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ADAP Advocacy Association Applauds Biden-Harris Administration Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities

“The \$1.52 trillion spending request re-invests in public health programs, including HIV/AIDS, mental healthcare, and the opioid epidemic”

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today applauded the Biden-Harris Administration decision to reverse the ‘broad disinvestment’ in nondefense discretionary spending set by the previous administration. Domestic public health programs are big winners under the budget blueprint, including a \$267 million *increase* in funding for Ending HIV Epidemic.

“The Biden-Harris Administration is signaling to people living with chronic health conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, that once again they have a friend in the White House,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy. “The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed serious cracks in our nation’s public health infrastructure, but the proposed budget priorities outlined by this administration aim to correct that ebb and flow for the better.”

The Biden-Harris Administration Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget request proposes \$769 billion in non-defense discretionary funding, a 16 percent increase. According to the Office of Management & Budget, public health investments includes \$8.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—the largest budget authority increase in nearly two decades; \$1.6 billion, more than double the 2021 enacted level, for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant; a historic investment of \$10.7 billion to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic, an increase of \$3.9 billion over the 2021 enacted level, to support research, prevention, treatment, and recovery support services; and \$670 million to help aggressively reduce new HIV cases while increasing access to treatment, expanding the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (also known as PrEP), and ensuring equitable access to services and supports.¹

The proposed FY2022 budget request is available online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or the Biden-Harris Administration’s FY2022 Budget, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+**[®] works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.

¹ Office of Management & Budget (2021, April 9). Summary of the President’s Discretionary Funding Request. The White House.