

## **Selma Local Healthcare District Funding Program – Micro Grants and District Initiatives**

The Selma Local Healthcare District (the "District") has adopted this grant program to invest in organizations and agencies whose activities and programs improve the health and well-being of District residents consistent with the provisions contained in the Health & Safety Code section 32000. The District intends, but is not required, to make grants on an annual basis. Moreover, it is District policy to retain an operational reserve to ensure that the District is financially healthy. The District's grant program is comprised of two types of grants:

(1) **"Micro Grant" program**, which is a competitive funding opportunity to support community health and wellness services provided by nonprofit community-based organizations and public agencies in their development and implementation of new programs and services. Micro Grant funding for any one program would not exceed \$5,000 in the aggregate each year. The District normally budgets a total of up to \$50,000.00 annually to be used for Micro-Grants.

(2) **District-led healthcare initiatives program** ("District Initiatives"), which are selected after the District's Board of Directors determines priorities directly related to health, wellness and mental health services within the District. For District Initiatives, the Board will annually set a public meeting in which the Board members will discuss objectives to improve healthcare and healthcare access within the District such as mental health services, substance abuse, family violence, mobile clinics, nutrition, purchasing and distributing medical-related equipment, and the health-related impacts of human trafficking. The Board will agree upon one or two general areas and issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") concerning those objectives determined by the Board. Each RFP response must provide a partnership between the responder and the District leveraging services, dollars or both to provide the widest and most effective services to District residents. In some instances, multiple responders may submit a proposal to an RFP. The District will timely publish in a newspaper of general circulation and prominently emplace on its website all notices of release of an RFP. The District is committed to an open and transparent selection process.

### **Eligibility**

The District awards for Micro Grants and District Initiatives only to organizations exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or equivalent tax exemption such as public agencies. Organizations must have current financial statements but the District may waive this requirement for Micro Grants at the discretion of the District's Board. At its discretion, the District may ask applicants for audited financial statements. Grants may be awarded by the Board for the following:

- Direct healthcare services.
- Health and wellness education.
- Health and wellness promotion.
- Access to health services.
- Prevention programs and services.
- Efforts to develop and test new approaches to solving healthcare problems.

## **Criteria**

Only organizations and agencies physically located within the District boundaries are eligible for funds upon demonstration that the residents of the District will be served. The District Board may, at its discretion waive this requirement. Through investment of its dollars, the District supports programs, organizations and community collaborations with potential for achieving measurable results. Under no circumstances will the District dollars be used to supplant or replace funding for existing program, whether such funding be provided by governmental entities or through charitable fundraising. Consideration is given to projects or organizations that:

- Have proven records of success;
- Have potential to impact the greatest numbers of District residents;
- Can demonstrate the greatest potential to positively change health-related behaviors;
- Are based on research and/or best practices that demonstrate effectiveness; and
- Have data available to measure progress, outcomes and relevance.

## **Funding Restrictions**

The District will generally NOT support the following:

- Organizations and agencies that have received grant funding from the District within the last 12 months;
  - Individuals;
  - Endowment campaigns;
  - Retirement of debt;
  - Annual campaigns, fundraising events or expenses related to fundraising;
  - Organizations that will not use the funding within one-year of being granted the funds;
  - Programs that proselytize or promote any particular religion or sect, or deny services to potential beneficiaries based upon religious beliefs;
  - Expenses related to lobbying public officials;
  - Political campaigns or other partisan political activities;
  - Unfunded government mandates;
  - Replacement funds to allow funding to be shifted to other programs or budget areas
- Grants and District Initiatives that fall outside the District's guidelines will be reviewed on a case by case basis;
- Pledge to use any equipment paid for by the grant program within the District's boundaries during the useful life of the equipment; and

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 32139, no applicant for a Micro Grant or District Initiatives RFP shall in any way communicate with any individual members of the District Board unless that Board member has been designated to be a contact person for that particular program.

## **Micro Grant Process**

STEP 1. Each applicant will complete a grant application. District Board or staff *may* contact the applicant for a proposal conference/possible site visit.

STEP 2: Staff or Board member review of proposal

STEP 3: Review/Board Vote

**District Initiatives Process**

The District will periodically release an RFP for Board-approved District Initiatives. Each responder to the RFP will carefully follow the directions contained in each RFP.

**Funding Process**

- The District will provide Grant and District Initiatives recipients with a funding agreement that each recipient must sign *without* material revision.
- Funding shall generally be provided to recipients on a reimbursement basis or by recipient presenting to the District a valid purchase order with documentation sufficient to meet the District's reasonable demands, as provided in the funding agreement.

Selma Healthcare District  
1710 Tucker St  
Selma, Ca 93662

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Application**

Please Read Grant Policy attached and deliver completed application along with any other materials such as itemized budget, description of your organization, and cost breakdown presentation to 1710 Tucker Street (Selma City Hall). The more detail the better.

(If you need more room please attach extra pages with sections labeled.)

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

501 (C) (3) Tax ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requesting grant: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

How is your request health related? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funding in the past? \_\_\_\_\_