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Funding Recommendations for the Fiscal-Year 2006-2007 Health Disparities Grant Program

- **Sisters of Color United for Education: Latinos Eliminating Access Disparities (LEAD): Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes and other precursors), Denver, \$58,487.**

This grant will fund a collaborative project between LEAD, healthcare and mental health providers to reduce health disparities in Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes and other precursors. The project will provide referrals, patient navigation, and advocacy services to low income Latinos who indicate a need for diagnostic testing and disease treatment/management. Contact: Ceasar Montoya, Project Director, 720-944-3821.

- **Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation: Addressing Cancer Related Health Disparities Through Regional Action Teams, Statewide, \$195,753.**

This project will significantly enhance the capacity of Colorado communities to reduce cancer-related health disparities through creating, facilitating and supporting 7 regionally based, cancer-related Health Disparity Action Teams. This aim will be accomplished by: 1) Conducting a statewide Cancer-Related Health Disparities Summit, 2) Holding 15 Town Hall Meetings within each of the 7 Colorado Cancer Coalition-defined regions of the state, 3) Establishing 7 regional Cancer Health Disparities Action Teams, and 4) Conducting Skills and Team Building Workshops and Web-Enhanced Conference Calls for each regional Action Team. Contact: Alice A. Bradley, MA, 719-573-9040 X 7603.

- **Pueblo County Government: Department of Housing & Human Services. Salado No Mas, "Salty No More" Cancer, Cardiovascular, and Pulmonary disease, Pueblo. \$224,177.**

This grant will fund chronic disease prevention activities and services that will serve the entire Salt Creek community. These activities include health education and physical activities. This project will serve Latinos/Hispanics in Pueblo County, Salt Creek/Blende and Avondale areas. Contact: Herman Martinez, 719-583-6318.

- **Denver Health and Hospitals Authority: Denver Public Health and Westside Healthy Exercise and Nutrition (WHEN) Community Partnership, Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes and other precursors), West Denver. \$194,658.**

This grant will fund the *Por Su Salud* Westside Healthy Exercise and Nutrition (WHEN) program. The program is a partnership of individuals and organizations with the purpose of increasing healthy eating and active living in the neighborhoods of Barnum, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, and West Colfax. Denver Public Health facilitates this partnership. This project will serve Asian American/Pacific Islanders, American Indians, African Americans, and Latinos/Hispanics in neighborhoods in Denver County. Contact: Christopher E. Urbina, MD, MPH, 303-436-7278.

- University Physicians, Inc: Training for multicultural care and research: Toolkits to promote cultural proficiency in Cancer, Cardiovascular, and Pulmonary disease care. Statewide. \$140,004.

This grant will fund a training program to increase cultural proficiency for clinicians and researchers. The program will refine and implement a training program to increase awareness of racial/ethnic health disparities, understanding of cultural differences, and increase skills in culturally proficient care delivery with diverse populations across Colorado. This project will train up to 3360 persons in the Denver metropolitan area and in other urban and rural areas throughout the state. Contact: Sheana Bull, 303-724-1238.

- San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center: Reducing Health Disparities in Diabetes in the San Luis Valley, Cardiovascular disease (Diabetes), \$97,808.

This grant will fund the establishment of a diabetes clinic at the Resource Center. The goal is to bring patients to the resources. The program also will increase access to information and education at the Resource center by enhancing the library and by training nurse educators to be certified diabetes educators. The program will hire a patient Navigator, or case manager, to help patients overcome potential cultural, social, or financial barriers that may be inhibiting successful management of diabetes. In addition, this project will initiate a weight loss clinic that will teach people how to exercise safely and connect them to community resources. Contact: Cathy Morin, 719 589-8090.

- Salud y Vida, Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary disease, Statewide. \$138,713.

This grant will fund an integrated health education initiative that will build on a recently funded CDPHE project, providing the English-language counterpart of the *Los Secretos de Maya* TV show. It seeks to reduce health disparities among Latinos by providing information in Spanish about health issues and resources, while modeling healthy habits. The target audience is second- and third-generation Hispanics. Contact: Maya León-Meis, 720-898-0503.

- Summit Prevention Alliance: La Vida Sana, Summit County, \$146,693.

This grant will fund the La Vida Sana program that will focus on reducing health disparities, in cardiovascular disease and diabetes, by targeting obesity (through physical activity and nutrition) among Latinos in Summit County. Contact: Jeanie Ringelberg, 970-668-2077.

- Native American Cancer Research: Native American Prevention of Obesity, Denver (NAPO), \$130,717.

This grant will fund the “Native American Prevention of Obesity” project to promote healthy lifestyles for Native Americans through culturally specific physical activity, nutrition and obesity screening programs. Contact: Terri Rattler, BS, 303-837-7163.

- Brother Jeff’s Cultural Center: Brother Jeff’s Cultural Center: Guide to Cultural Competency Education/Training Video, Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary disease (Cultural Competency), Statewide \$25,500.

This grant will fund the production and distribution of 100 broadcast quality *Guide to Cultural Competency Education/Training Videos* featuring African American medical doctors, the Colorado Council of Black Nurses, and other leading African American health-care practitioners working in Colorado. This guide will target health care providers, educators, students, organizations and individuals charged with providing health care services to the African American community. Statewide. Contact: Brother Jeff’s Cultural Center, 303-293-8879.

- St. Mary’s Family Medicine Center and Residency Program: A Strategy of Education and Advocacy to Improve the Prevention, Screening and Treatment of Diabetes in Mesa County Latinos, Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes and other precursors), \$57,200.

This grant will fund an Education and Advocacy program to Improve the Prevention, Screening and Treatment of Diabetes. The program will provide community screening and education, individual counseling, outreach and advocacy. This project will serve Latinos/Hispanics in Mesa County. Contact: Amy Davis, M.D., M.P.H. & Elaine Harris, M.P.A., 970-244-2807; 970 244-2864.

- Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment: Decreasing Diabetes Disparities in Weld County Project, Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes), \$160,320.

This grant will fund a diabetes program that will include the following components: 1) Assessing the needs of the community, 2) Establishing activities for prevention, and 3) Providing screening opportunities that can lead to early detection. This project will serve Latinos/Hispanics in Weld County. Contact: Gaye Morrison, 970-304-6420 ext 2380.

- University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center: ¡CAMINE! Clinics Assisting with More Interventions in Nutrition and Exercise. (Clinicas Apoyando con Mas Intervenciones en Nutricion y Ejercicio) Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary disease, Metro Denver. \$200,000.

This grant will fund the America On the Move (AOM) project in Colorado and seeks to encourage and motivate individuals to be more physically active and to eat healthier in a non-supportive environment. The purpose of this grant proposal is to link AOM to the health care setting, with specific aims to reach Latino and African-American individuals/families who seek and receive health care from community health clinics. Contact: Helen Thompson, 303-315-9045.

- Plan de Salud del Valle (Salud Family Health Centers: Patient Health Advocates (PHA)) used to reduce the effects of diabetes and increase the prevalence of cardiovascular screening and healthy behaviors. Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary disease, Adams, Boulder, Weld, Larimer, Morgan, and Logan counties. \$198,049.

This grant will fund evidence-based guidelines, protocols, and systems to improve prevention, early detection, and treatment of cardiovascular risk factors in a community health center setting. The proposed program will provide education for those patients who would benefit from using glucose meter and working with primary care providers to establish and maintain appropriate blood sugar level, food planning, exercise and activity, insulin injection and oral medication timing, foot care, tobacco cessation, increased and consistent communication with healthcare providers, stress and symptom cycle, and colorectal health and screening process. Patients will include men and women, ages 18+ who demonstrate risk factors that may lead to cardiovascular disease. Contact: Jennifer Morse, (720) 322-9402.

- Rural Solutions: Improving Access to Cardiovascular Care for the Latino Population in Northeast Colorado, Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes), Northeastern Colorado. \$275,485.

This grant will fund accessibility to cardiovascular healthcare services for the rapidly growing Latino population in northeast Colorado. The program will also include outreach services focusing on primary care prevention, screening for diabetes, obesity and hypertension. Rural Solutions will work in collaboration with primary care and hospital providers throughout a 10-county region located in northeast Colorado to break down barriers that limit access to these healthcare services. Contact: Jackie Reynolds, 970-526-3616.

- Clinica Tepeyac: Preventing Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease (Diabetes), Metro Denver Area. \$300,000.

This grant will fund four major interventions: 1) Preventive education and physical activity for youth, provided by Denver Area Youth Services. The program will also provide community outreach and preventive health education through Clinica Tepeyac's Promotoras de Salud, 2) Diabetes screening at group and individual meetings, 3) Diagnosis and treatment of diabetes through Clinica Tepeyac and Inner City Health Center, and 4) Diabetes self management education and support. This program will serve the Latino community, including youth and adults. Contact: Maya Vigil, 303-583-0148.