

Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative Grant Review Process Summary

MEMO TO APPLICANTS AND PARTNERS | APRIL 2019

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Center for Health Equity released the fifth Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) Grant Request for Proposals on September 6, 2018. Since 2001, the EHDI approach has been to support organizations and projects run by and for communities of color and American Indians to develop and implement strategies that are effective in reaching their communities.

The grant application period closed on December 10, 2018. The community review process began in 2019. The process engaged more than 100 community members and partners in the review of applications. The Commissioner of Health made final funding decisions based on community recommendations in April of 2019 and all applicants were notified.

State law prohibits MDH from sharing the names of those selected for funding and other review process data until we have completed negotiating the grant agreement with selected applicants. We expect to share the names of those selected for funding in July 2019.

In the meantime, we would like to offer summary data about the applications received by MDH and the review process. If applicants have additional questions, please contact the Center for Health Equity at health.equity@state.mn.us or 651-201-5813.

Funding Requested

The total funding requested by all applicants is **\$27,309,289**. Total funding available is **\$5,142,000**.

General Funds (State Funds)

Amount Available = \$3,142,000

Amount Requested = \$23,990,811

- 107 applicants requested General Funds only
- 14 applicants requested TANF and General Funds

TANF (Federal Funds)

Amount Available = \$2,000,000

Amount Requested = \$3,318,478

- 9 applicants requested TANF only
- 14 applicants requested TANF and General Funds

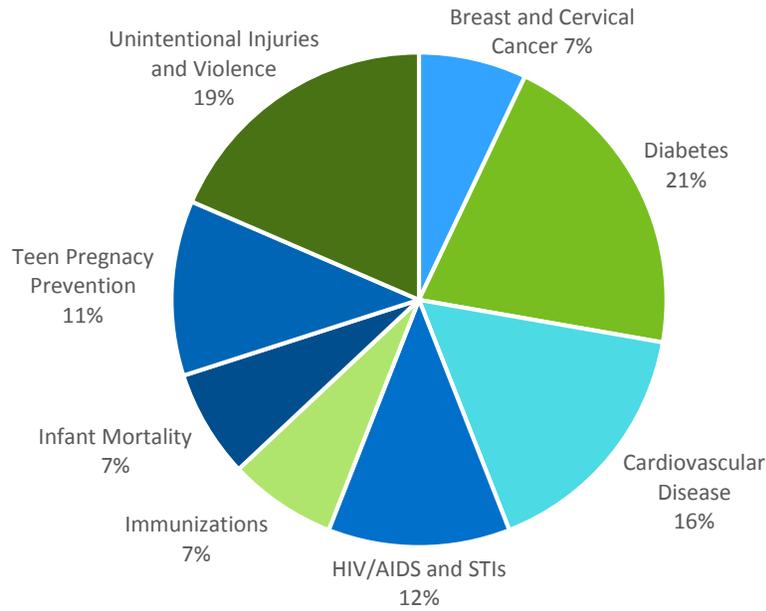
Applicants

MDH received **130 applications**. All 130 applications were deemed eligible and complete and were reviewed by the community review committee.

Priority Health Areas

The graph below shows the spread of priority health areas among applicants. Many applicants indicated that they would work on more than one priority health area.

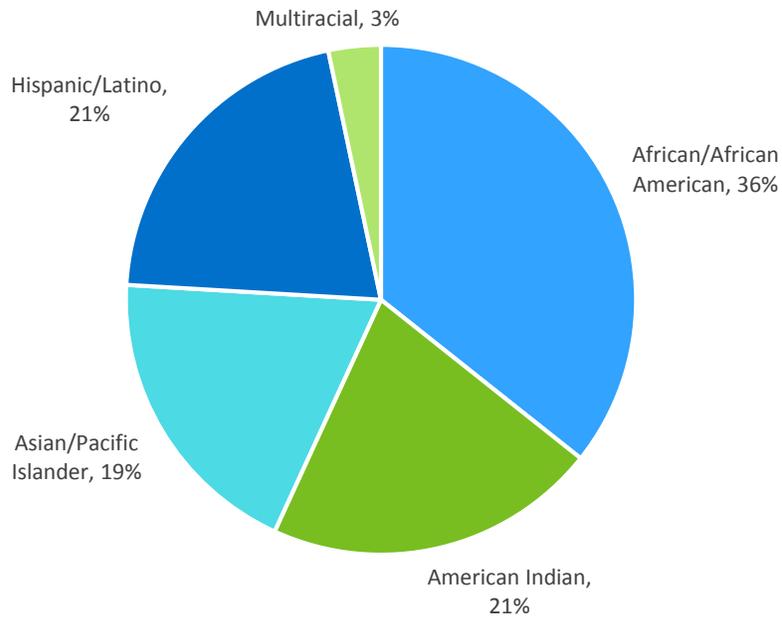
Selected Priority Health Areas



Race and Ethnicity

Based on applicants’ descriptions of the racial/ethnic groups to be served by their proposal, the 130 applicants were categorized into five categories in order to assess racial/ethnic spread: African/African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino and multiracial. The graph below shows the spread of racial/ethnic groups to be served among applicants. Many applicants indicated that they would serve more than one racial/ethnic group.

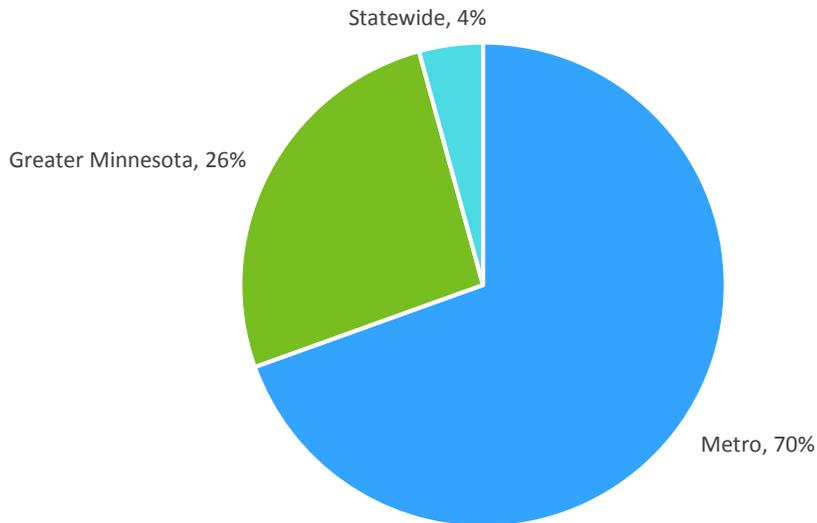
Racial/Ethnic Groups to Be Served



Geographic Areas

Based on applicants' descriptions of the geographic area to be served by their proposal, the 130 applicants were categorized into three categories in order to assess geographic spread: metro, greater Minnesota and statewide. The graph below shows the spread of geographic areas to be served among applicants. Several applicants indicated that they would serve more than one geographic area.

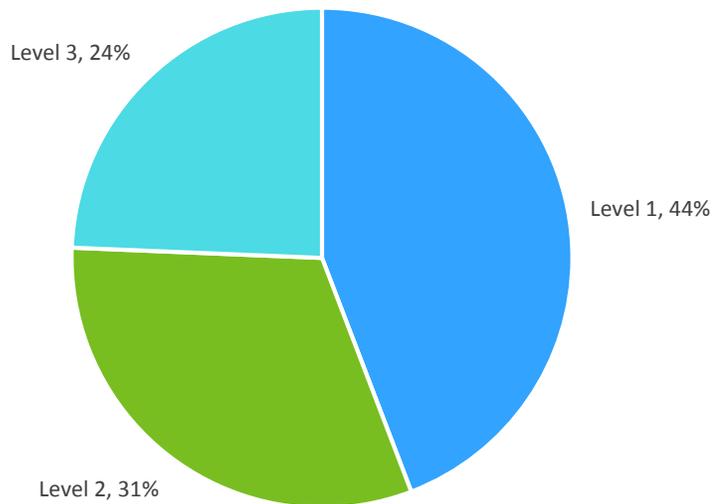
Geographic Areas to Be Served



Levels of Change

The graph below shows the spread of levels of change among applicants. Several applicants indicated that they would work on more than one level of change.

Selected Levels of Change



Review Process

Community Review Committee

MDH received more than 280 applications to participate in the review process as a reviewer, facilitator and/or note taker. CHE selected and trained 98 reviewers, 16 facilitators and 16 note takers. The following is a summary of demographic information for the 98 reviewers that completed training:

- 84% of reviewers identified as people of color/American Indians,
- 17% of reviewers came from areas outside the metro,
- 15% of reviewers identified as LGBTQ, and
- 11% of reviewers identified as having a disability.

Reviewers were divided into teams of four to six people. Each team reviewed eight or nine applications. Reviewers individually scored each application out of a total 150 possible points. Each applicant's final score was based on the **average score** of all team members who reviewed the application.

Once all reviewers gave a final score for each applicant, the review teams ranked the applicants they reviewed in order of their recommendation to fund, from 1 being the strongest recommendation to fund and 8 or 9 (depending on number of applications reviewed by the team) being the weakest recommendation to fund. The **ranking** of each applicant was used in conjunction with their average score to help adjust for natural scoring variation among reviewers and review teams.

Reviewer Funding Recommendations

In addition to scoring each application, each reviewer offered a **funding recommendation** for each application they reviewed. Of the 130 total applicants:

- 81 applicants received a combination of **Fund** and/or **Partially Fund** recommendations (62%)
- 49 applicants received a combination of **Fund**, **Partially Fund** and/or **Do Not Fund** recommendations (38%)

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