

Community Transformation Grant Information and Activities

Background

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 authorizes Community Transformation Grants (CTG) to state and local governmental agencies, tribes and territories, state or local non-profit organizations, and national networks of community-based organizations for the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-based community preventive health activities in order to reduce chronic disease rates, prevent the development of secondary conditions, address health disparities, and develop a stronger evidence base for effective prevention programming.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to create healthier communities by:

- Building capacity to implement broad evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes in large parishes, and in states, tribes and territories, including in rural and frontier areas.
- Supporting implementation of such interventions in five strategic areas (“Strategic Directions”) aligning with “Healthy People 2020” focus areas and achieving demonstrated progress in the following five performance measures outlined in the Affordable Care Act:
 - Changes in weight;
 - Changes in proper nutrition;
 - Changes in physical activity;
 - Changes in tobacco use prevalence; and
 - Changes in emotional well being and overall mental health, as well as other program-specific measures.

CTG Funding Components

The CTG solicits application from eligible entities to receive funding through two components:

- **Category A – Capacity Building:** funds recipients who represent areas that have limited or no experience implementing policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes but are ready to develop the capacity necessary to do so.
- **Category B – Implementation:** funds recipients to implement broad strategies to achieve population-wide health improvements and targeted strategies to achieve even greater health improvements among selected population subgroups or are in areas that have disproportionately high rates of chronic diseases and conditions.

DHH has chosen to request funding under *Category A: Capacity Building*. To accomplish the activities required under this component, DHH will be selecting strategies under each required Strategic Direction:

- **Strategic Direction 1: Tobacco Free Living***
- **Strategic Direction 2: Active Living and Healthy Eating***
- **Strategic Direction 3: Increased Use of High Impact Quality Clinical Preventive Services***
- **Strategic Direction 4: Social and Emotional Wellness**
- **Strategic Direction 5: Healthy and Safe Physical Environment**

*Strategic Directions 1, 2, and 3 are required by CDC and must utilize 50% of award funds to accomplish selected strategies under each Strategic Direction.

Important Dates

July 8, 2011, 12:00PM – Letters of Support due from interested partners; Please forward letters to LACTG@la.gov

July 15, 2011, 5:00PM – CTG application is due

Contact Information: If you have questions or concerns, please forward all correspondence to LACTG@la.gov .