



\$500,000 NEEDED TO SUSTAIN UTAH'S AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)

Utah Statistics

- On October 23, 2009 ADAP was closed to new applicants. This program has been forced to reduce services every year and is now in crisis.
- There are currently 388 people enrolled in ADAP. In October, 87 people were removed due to income eligibility changes. Currently 55 people are eligible that cannot apply.
- Currently 86% of clients are male. 14% female. With 65% White, 25% Hispanic and 7% African American.
- Currently 85% of clients earn less than 200% of the federal poverty level, which is \$21,660, for a single person. The average price of HIV therapy is more than half of that per year.
- Last year Utah made a contribution of \$100,000 to ADAP. However, a larger contribution is now needed to reopen the program and maintain it at a satisfactory level of service.

AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) are typically funded by both federal and state governments, and is a program that ensures access to comprehensive medications that allow many Utahans infected with HIV/AIDS to live longer and improve their quality of life.

The People With AIDS Coalition of Utah SUPPORTS FULL FUNDING FOR UTAH'S ADAP

AIDS medications have reduced overall healthcare costs, and have reduced mortality rates.

- ADAP allows clients to delay their progression to AIDS and not become Medicaid eligible.
- The share of cost to the State for someone with AIDS on Medicaid is upwards of \$12,000 per year.
- With a \$500,000 appropriation the cost to the State for someone with AIDS on ADAP would be \$1,129 per person.
- With this funding, the State would be able to reopen ADAP. This program is vital to providing medications for people living with HIV/AIDS, reducing infections, allowing them to live healthier lives and maintain employment.

Please contact Toni Johnson of the People With AIDS Coalition of Utah for additional information or with any questions you may have.

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