Social Innovation Partnership Grant

Dignity Health is seeking eligible and qualified partnering organizations to implement new models of service delivery and/or transformative (e.g., technological) approaches to increase access to health, improve health outcomes, and develop, expand or replicate effective models of coordinated services. The proposed project must engage multiple non-profit and/or for-profit organizations in creative collaboration and demonstrate innovative means to increase access to health, improve health outcomes, and develop or expand and replicate effective models of coordinated services. Funded projects must produce effective, efficient, measurable and sustainable outcomes for individuals in Dignity Health’s communities. Project will be funded for 24 months.

Funding Available

Dignity Health Social Innovation Partnership Grants award allocation is $700,000. Grant awards will range from $100,000 to $250,000.

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives are as follows:

- **Increase Access to health** through innovation.
- **Improve health outcomes** to the communities served by Dignity Health hospitals.
- **Develop, expand, or replicate new, innovative, and effective models** of coordinated services.
- **Facilitate collaboration** among organizations that bring different and unique attributes and capabilities to bear upon the project. Partnerships should include lead applicant plus two or more non-profit, for-profit, and government organizations. Lead applicant must be a 501(c)(3).
- **Engage with Dignity Health staff** to analyze data and strategize and implement project.
Methods / Implementation

Describe the means for achieving the goals and objectives of the grant:

- **How:** What are the high-level action items that will happen from beginning to end of project?
- **When:** Describe order and timeline of action items.
- **Why:** Describe the reason for the chosen method.

Target Population

The target populations include, but are not limited to children, families, men, women, and/or seniors who meet two or more of the following criteria:

- Have very low income (at or below 50% of Median Area Income)
- Are high utilizers of crisis health services / comorbidities
- Lack access and resources to coordinated services; Lack health education
- Medically underserved areas/population

Evaluation Requirements

Grantees will be required to produce an evaluation plan using qualitative and quantitative pre/post project data as evaluative evidence that assesses effectiveness at the end of the 12 and 24 month grant term.

Matching Fund Requirements

Grantees will be required to match 50% of the award received from Dignity Health. Matching funds may come from federal, state, or local agencies, businesses, private philanthropic organizations, or individuals.

At the time of application, applicants should demonstrate that they can match a minimum of 25% of the requested grant award in cash. The value of any in-kind goods or administrative services provided will be counted as only 10% of the match.
Sustainability beyond Grant Period

Grantee must demonstrate sustainability. Describe what will happen to the program after the grant funds have been expended and the organization’s intentions and strategy for continuing to fund, receiving commitments for inside and outside of the organization, other support for the project at the end of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements

Type of Organization

To be eligible to apply for a Dignity Health Social Innovation Partnership Grant, the lead applicant must be an organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501(a). Partner organizations can include for-profit, government, and private philanthropic organizations.

Geographic Service Area

Program/projects can be based outside of Dignity Health’s service area, but implementation must be in a Dignity Health hospital service area(s). For information on Dignity Health hospital service areas visit dignityhealth.org.

Dignity Health Internal Champion

Identify and engage with a Dignity Health internal champion.

Due Date/ Time for Submission of Letters of Intent

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to submit Letters of Intent via online at:


E-mail questions to: sipgproposals@dignityhealth.org