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In 2008, the March of Dimes South Dakota State Chapter funded the following projects:

- Center for Disabilities, Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota in the amount of \$5008. This grant will expand on the efforts of its 2007 grant to develop and disseminate a comprehensive statewide resource guide to increase awareness of prevention services available to pregnant women who use alcohol or other drugs.
- Volunteers of America, Dakotas in the amount of \$4342 to provide prevention and education materials for 21 counties in southeastern South Dakota. The target audience is women of childbearing age with a focus on the effects of drugs and alcohol on pregnancy.

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.



South Dakota Chapter

Community Grant Program

2009 Request for Proposals Announcement of Funding

GRANT SCHEDULE

Full Proposals Due:
August 1, 2008

Notification of Awards:
January, 2009

Project Year:
March 2009 – February 2010

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 South Dakota 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 address increased access to care and/or prevention services to help reduce disparities in preterm birth. Project interventions may be provider and/or consumer focused.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priorities **a-d** indicate South Dakota funding priorities and those grants focusing on these priorities will be given higher consideration during the review process.

Availability & Quality of Health Care/Prevention Services for:

All Women of Childbearing Age:

- a) Increasing risk reduction education and/or services (excluding billable services). This may include women at high-risk due to previous adverse pregnancy outcomes, chronic conditions or other risk factors in which pre/interconception or prenatal care could help prevent adverse outcomes. Some examples include: Diabetes in pregnancy, obesity, etc. *

Pregnant Women:

- b) Enhancing education and support services that focus on reducing disparities in birth outcomes.
- c) Increasing smoking cessation services. Preference will be given to prenatal health education and information/referral services that utilize the "5 A's" counseling approach. ***

SIDS Education:

- d) Increasing education related to reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in high-risk communities consistent with the 2005 American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines.

Secondary priorities:

Availability & Quality of Health Care/Prevention Services for:

All Women of Childbearing Age:

- e) Increasing education and services (excluding billable services) for urinary and reproductive tract infections identified before or during pregnancy. This may include sexually transmitted infections.

Pregnant Women:

- f) Increasing participation in state or local maternal child health programs (e.g. Medicaid, SCHIP, WIC) through enhanced outreach, education and public awareness.
- g) Enhancing care through the CenteringPregnancy® model of group prenatal care and/or providing training to providers who plan on utilizing CenteringPregnancy®. **

- h) Increasing health education & information/referral services available to pregnant women who use alcohol or other drugs.
- i) Increasing professional education about "17P" (17 α hydroxyprogesterone caproate) treatment for women who have had a previous singleton preterm birth.

Availability of Genetics Services & Folic Acid Education

- j) Enhancing the availability, quality and utilization of genetics services and/or other patient services related to preventable birth defects.
- k) Increasing folic acid education and use of multi-vitamins among women of childbearing age.

* For a list of specific risk areas, go to

www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/19695.asp.

** For more information visit www.centeringpregnancy.org

*** For more information on the "5A's" counseling approach, visit www.acog.org

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The applicant must provide services in South Dakota. The chapter community grants fund for 2009 is \$10,000. It is anticipated that 2-4 projects will be funded, with awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each. Chapter community grants are approved for one year.

APPLICATION & REVIEW PROCESS

To apply, applicants should first obtain the full application guidelines and required forms by contacting the March of Dimes office or online at www.marchofdimes.com/9710_29643.asp
Proposals must address at least one of the funding priorities listed in this brochure (see priorities a-k).

Grant proposals must be received in the chapter office by August 1, 2008. Electronic grant applications are preferred. Please be advised that proposals are non-binding. Proposals will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary Program Services Committee. Applicants will be notified of their proposal's status in **January, 2009**. The grant period is from **March 2009 – February 2010**.