

March of Dimes
Chapter Community Grants Program
2008 COMMUNITY AWARD APPLICATION



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 and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth.

As part of this effort, the North Dakota Chapter invites you to participate in our 2008 Community Awards Program. The goal of the community awards program is to identify and fund community-based programs addressing the health concerns of pregnant women and infants in the state of North Dakota.

Community Awards can be made to support activities such as: purchase and distribution of March of Dimes health education materials, implementation of March of Dimes community programs (e.g. Stork's Nest® and *Comenzando bien*®), a conference for health professionals or projects that support our funding priorities. See 2009 Funding Priorities fact sheet.

Please Note: Community Awards may not be used to support equipment or furniture, individual tuition or conference fees, dues or membership fees, employee salary or programs requiring long-term March of Dimes funding.

Available Funding and Eligibility

The chapter's Community Award fund for 2009 is \$10,000. Awards may be granted up to \$3,000. The applicant must provide services in North Dakota's geographic boundaries. For larger scale projects, contact the North Dakota Chapter to learn more about how to apply for a chapter grant.

In order to be eligible to receive a March of Dimes community award, 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.

Application Instructions

1. Complete the attached Application Cover Sheet
2. Include a two-page letter outlining the following:
 - Name of agency/organization requesting the award
 - Description of the program/project that the funds will support
 - Description of budget items requested (please detail)
 - How the program/project meets community needs and relates to the March of Dimes mission
 - Time frame in which the funds will be spent
3. Send letter and Cover Sheet by 10/15/2008 to:
Melany Jenkins, Associate Director of Program Services
March of Dimes North Dakota Chapter
1330 page Drive #102 Fargo, ND 58103
4. Notification of decisions and check disbursement will take place by 12/31/08 and 1/31/09 respectively.
5. Feel free to contact Melany Jenkins by phone at 701-235-5530 or by e-mail at mjenkins@marchofdimes.com if you have questions about this application process.

Applications must be received by 10/15/2008.

March of Dimes
Chapter Community Grants Program
COMMUNITY AWARD APPLICATION COVER SHEET



Applicant Organization _____

Project Title _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Contact Name _____

Phone/Fax _____

E-mail _____

Description:

(Please include a brief description of how Community Award funds would be used)

Please indicate the following:

Approximately how many individuals will be served by your project? _____

List the race/ethnicity of the majority of individuals served (if applicable): _____

Total Community Award requested: \$ _____

Check should be made out to: _____

A Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification) will be sent to you upon notification that your organization is a Community Award recipient. In order to receive payment, this form will need to be completed, signed and returned.

_____/_____/_____
Signature - Primary Staff Person Date Type Name and Title

_____/_____/_____
Signature - Executive Director Date Type Name and Title

Applications must be received by 10/15/2008.