

FUNDING PRIORITIES

1. Providing or enhancing **preconception health** education and/or services. For a list of 14 specific risk areas, go to www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/19695.asp. For more information, see the National Preconception Curriculum and Resources Guide for Clinicians at www.mombaby.org/beforeandbeyond/
2. Providing or enhancing **risk reduction** education and/or services. Risk reduction projects include, but are not limited to:
 - Providing smoking cessation education and/or services. Preference should be given to prenatal health education and information/referral services that utilize the "5 A's" counseling approach. For more information, go to www.acog.org/from_home/departments/smoking/smokingslides.ppt
 - Increasing health education and information/referral services available to pregnant women who use alcohol or other drugs.
 - Focusing on preterm birth recurrence prevention such as education about "17P" (17 α hydroxyprogesterone caproate) treatment for women who have had a previous singleton preterm birth).
 - Enhancing care through the CenteringPregnancy® model of group prenatal care. For more information, go to www.centeringhealthcare.org
 - Focusing on quality improvement programs that address late preterm birth through systems that ensure compliance with ACOG guidelines regarding elective labor inductions and c-sections performed prior to 39 weeks.
3. Providing education regarding **fertility treatments** and the associated risk of multiple births and prematurity, and ways to potentially reduce those risks.
4. Implementing disparity-related community programs that aim to decrease **racial and ethnic disparities** in birth outcomes. This may include March of Dimes programs like Stork's Nest®, Project Alpha and Becoming a Mom/Comenzando bien®.
5. Increasing pregnant women's **participation in state or local maternal child health programs** (e.g. Medicaid, SCHIP, WIC) through enhanced outreach, education and public awareness.
6. Enhancing the availability, quality and utilization of **genetics services** and/or other patient services related to preventable birth defects (i.e. outreach and education on newborn screening.)



Greater Kentucky Chapter

MARCH OF DIMES Greater Kentucky State Chapter Community Grant Program

2010 Request for Proposals Letter of Intent Application

GRANT SCHEDULE

Letters of Intent Due	August 15, 2009
Full Proposal Invitations	August 31, 2009
Full Proposals Due	October 15, 2009
Notification of Awards	January, 2010
Project Year	March, 2010 – Feb 2011

PURPOSE

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies.

Launched in 2003, the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign is a multiyear, multimillion-dollar research, awareness and education campaign to help families have healthier babies. The campaign includes: 1.) funding research to find the causes of premature birth, 2.) educating women about risk reduction strategies, including the signs and symptoms of premature labor, 3.) providing support to families affected by prematurity, 4.) expanding access to health care coverage so that more women can get early and adequate prenatal care, 5.) helping health care providers learn ways to help reduce the risk of early delivery, and 6.) advocating for access to insurance to improve maternity care and infant health outcomes.

As part of this effort, the Greater Kentucky Chapter community grants program is designed to invest in priority projects that further the March of Dimes mission, support national campaign objectives, and further our strategic goal of reducing disparities in birth outcomes.

Proposals will be accepted from organizations with the capacity, competence and experience to accomplish project goals and objectives. Priority will be given to projects that meet one or more of the following criteria: a) help reduce disparities in premature birth; b) are evidence-based; c) include measurable outcomes. Projects may focus on consumers and/or health care providers. The March of Dimes does not fund billable health care provider services.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to receive a March of Dimes chapter grant, an organization must be an incorporated not-for-profit 501(c)(3) or for profit organization or government agency. The March of Dimes does not award grants to individuals. Applicants must disclose any conflict of interest due to representation by their organization on the chapter's Program Services Committee or the Chapter or Division Board of Directors.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The applicant must provide services in Kentucky and/or in the following southern Indiana counties: Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Scott, and Washington. Chapter community grants are approved for one year.

LETTER OF INTENT FORMAT

The first step in the application process is to submit a Letter of Intent. The letter is limited to two pages and must address the following eight questions:

1. Which of the funding priorities is the project addressing?
2. Who is the target audience?
3. How many people will the project reach?
4. What are the measurable objectives?
5. How will project success be evaluated?
6. What impact will the project have?
7. What is the amount of funding requested?
8. What are the major budget categories?

Proposals must address at least one of the funding priorities listed in this brochure (see priorities 1-6).

An emailed copy of the Letter of Intent must be received by Katrina Thompson by August 15, 2009. **Only email copies will be accepted.** Please also attach a page with your organization's name and mailing address, and the phone, fax and e-mail (if applicable) of a contact person.

REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION

A multi-disciplinary Program Services Committee will review the Letters of Intent. Applicants selected to submit a full proposal will be notified by **August 31, 2009**. Full proposals will be due to the chapter by **October 15, 2009**. Please be advised that Letters of Intent and proposals are non-binding.

Please Note:

March of Dimes chapter community grants do not fund scientific research projects. For information about research grants funded by the March of Dimes national office, please refer to the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com, or e-mail the Office of Research and Grants Administration at researchgrants@marchofdimes.com.

For a list of allowable and unallowable expenses, please contact us.

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