have been awarded funding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The focus of this five year cooperative agreement is Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations. LIAAC is proud to be the only community-based organization on Long Island that has been awarded this funding.

Funding from the CDC Cooperative agreement will enable LIAAC to continue, enhance and expand our current HIV mobile outreach, counseling, rapid testing, and referral (CTR) program by delivering critically needed HIV prevention, referral & linkage to community resources to local residents at-risk by incorporating into our HIV Prevention Program a targeted implementation of CTR and by launching of the CDC endorsed Evidence Based Intervention, **Safety Counts**.

“The loss of a job undermines not only income security but also someone’s ability to get health care, prescription drugs and other vital services. Our local community organizations are facing increased need for their work during today’s tough economic times and I’m proud to support their federal grant of more than \$250,000,” Congressman Steve Israel said. **“With this funding, LIAAC will be able to continue serving those on Long Island living with HIV/AIDS and working to prevent its spread among high-risk individuals.”**

The *priority* target population for the newly funded mobile HIV testing program is Black/African American and Hispanic men who have sex with men (MSM) on Long Island, ages 25-34, with HIV-unknown status and whose unprotected sexual and/or substance using behaviors in high- HIV-prevalence communities place them at heightened risk for HIV. The *priority* target population for the newly funded complementary **Safety Counts** Evidence Based Intervention is best defined as: Black and Hispanic males on Long Island, ages 25-34, who are active drug (IDU, crack/cocaine) users who are not currently enrolled in drug treatment programs, with HIV-unknown status and whose drug using and unprotected sexual behaviors in high-HIV-prevalence neighborhoods place them at high-risk for HIV.

“LIAAC applauds the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in funding community-based agencies in suburban and rural areas. All too often, people think that HIV/AIDS is only a problem in large urban cities”, said Dr. Gail Barouh, President/CEO, LIAAC.

To find out more about this grant or other LIAAC services, please go to our web page at: www.liaac.org or call the Hotline at 1-877-865-4222.

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