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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to update you regarding the current status of the CA HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP). As you are probably aware, the 2011-12 State budget proposed by Governor Brown includes a \$500 million reduction in funding to the University of California. Because of this severe reduction, support for many programs funded directly from the Office of the President will likely need to be reduced or eliminated. As a result, the current UC budget for fiscal year 2011-12 assumes that funding for the CHRP will be eliminated.

Despite this difficult budget climate, we are pleased that we will be able to fully fund all continuing grantees (contingent upon satisfactory grantee progress and no further reductions to the UC budget), and that we are able to minimize the impact that these budget reductions have on important current HIV/AIDS research projects and infrastructure in California. Therefore, CHRP plans to support continuing grantees until the end of their normal grant completion date, contingent on satisfactory grantee progress and no further severe reductions to the UC budget.

Due to the proposed elimination of funding for CHRP in the current UC budget for FY 2011-12, we have decided to postpone the funding of new grantees (those recently peer-reviewed and awaiting initial payment) until further notice. New grantees anticipating the potential for funding on or after July 1, 2011 should be apprised that funding will not be forthcoming unless a State budget is signed that includes adequate funding for the University of California's programs. As stated previously, all new grantees who have received a Funding Recommendation Letter should not act on the letter at the present time.

In addition to the actions outlined above, we have also decided to put our planned Call for Applications on hold, until such time that we have more clarity regarding the budget situation.

We will keep you informed of further developments as they occur. In the meantime, thank you for your continued dedication to HIV/AIDS research and for the excellent service you continue to provide to the people of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. F. Lemp".

George F. Lemp, Dr.P.H.
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