



2007 Washington State Grants Recommendations

Funding Decision Process:

1. A request for proposals is sent to about 4,000 organizations and individuals in late May, asking them to submit a letter of intent. Additionally, program volunteers are tasked with contacting organizations and encouraging them to apply.
2. In September, all letters of intent are reviewed by the Grants Committee (see committee list), scored for quality and discussed. The committee decides which applicants should be invited to submit a full proposal.
3. Full proposals are received in late October. Each 10-12 page proposal (plus letters of support and other attachments) are reviewed by 3 committee members and scored using a scoring tool.
4. The Grants Committee meets for a full-day meeting in early December to discuss each grant and vote on recommendations.
5. The Chapter Board votes on final approval of the Grants Committee's recommendations.

Funding Priorities:

- Improving access to and quality of health care for women and children
- Increasing availability of genetics services and folic acid education

Total grants funded:	\$110,463.00
Grants budget:	\$118,730.00
Funds remaining for community awards:	\$8,267.00

Letters of Intent Received:	31
Letters of Intent Accepted:	16
Grants Accepted:	8
Acceptance Ratio:	1:3.9
Grant Average:	\$13,807.00

In order to meet the goal of funding \$110,000 in community grants and to fund more essential programs, all funding requests were reduced by 7%.

Community Grants

Family Health Services on behalf of Central Washington Hospital Foundation

Wenatchee, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$11,625.00 (partial, original request was \$25,000)

This grant will expand genetic counseling services from twice a month to weekly by bringing a genetic counselor from Yakima. Having weekly clinics is particularly important for pregnant women as they currently have to wait at least two weeks for test results, travel to Seattle, or forego testing. The grant funding also includes an outreach component, which will setup collaboration with referral agencies and also reach out to schools and education institutions with information about the importance of genetic counseling.

Target Audience: Pregnant women in Chelan and Douglas counties, as well as outreach to the general population

Catholic Family and Child Service/Hope Home

Pasco, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$13,950.00

This grant will provide case management to at least 30 teens for pre-pregnancy and prenatal care in Benton and Franklin counties. The grantee will work closely with the schools when kids are at risk or pregnant, as well as with other community agencies to provide referrals for services. The focus is on educating the pregnant teens about risk reduction strategies and pre-term labor, while also ensuring that they remain healthy and consider preconception strategies for subsequent pregnancies.

Target Audience: 30+ pregnant and/or high-risk teens

Chelan-Douglas Health District

Wenatchee, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$12,588.00

This grant will provide prenatal education classes for Hispanic women that currently do not have access to linguistically and culturally appropriate classes. During the grant year the grantee will have 2 class series with 12-20 women in each series. The funding is providing materials, equipment and training that will allow the project to be sustained for years to come.

Target Audience: 24-40 pregnant Hispanic women (initially)

El Centro de la Raza

Seattle, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$11,385.00

This grant will fund nine four-week series of prenatal education classes for Spanish speaking women. The funding is focused on supplies, child care and incentives making it a comprehensive program that will allow women in difficult situations to get relevant and accessible information. The grantee will also provide case management for 40 individuals attending the courses.

Target Audience: 75 Spanish-speaking pregnant women

Family Planning of Clallam County

Port Angeles, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$15,810.00

This grant will provide outreach to pregnant and pre-pregnant youth. Through collaboration, outreach workers, and a program in the juvenile detention center the grantee will provide education and case management. Although they will work with pregnant teens, the target intervention period will be preconception and will include risk reduction strategies such as folic acid use and smoking cessation.

Target Audience: 200 high-risk or homeless teens

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Tacoma, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$23,250.00

This grant program is targeting African American teen women and aims to reach teens in the preconception period. They will partner with schools and non-profit community agencies that serve African Americans in order to reach more of the target audience and to build a broad collaboration. The project will also provide referral and case management services to teens who are pregnant to ensure they receive early and adequate care.

Target Audience: 500 African American teens

Whatcom County Health Department

Bellingham, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$5,115.00

This grant will provide three additional genetics services clinics to Whatcom County families who are unable to travel to Seattle for services. Having genetic counseling services in their home community allows families to receive the care they need with less burden and they are able to include more of the family in decisions-making.

Target Audience: 40 children and their families with genetic issues and/or birth defects.

Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital

Yakima, WA

Funding Recommendation: \$16,740.00

This grant will allow the grantee to develop a first trimester screening program for pregnant women and educate Central Washington providers through seminars, site visits and articles. The grant will also improve awareness about the importance and reliability of first trimester screening among the general population. This project will improve the standard of care in Central Washington for all pregnant women.

Target Audience: Pregnant women and their providers in Central Washington