

**COLORADO NURSING FACILITY CULTURE CHANGE
ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**

C/O COLORADO CULTURE CHANGE COALITION
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Subject: Call for Proposals for Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Culture Change Grants

To: All Stakeholders

BACKGROUND: The legislature in House Bill 09-1196 has directed this Board to annually identify projects that will be recommended for funding from CMP funds to improve the quality of life for residents in Colorado nursing facilities.

PURPOSES: To outline procedures for stakeholders to submit proposals.
To provide criteria and form(s) for submitting proposals.

PROCEDURES:

1. Forms for submitting applications for funds are available at the above address and on the web at www.coculturechange.org or www.colorado.gov/hcpf.
2. Forms must be submitted electronically to pcook@coculturechange.org no later than December 6, 2013 at 5:00 pm.
3. Submissions must fit the criteria #1-3, listed below. All applicable sections on the application must be completed in order to be considered.

CRITERIA:

1. Project must have a continuing and long-term beneficial effect on the quality of life of residents in nursing facilities and be continued or concluded without additional CMP funding.
2. Project must include a plan for measuring results in quantifiable terms. Results must be submitted to the Colorado Nursing Facility Culture Change Accountability Board.
3. Project must have an ongoing effect and the ability to be replicated. (Duplicated or repeated)
4. Project may also include the following even though they have only an indirect effect on the quality of life of residents in nursing facilities.
 - a. Consumer education to promote resident-centered care.
 - b. Training for state surveyors, supervisors, and the state and local long-term health care ombudsman regarding resident-centered care.
 - c. Development of a newsletter and web site detailing information on resident-centered care.
 - d. Education and consultation for identifying and implementing resident-centered care initiatives.
5. In accordance with The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidance, projects for capital improvements; to pay for items or services that the facility is responsible for (required services and supplies such as laundry, linen, food, heat, staffing costs, etc.), or to fund projects that are not related to improving the quality of life of nursing home residents will not be considered.

6. For nursing facilities applying for funds, past survey performance will be considered as a selection factor.
7. Programs or projects awarded a grant will not be eligible to apply the following year.

GRANT CYCLE: The amount of money available for 2014-2015 projects will not be determined until July 1, 2014. A preliminary group of projects will be approved prior to that date with the final approval after July 1.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT MONEY: Grants awarded will be paid on a quarterly basis contingent upon satisfactory completion of deliverables and submission of a report and request for payment based on expenses incurred. All work must be completed by June 30, 2015 in order to receive the entire grant awarded. Detailed instructions for reimbursement of funds covering approved projects will be furnished at the time a project is approved.