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## **Budget Crisis Facing California's HIV Clinics Examined at San Bernardino Workshop**

*Federal Funding and Medicare Addressed as Part of Fiscal Management Training*

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA** – HealthHIV, a national non-profit organization, will host a two-day workshop examining financial issues facing HIV/AIDS healthcare providers in California who receive federal funding. The April 27-28 training brings together fiscal managers from local HIV non-profits and financial experts to help learn about fiscal management specific to the HIV non-profit setting.

"In today's economic environment, organizations serving people living with HIV are being asked to do more with less. Federal, state and local budget cuts can have harmful and lasting repercussions on a community's efforts to treat people living with HIV," said HealthHIV Executive Director Brian Hujdich. "This workshop will help HIV organizations in San Bernardino and LA counties improve and enhance their financial management, while providing an opportunity for this HIV-related administrative community to learn together."

"Bringing this workshop to San Bernardino is a powerful indicator of how serious our community is about doing everything in our power to help people living with HIV," said David Brinkman, Executive Director of Desert AIDS Project. "We are not going to close doors just because budgets are tight. We are going to work harder and smarter to ensure HIV program dollars stretch as far as possible."

In 2008 the state of California received \$255,584,168 in federal Ryan White program funding and another \$10,976,189 from other federal HIV/AIDS projects.

To learn more about HealthHIV, and Fiscal Management Trainings, please visit [www.healthhiv.org](http://www.healthhiv.org).

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