



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

September 2, 2021

Agenda No.:**Indexes (Council Goals):****Presenters:** Donna Casados**Legislative File:** 14805-21

Title

Update Kellogg Funding (COVID-19 Response and Recovery)

Body

Letter of Interest submitted to Alliance of Health Council; Los Alamos County Grant Matrix routed for signature for authority to receive funding.

Scope of Work:

The funding will allow Health Councils to promote and inform their communities on vaccine equity. Further, the funding will allow Health Councils to work towards building healthier, more equitable communities. Each Health Council will receive approximately \$50,000 per year for 2 years with the possibility of a 3rd year of funding. This funding is in addition to the \$9,462 provided by DOH for FY2022.

What Health Councils Will Do:

1. Be a partner with NMAHC and DOH to address vaccine equity and work to build healthier, more equitable communities, all of which relate to the work you are doing now, and to the requirements of House Bill 137. (HB 137 mandates that Health Councils serve as bodies that plan, work collaboratively with community partners, engage in public policy work, and build additional, sustainable and braided funding).
2. Hire staff or contractors to lead the planning, stakeholder engagement, and community collaborative process to identify ways that vaccine equity can be improved and communities can be rebuilt. Health Councils can use funding to cover existing staff or hire new staff. It is expected that each Health Council will hire staff to work between 30 to 40 hours per week (.75 FTE to 1 FTE). Staffing can be filled by more than one person.
3. Year 1- The Health Councils will use the community collaboration process to identify and address local vaccine equity goals.
4. Year 2- The Health Councils will identify and prioritize goals to build community health and equity. This will include community collaboration to create system, policy and environmental change addressing issues important to your community. The goals are data-informed and set by your Health Council as part of your planning process. (Year 2 activities can be implemented sooner if community vaccine equity goals are met in year 1)
5. Assess the current capacity of your Health Council and develop goals and implement actions for continued capacity improvement.
6. Attend training, technical assistance and peer learning sessions led by the NMAHC.
7. Provide documentation of your progress in meeting project goals and deliverables.

What can Health Councils expect in the way of support?

1. Health profiles and both the CHI-NM Community Data Collaborative and DOH will provide maps.

You will receive county specific data about COVID-19, health indicators, social determinants of health and other community needs to help Health Councils target needs and strategies for both Year 1 and Year 2.

2. Training and technical assistance will be offered by the NMAHC and the Core Team to give you the resources, tools and capacities to mobilize your community around vaccine equity and building community health and equity. NMAHC will partner with DOH at the regional meetings to offer as much assistance as possible to support Health Councils in their work.

3. Ongoing, regular support by the Project Manager. NMAHC will hire a Project Manager who will be in regular contact with your Health Council to see how things are progressing, where you're encountering challenges, your successes, and what you need to continue to move forward. This person will help you address barriers and will be an advocate for you along with NMAHC, DOH, and the Health Promotion Team.

4. Support for more sustainable funding. NMAHC is currently working with other state leaders to move forward policy and funding at higher levels for individual Health Councils. Health Councils that are involved in this work together will hopefully bring higher levels of ongoing funding that can replace this CDC funding when it is no longer available.

Health Councils will have many stories to tell about community needs, accomplishments, and knowledge around what is required for long-term state support.