

October 13, 1995

AIDS Care, Treatment and Support Unit
Attn: Nena Nera and Robert Shearer
Jeanne Mance Building, Room 641
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Nena and Bob,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Black Outreach Project sponsored by the Nova Scotia Persons with AIDS Coalition. The Black Outreach Project provides culturally sensitive HIV/AIDS information, education and support services for and with the Black communities of Nova Scotia. The work of the Black Outreach Project to date has included, but is not limited to: a needs assessment, outreach initiatives, community development initiatives, (training manual, outreach team, training sessions, etc.), supplying of information and raising awareness. This project is fast approaching an end but will be leaving the solid framework necessary in moving to the next level.

The African Nova Scotian community has to a large extent taken ownership of AIDS and related issues. It is now time to complete the model of building truly supportive and caring communities. Not only is this vital and important for our community, this process is vital and important for many communities like ours across Canada. We feel we have the groundwork, partnerships, and sense of urgency needed to help other isolated, and/or rural, and/or diverse communities be effective in addressing HIV and AIDS.

We would like to request that AIDS Care, Treatment and Support Unit consider funding a project that would build the African Nova Scotian community to be truly supportive and caring in dealing with AIDS, and at the same time would be able to nationally demonstrate to hundreds of other communities across the nation, how to do the same. Ideally we

would like to start the next chapter of this vital work April 1, 1996 and have it go until March 31, 1998, with a total budget of approximately \$138000.00.

We trust that you will review this information and discuss this idea with us at a later time. Please contact me for any additional information or further details.

Sincerely,

Deena Noseworthy
Community AIDS Educator
Black Outreach Project
Nova Scotia Persons with AIDS Coalition