

Our mission is to advance transformative research across California that will promote the health of people living with or at risk for HIV.

We will achieve this mission through the following strategic priorities:

Program Wide Priorities:

- Advance research to prevent, treat, and cure HIV
- Support syndemic-focused HIV research
- Support the next generation of investigators and community leaders
- Ensure evidence-based outcomes are accessible to all Californians

Basic Biomedical and Translational Sciences Priorities:

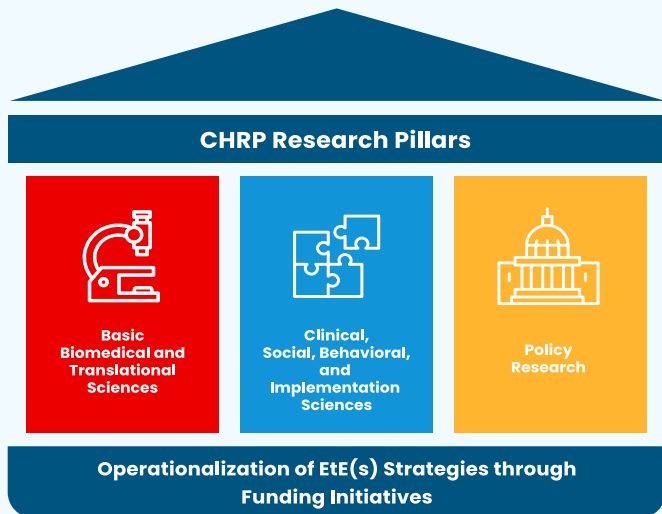
- Advance HIV-related basic biomedical and translational research
- Support discovery of basic mechanisms and processes of HIV

Clinical, Social, Behavioral, and Implementation Sciences Priorities:

- Advance research that supports access to, and uptake of, clinical and social services
- Focus on evidence-based research
- Support strategies to advance clinical care and programmatic efficiency

Policy Research Priorities:

- Advance policy research that addresses all HIV-impacted communities
- Prioritize cross-industry partnerships



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$8.75M

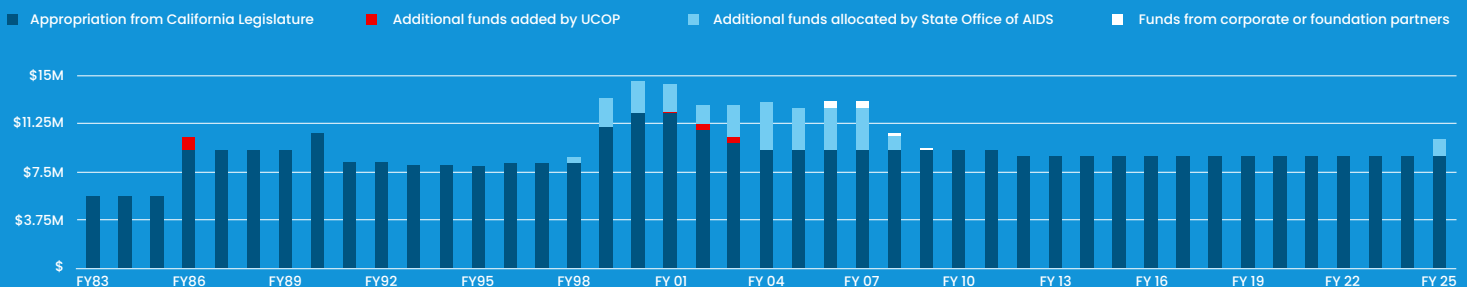


ADVISORY COUNCIL
18 members representing academic research, healthcare, local health departments, industry, community-based organizations, and advocacy



CURRENT PORTFOLIO
50 investigations | ~\$31M

TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO CHRP BY FUNDING SOURCE, INCEPTION TO PRESENT



TOTAL INVESTED | \$361M



\$101M



\$230M



\$22M

Transforming Lives Through Science, Community, and Policy



Project Spotlight: Social Behavioral Sciences Portfolio

Use of Vending Machines to Deliver Oral Rapid HIV Self-Tests to Veterans: A Pilot Study

PI: Tessa Rife-Pennington | Institution: UCSF

The San Francisco VA Health Care System Harm Reduction and Syringe Services Program designed a low-barrier HIV self-testing program with Veteran input, offering oral-fluid HIV self-test kits through 15 harm reduction vending machines in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and permanent supportive housing settings. This model extends HIV testing beyond traditional clinic workflows by providing a private, user-directed option without requiring an appointment, clinic visit, or staff availability. As of July 2026, the program had dispensed 190 self-tests to 113 unique Veterans across 14 of 15 machines, with 94 transactions occurring outside standard weekday business hours. Phase I findings indicate the model is acceptable, convenient, easy to use, and low stigma. Participant feedback is shaping Phase II, including clearer post-test support, expanded STI self-testing, and a pharmacist telehealth pathway for confirmatory testing, HIV prevention, and linkage to care.



Field-based delivery of Long-Acting PrEP to women at elevated risk for HIV in LA County: The FACTS Study

PI: Risa Hoffman | Institutions: UCLA, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health



Homeless and unstably housed women in Los Angeles County historically report very low use of HIV prevention services despite a high incidence of HIV in this population. The FACTS study addresses access barriers to HIV prevention services by bringing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) directly to women in these communities through outreach on the street and through community partners. In partnership with the Los Angeles County Division of HIV and STD Programs, FACTS offers long-acting injectable (LAI) PrEP to unstably housed women. As of July 2026, among 149 women offered LAI PrEP, most expressed interest in starting, with high interest in injectable PrEP (57% LAI; 23% oral). Despite high interest, uptake of LAI PrEP has been relatively low, with only 18 women initiating injections due to barriers with reliable contact information for follow-up to initiate injections, as well as health insurance barriers. Implementation lessons suggest that LAI PrEP initiation is more acceptable and feasible at community partner sites than through street-based delivery due to the privacy, trust, and stability provided by these organizations.

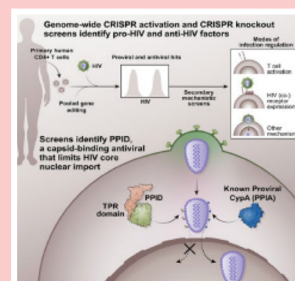


Project Spotlight: Basic Biomedical Sciences Portfolio

STRIKE-HIV: A Novel CRISPR/Cas12a2 Platform for HIV Reservoir Detection and Elimination

PI: Ujjwal Rathore | Institution: The Gladstone Institutes

This study developed a new way to use CRISPR gene-editing technology to make a map of every way that human CD4⁺ T cells interact with HIV. That map made it possible to see how some interactions could be aided by certain factors (such as some human proteins) and that other interactions could be stopped by other factors. They identified several powerful natural defenses against HIV, and hope that some of these might be harnessed to detect and wipe out HIV that is hiding deep in the human body. This landmark work, published in the journal *Cell* (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2026.03.046>), built on other CHRP-funded projects and on other foundational research conducted by members of their laboratory.





Project Spotlight: Policy Research Portfolio

Voices from the Frontlines: Effect of Cuts to Public Health

PI: Ayako Miyashita Ochoa, Jamila Stockman, Phil Curtis, Ariel Savage

Institutions: UCLA, UCSD, TruEvolution, APLA Health

Recent changes in federal policy have significantly impacted HIV research and public health practice. This oral history project, "Voices from the Frontlines: Effect of Cuts to Public Health," documents the perspectives of researchers, providers, and public health staff (many of whom identify with impacted communities) affected personally and professionally by recent grant and contract terminations. By elevating these voices, the project preserves frontline experiences and institutional knowledge that might otherwise be lost and seeks to inform future research, policy, and structural reforms in HIV and related fields. As of July 2026, 98 participants completed a survey and six participants shared their story on video. Hear their stories on the [Voices website](#)!



CHRP Convening | September 2025 Resilience Through Community

CHRP hosted 170 grantees, community advocates, advisory council members, and people working on the front lines to share research results, discuss best practices for strengthening community-focused collaborations, and strategize around a shared vision for the future of HIV research in California. Over the two-day convening we heard from approximately 50 speakers on topics ranging from the latest biomedical advances in HIV treatment and cure sciences, implementation of LAI PrEP interventions, policy research, and wellness/burnout among the research workforce.



Trainee Development Program 2025

Twelve trainees, awarded through our Trainee Development Program, participated in a four-part professional development workshop series designed to strengthen skills in communicating and disseminating scientific information and developing competitive grant proposals. The series provided trainees with practical tools to effectively share their research and build grant-writing skills to support their continued professional development.



CHRP 2025 Outstanding Researcher Spotlight

Dr. Erik Storholm received the **Pioneering Leadership in Science** award, honoring his visionary leadership, scientific integrity, and dedication to advancing an inclusive future for HIV research. Dr. Storholm's work is at the intersection of clinical psychology, public health, and social justice. Congratulations Erik!



Ms. Bamby Salcedo received the **Community Advocacy** award in recognition of her years of activism and advocacy for the transgender community. Bamby is a nationally recognized transgender Latina activist and the founder and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, a powerful force for policy change and community support. ¡Felicidades, Bamby!



STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

"CHRP helps us to achieve the objectives of our [ENDING THE EPIDEMICS STRATEGIC PLAN](#) by... addressing research questions that help us create higher-impact interventions for HIV prevention, treatment, and policy through a social determinants of health lens... and training the next generation of the public health workforce"

-MARISA RAMOS, DIVISION OF HIV, HCV & STIs, CHIEF CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



INVESTIGATIONS **1835**

● Basic Biomedical **996**
● Social Behavioral **684**
● Policy **26**



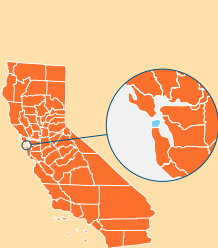
INVESTMENT **\$361M**

● UC **\$259M**
● Non-UC Academic **\$31M**
● Community Orgs. **\$37M**
● Government **\$10M**
● Non-Profit Research Orgs. **\$20M**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT: SAN FRANCISCO

"Receiving the CHRP Social and Behavioral Pilot award was a pivotal early investment in my research career. I'm deeply grateful to CHRP for investing in this work at an early stage and helping us build a research program aimed at ensuring that advances in psychedelic therapies are studied in and ultimately relevant to the public health settings and communities we serve."

-PI, CLINICAL, SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE INVESTIGATION



INVESTIGATIONS
414

● Basic Biomedical **200**
● Social Behavioral **190**
● Policy **9**



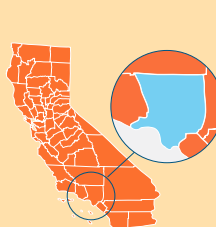
INVESTMENT
\$99M

● UCSF **\$80M**
● Non-UC Academic **\$1M**
● Community Orgs. **\$8M**
● Government **\$3M**
● Non-Profit Research Orgs. **\$4M**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT: LOS ANGELES

"CHRP has demonstrated time and time again its focus on investing in rigorous and groundbreaking research, on challenging researchers to work more equally with communities and government, and on linking HIV research with structural issues such as poverty, housing, and mistrust. Such investment in what are often high risk but potentially high return projects is a hallmark of CHRP"

-PI, CLINICAL, SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE INVESTIGATION



INVESTIGATIONS
382

● Basic Biomedical **176**
● Social Behavioral **164**
● Policy **16**



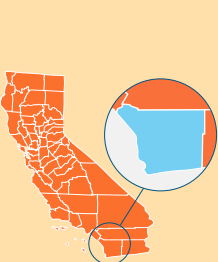
INVESTMENT
\$99M

● UCLA **\$59M**
● Non-UC Academic **\$16M**
● Community Orgs. **\$13M**
● Government **\$4M**
● Non-Profit Research Orgs. **\$5M**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT: SAN DIEGO

"CHRP's investment in our California Center for HIV Syndemic Policy Research (CalCenSyn) has not only accelerated opportunities for me to anchor my professional development in community-engaged HIV research but opened a new avenue for frontline organizations to set the HIV policy research agenda that will deliver the results they need to make meaningful change happen in communities disproportionately impacted by HIV across California. There's no greater reward than having the opportunity to support that kind of structural change!"

-CO-PI, HIV POLICY RESEARCH CENTER



INVESTIGATIONS
267

● Basic Biomedical **192**
● Social Behavioral **68**
● Policy **1**



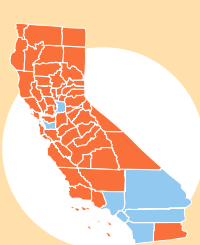
INVESTMENT
\$75M

● UCSD **\$59M**
● Non-UC Academic **\$7M**
● Community Orgs. **<\$1M**
● Government **<\$1M**
● Non-Profit Research Orgs. **\$8M**

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT: ENDING THE EPIDEMIC COUNTIES

"CHRP provided crucial early support for our HIV cure research when NIH was not coming through-- which led to...a thriving research group, two clinical trials, and formation of a California-based biotechnology company."

-PI BASIC BIOMEDICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES



INVESTIGATIONS
1147

● Basic Biomedical **607**
● Social Behavioral **462**
● Policy **26**



INVESTMENT
\$292M

● UC **\$202M**
● Non-UC Academic **\$26M**
● Community Orgs. **\$34M**
● Government **\$9M**
● Non-Profit Research Orgs. **\$18M**

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