



BOARD LETTER: ACCEPT HIV SURVEILLANCE GRANT FUNDS

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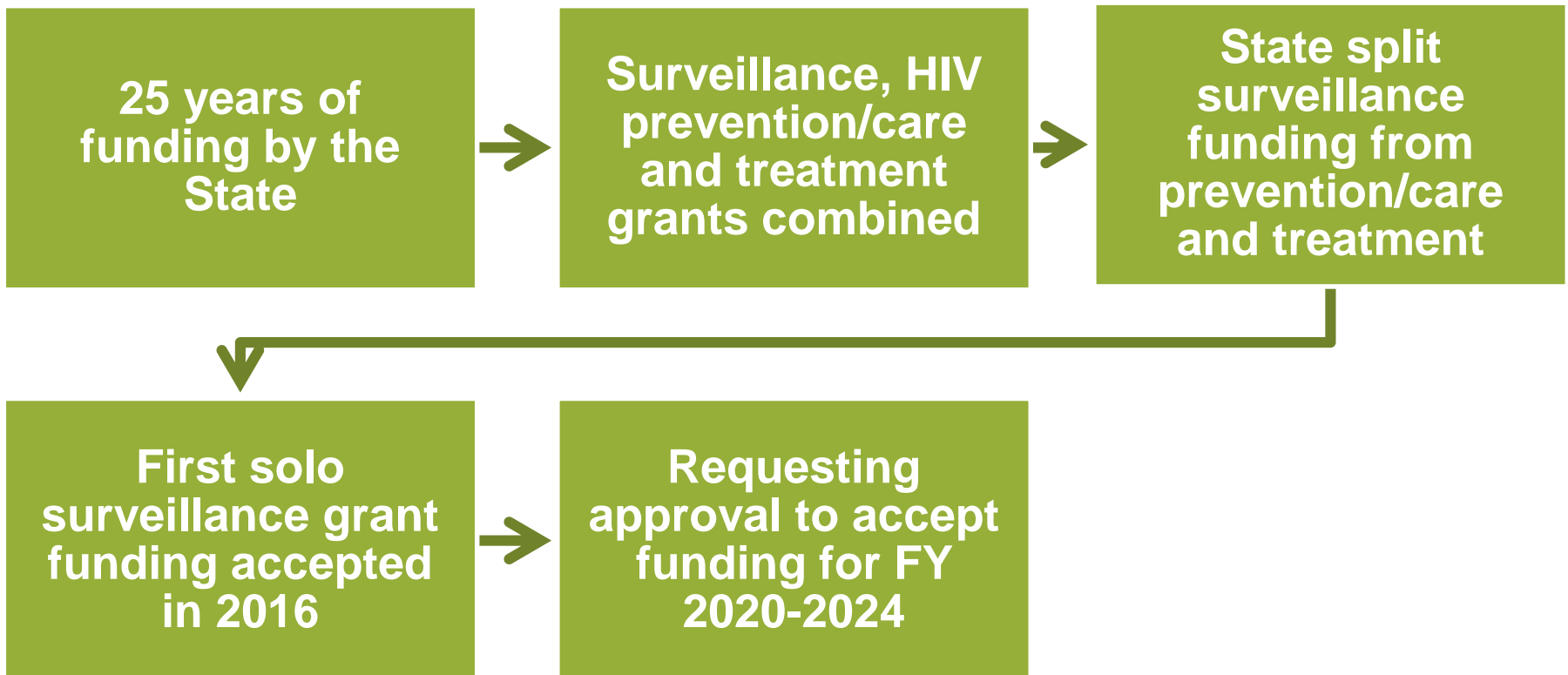
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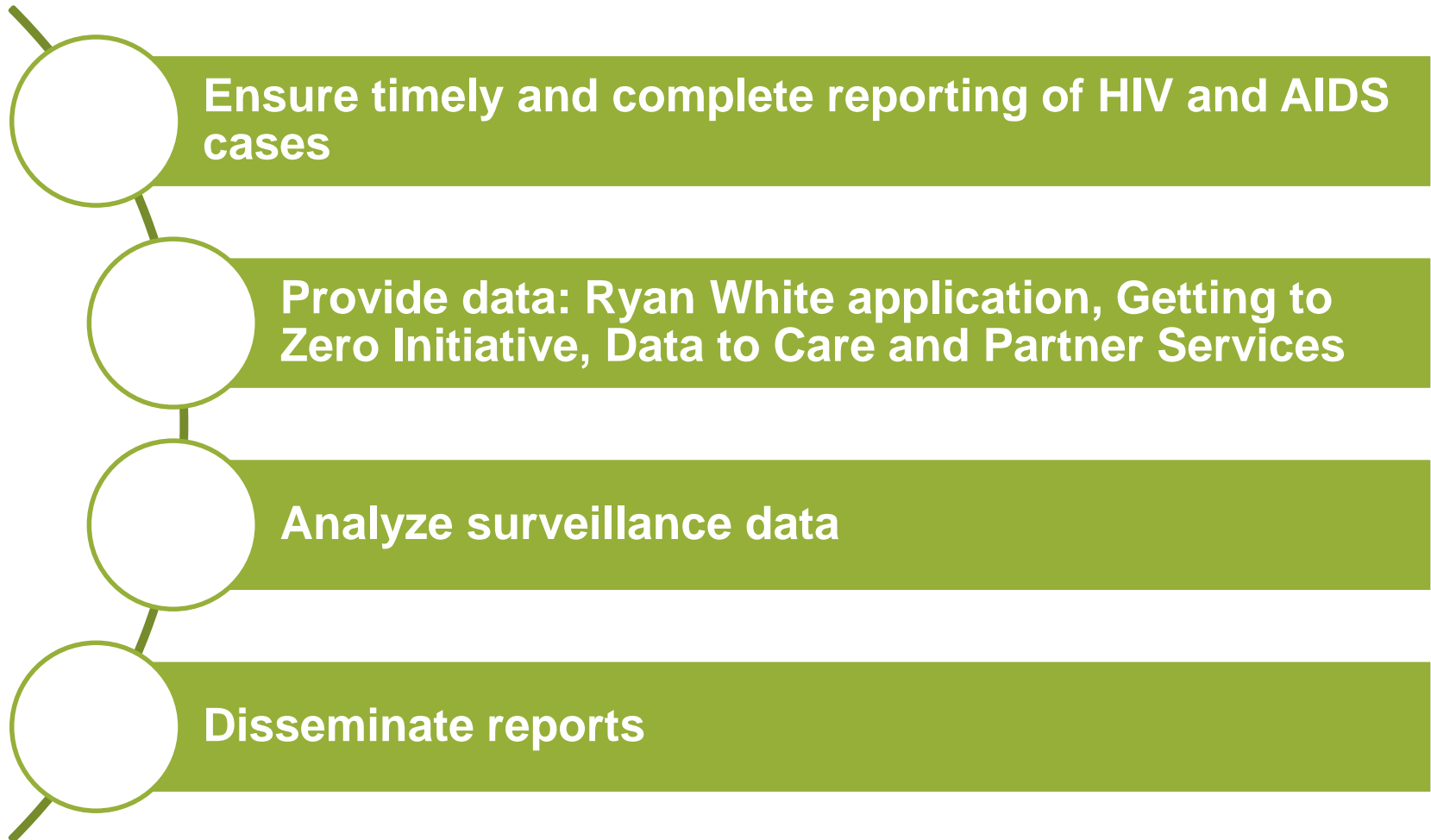


The HIV Epidemiology Unit (HEU) is a surveillance unit within the Epidemiology Program.





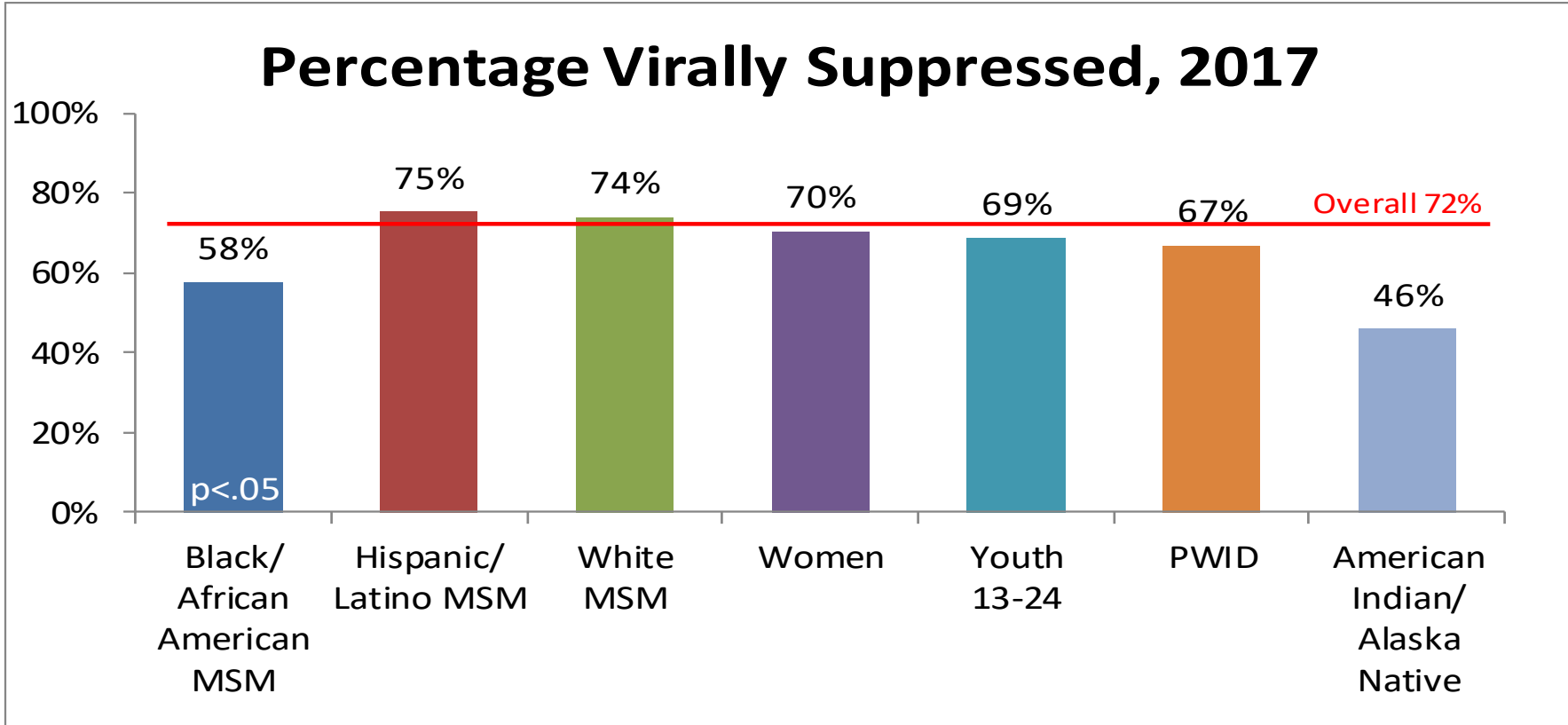
FOUR PRIMARY HEU SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES



HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



Surveillance data are used to identify, address, and monitor health inequities, such as the percentage receiving the full benefit of HIV medical care as indicated by the percentage virally suppressed.



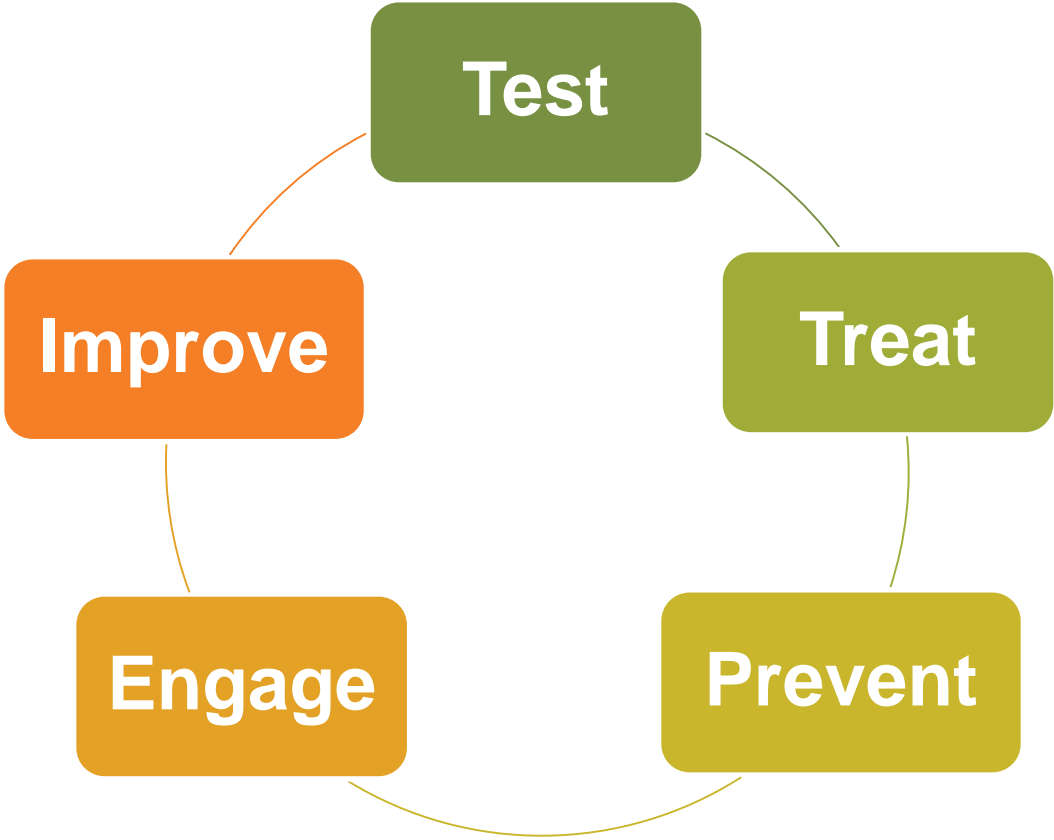
MSM=Men who have Sex with Men. PWID=Persons Who Inject Drugs. $p < .05$ = statistically lower than the overall percentage.



HIV surveillance data benefit the public and our partners:

- **HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch**
- **Border Health**
- **Community-Based Organizations**
- **Community and Hospital-Based Clinics**

HIV SURVEILLANCE BENEFIT EXAMPLE





Linkage to Getting to Zero Implementation Plan

- **Goal 4.1:** Implement Data to Care program, which utilizes HIV surveillance data to identify individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV but who are not currently engaged in care
- **Goal 4.2:** Implement use of HIV surveillance data to identify all individuals who are newly diagnosed with HIV in San Diego County so that they can receive HIV Partner Services, linkage to care and referrals to support services

OBJECTIVES



- **To allow the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS to continue providing funding for HEU**
- **To authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities that will improve and enhance surveillance**



- Accepting State funding reduces County costs for mandated HIV surveillance
- Continued HIV surveillance supports the Getting to Zero initiative
- Enhanced HIV surveillance is possible with future funding opportunities

FUNDING BY TERM



FY 16-19

3-Year Term

\$2,076,000

\$692,000 per year

FY 20-24

5-Year Term

\$3,460,000

\$692,000* per year

***Expected continued flat funding of \$692,000 per year.**



- 1. Waive Board Policy B-29**
- 2. Accept funding for HIV surveillance from the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS**
- 3. Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency to pursue future HIV surveillance funding opportunities**



The HIV Epidemiology Unit asks for HSAB approval to move forward with this Board Letter action which would allow continuation of the acceptance of HIV surveillance funding from the state.



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