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Rosemary Lopez
Executive Director
AIDS Center of Queens County

Re: Strengthening Syringe Services Programs (SSP) through Direct Program Funding Opportunity

Dear Ms. Lopez:

Community Board 2, Queens is pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the AIDS Center of Queens County's (ACQC) application in response to the Strengthening Syringe Services Programs (SSP) through Direct Program Funding Opportunity.

Founded in 1986, ACQC is the oldest, largest, and most trusted HIV/AIDS organization in Queens. The agency's mission is to enhance the quality of life for persons and their families infected, affected, and at-risk for HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions. ACQC provides a range of services, including HIV counseling, testing, and referrals; HIV/STI/HCV referral, prevention, and education; rapid HIV testing and STI screening; HCV testing; harm reduction, including syringe exchange and substance abuse counseling; housing for PLWH, including scattered site housing, housing placement assistance, and independent living skills training programs; Article 31-licensed mental health services; case management; Health Homes Care Coordination; legal services; and food and nutrition services.

Community Board 2 Queens is confident that ACQC will successfully serve as a critically essential access points for core syringe and safer drug use supplies, overdose prevention information and materials, and needed services for people who use drugs.

Sincerely,



Debra Markell Kleinert
District Manager

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Cc: Danielle Brecker, Chairperson, Community Board 2
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