



PRIORITIES

Every Dignity Health hospital has conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and has identified strategic priorities based on this assessment. An objective of Dignity Health’s Community Grants Program is to award grants to organizations that partner together and whose proposals respond to the priorities identified in the health assessment and/or the community benefit plans of its hospitals.

Dignity Health grant funds are to be used to provide services to underserved populations (economically poor; women and children; mentally or physically disabled; or other disenfranchised populations).

OBJECTIVES

In keeping with our strategic priorities, Dignity Health encourages programs that integrate the following principles:

- Focus on disproportionate unmet health-related needs;
- Emphasize primary prevention and address underlying causes of health problems;
- Contribute to a seamless continuum of care;
- Build community capacity and emphasize collaborative governance.

CRITERIA

- Funding: \$10,000 up to \$75,000. Due to availability of funds, individual hospitals may reduce the \$75,000 limit.
- Partner organizations must submit one joint Letter of Intent.
- Strict adherence to grant guidelines is expected.

ELIGIBILITY

- Lead applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization;
- Project or program must be a response to the health priorities identified in your local Dignity Health hospital’s CHNA or Community Benefit Implementation Plans;
- Target population to be served must include identified communities of concern; and
- Project to be funded must comprise three or more partnering organizations and should be linked to the Dignity Health hospital in your community.

LETTER OF INTENT

All prospective applicants are asked to submit one joint Letter of Intent, which should briefly describe the project and all partnering organizations. For an outline of the LOI, please contact the Grant Representative for your local Dignity Health hospital.

FULL PROPOSAL

After Letters of Intent are reviewed, a full proposal will be requested from applicants whose projects best address Dignity Health’s Community Grants Program priorities. For an outline of the grants application, please contact the Grant Representative for your local Dignity Health hospital.

2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS TIMELINE	
July 31	Letter of Intent (LOI) due
August 17	Applicants will be notified if they have been selected to submit a full grant proposal
September 4	Grant Proposal due
September 18	Local Review Committee (LRC) will determine and finalize recommendations for funding

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PHILOSOPHY

The Dignity Health Community Grants Program is funded by contributions from its member hospitals. This program is one way in which Dignity Health realizes its mission and enhances the advocacy, social justice and healthier communities' efforts of its hospitals and religious and community sponsors.

Through this program, Dignity Health seeks to partner with other nonprofit organizations who are working to improve the health status and quality of life of the communities we serve and whose efforts embody Dignity Health's five core values:

- Dignity – Respecting the inherent value and worth of each person.
- Collaboration – Working together with people who support common values and vision to achieve shared goals.
- Justice – Advocating for social change and acting in ways that promote respect for all persons and demonstrate compassion for our sisters and brothers who are powerless.
- Stewardship – Cultivating the resources entrusted to us to promote healing and wholeness.
- Excellence – Exceeding expectations through teamwork and innovation.

OUR MISSION

Dignity Health and our Sponsoring Congregations are committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus.

**We dedicate our resources to:
Delivering compassionate, high-quality,
affordable health services;**

Serving and advocating for our sisters and brothers who are poor and disenfranchised; and

Partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life.

**Log on for more information about the Dignity Health Community Grants Program at:
<http://dignityhealth.org/cm/content/pages/apply-for-a-grant.asp>**



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