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Funding Mpowerment in the Age of High Impact Prevention (HIP) – a Health Department Perspective

1. **Learn how your HD plans to meet CDC priorities and federal funding guidance:**
   a. Read HIP docs; explain how your Mpowerment Project's core elements connect to HIP objectives - http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/strategy/dhap/pdf/nhas_booklet.pdf
   b. Meet with your HD about their CDC HIV prevention agreement parameters-
      i. Learn how your HD plans to comply with their CDC funding agreement
      ii. Connect your MPowerment Project core elements to the HD plans
   c. Participate in or talk with your Community Planners (mandated through CDC/HRSA grants).
   d. Remember that Mpowerment is a program with Evidence of Effectiveness; CDC approved! ☺

2. **Follow HD guidance for your funding applications and grant reporting requirements once your funded:**
   a. It is critical to be in compliance; this values your time and keeps your project competitive.
   b. If currently funded, ensure that reporting is complete and timely; tip always "sell" your project.
   c. Maintain fidelity; it's ideal to deliver Mpowerment as presented; include all core elements.
   d. When you adapt the core elements, explain why adaptation is needed and consult with the HD.
   e. Add additional components (TLR (*aka CTR*), PrEP access, etc.) as your capacity allows –
      i. *If you embed HIP objectives outside of the Mpowerment Guidance ask for additional resources.*
      ii. Consider Certified Application Counseling training to assist clients to access ACA/insurance
      iii. If so, inform HD and provide certificates of completion for CAC training
   f. If needed, build strong referral/linkage relationships with STD, TRL, ARV, nPEP, PrEP services –
      i. Include relevant plans and agreements; develop and attach Memos of Understanding (MOU)

3. **Make use of the Mpowerment Project tools and guidance when making your pitch:**
   a. Community Assessment - conduct it objectively; tie program design to what you learn
      i. When done correctly – Community Assessment is an action step toward Cultural Responsiveness
   b. Community Advisory Board – host one; engage participants; keep HD informed of their contributions
   c. Core Group and (other) Volunteers– hand over as much ownership to them as they can handle; keep HD informed of their contributions and time investments
   d. Use Evaluation tools; share evaluation findings with the HD
   e. Use the budget planning tools to develop your budget; inform the HD if doing so
   f. Highlight the cost-effectiveness of Mpowerment; attach documentation