COMMUNITY BENEFIT SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The University of Chicago Medicine (UCM) is committed to improving the health of residents on the South Side of Chicago as outlined in our 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment and Strategic Implementation Plan. In addition to providing advanced medical care, research and medical education, University of Chicago Medicine collaborates with organizations which are committed to making a difference in their communities.

University of Chicago Medicine has designed a community benefit grant program that extends financial support to local not-for-profit, community-based organizations to provide health related services and programming to at risk and underserved populations.

In keeping with our strategic health priorities, University of Chicago Medicine encourages programs that focus on one or more of the following:

- Community health education and wellness.
- Access to primary and specialty care.
- Community-based health support services.
- Social determinants of health.

University of Chicago Medicine has selected the following community health needs to focus its Strategic Implementation Plan. Three needs have been identified to address adult needs and three to address pediatric needs.

Adult Focused Needs	Pediatric Focused Needs
Access to health care - 2 or more visits to the Emergency Room	Access to health care - 2 or more visits to the Emergency Room
Diabetes Mellitus	Obesity - Children ages
Cancer - female breast and colorectal	Asthma

Two needs categories were not chosen for the strategic implementation plan at this time. The University of Chicago Medicine did rank poorly on these areas in comparison to secondary data. The University of Chicago Medicine intends to commit resources to study these needs, and later to implement in collaboration with other partners, a plan to address these community health needs. The categories that were not selected include the following:

Community health needs categories for future development

Injury and Violence Prevention
    • Violent crime per 100,000
    • % Victim of Violent Crime in Past 5 Years

Sexually transmitted diseases
    • Gonorrhea incidence per 100,000
    • Primary and Secondary Syphilis per 100,000
    • Chlamydia Incidence per 100,000

The University of Chicago Medicine looks to provide funding for programming limited to a 12-month period. However if your project is longer than one year and you intend to apply for additional funding please include this information.

Projects funded by the University of Chicago Medicine must not involve liability to the University of Chicago or any of its affiliates.

ELIGIBILTY

- Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or have a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3) organization that is capable of administering the project's funds.
- Applicant organizations operate in or deliver services within the defined UCM service area as defined by the following zip codes:
  - 60609, 60615, 60617, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60628, 60636, 60637, 60643, 60649, 60653.
- The program or project must be related to UCM's strategic priorities as outlined above.
- Applicants must provide services to all regardless of race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin or sexual orientation.
- All proposals must include SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-Bound).
- Projects that involve collaboration with other community based organizations are encouraged.

EXCLUSIONS
Generally, grants requesting the following types of support are excluded and will not be considered:

- Applications from partisan political organizations.
- Applications from for-profit organizations.
- Applications requesting support for fund raising activities such as sponsorships, advertising or event tickets (see Sponsorship Program Overview).
- Applications from individuals.
- Applications for memorials or endowments.

CRITERIA
- Funding will be awarded based on availability of funds.
- Grant award amounts will be subject to the Grant Committee and will not exceed $10,000.
- Strict adherence to grant guidelines is expected.
- Proposals must include the description of change expected, specific measurements and measurement time-frames.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Grant application form
- Tax exempt letter
- Detailed program budget

DEADLINE
All applications must have a program start date that occurs at least 30 days after the respective deadline noted below. Applicants will receive written notification of receipt of application along with schedule of upcoming Community Benefit Grants Committee meetings, where applications will be reviewed and a decision rendered. Small grant due dates are due on the following dates:
- September 30, 2015
- December 31, 2015
- March 30, 2016

GRANT GUIDELINES
Please read the grant guidelines outlined below prior to submitting your application. Should your program be funded by the University of Chicago Medicine (UCM), strict adherence to grant guidelines is expected.

1. Reporting:

   All grant **recipients** must provide a written report specifying the use of funds awarded and measured outcomes quarterly, after 6 months and/or after 12 months of receiving a grant, depending upon the decision of the Grants Committee. The Grant Report Form will be provided by UCM. Examples of what is required in the report include:

   - Progress and results with regard to goals and objectives of your program.
   - Success and challenges of implementing your program.
   - Financial statement on use of funds granted by UCM for your program.
   - Any data reports relevant to the funded program.

2. Branding:

   All grant recipients must abide by the following branding guidelines of the University of Chicago Medicine should your program use printed or online materials:

   a. Please refer to UCM as the University of Chicago Medicine in all materials related to your program.

   b. Display **approved** UCM logo on printed materials and internet sites which list your organization's supporters or that advertise the program.

      - UCM will provide your organization with the appropriate logo.
      - All promotional materials using the UCM logo must be approved by UCM Marketing and Communications before distribution.