

July 23, 2012

Community Services Committee City of Madison

RE: 2013 Access Funding

Dear Committee Members:

AIDS Network appreciates the Community Services Committee's ongoing commitment to the unduplicated services provided at AIDS Network. Our Case Management program is essential as we connect our clients and patients to care, help them navigate complex systems, remedy and avoid homelessness, and even more importantly, let them know they are not alone in their fight against HIV/AIDS. The vulnerable population we serve, which is both predominantly low-income and disproportionately represented by racial and ethnic minorities, grows each year*. Although the 2013 proposed funding structure set forth by the Committee does not match the growth of our client base, the \$26,000 allocated for AIDS Network helps us maintain the irreplaceable care services we currently provide. AIDS Network respects the difficult decisions of the Committee and your understanding of our critical services.

Sincerely,

Daniel Guinn, JD, MA Executive Director

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*HIV-positive individuals accessing integrated services at AIDS Network by year:

2011 - 427

2010 - 414

2009 - 407

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