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Advance Care Planning Funding Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are applicants expected to fund a portion of a proposed advance care planning project?

A: Yes, the Colorado Health Foundation will not support the full cost of a project. However, we will consider both cash and in-kind contributions as additional project support.

Q: Will the criteria be the same for all three funding cycles or will you adjust them with each cycle?

A: The criteria will be the same across all of the cycles. However, the maximum grant award has been reduced to \$200,000 for the June 2016 deadline.

Q: What types of projects will you fund?

A: The following are examples of projects and/or project components that will be considered for funding. However, this list is not exhaustive and the Foundation encourages innovative approaches that align with the goals of the funding opportunity.

- Clinical demonstration projects that integrate advance care planning into primary care settings.
- Community-based initiatives to increase public awareness of the importance of advance care planning, including the completion of advance directives and conversations with providers, family members and friends.
- Efforts that design and test innovative, cost-effective reimbursement mechanisms/economic incentives that encourage advance care planning and shared decision-making in order to reduce the utilization of unnecessary medical services and those not consistent with a patient's goals for care.
- Initiatives that create effective linkages with non-medical professionals, such as elder law attorneys, estate planners and financial planners.
- Projects that take a team-based approach to advance care planning and ensure that all members of the health care team have the education and training required to engage in meaningful conversations with patients and that discussions, decisions and completed forms are appropriately documented in the electronic health record system.

Q: How many grant awards will be made?

A: This will depend on the size of each grant's budget. The Foundation has committed \$2.75 million in total to the Advance Care Planning initiative.

Q: Will the 2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey include the same advance directives-related questions that were included on the 2014 survey?

A: No, unfortunately these questions will not be on the 2016 survey. However, we anticipate that a request will be made to include them on the 2017 survey.

Q: Is the slide presentation available at any time on the Foundation's web site?

A: Yes, the slides can be accessed at the bottom of the funding opportunity web page – simply click [here](#).

Q: Should grantees partner with external evaluators for this program? If not required, would that strengthen an application?

A: This is not a requirement and would not necessarily strengthen an application. It depends on the value that an external evaluation would bring to the applicant organization and the project.

Q: Are new programs/initiatives allowed?

A: Yes, funds will be used to support new projects – including innovative demonstration projects – as well as to accelerate existing efforts.

Q: Is the \$300,000 per project or the total amount being awarded?

A: For the October 2015 and February 2016, the Foundation will award individual project grants of up to \$300,000. That number is being reduced to \$200,000 for the June 2016 deadline.

Q: Who is eligible to apply?

A: The Foundation makes grants to Colorado organizations classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) and Colorado public agencies, including state and local governments. New or emerging organizations without 501(c)(3) status are permitted to apply through a tax-exempt organization acting as a fiscal sponsor.

Q: Do you consider volunteer consultant and other stakeholder time as a contribution toward the cost of the project?

A: Yes, we will consider both cash and in-kind contributions from applicant and partner organizations as additional project support.

Q: Is the grant for a maximum of \$150,000 each year for two years, for a combined total of \$300,000?

A: The maximum grant award is \$300,000 for the October 2015 and February 2016 cycles and \$200,000 for the June 2016 cycle. The grant dollars can be spread across one or two years, depending on the project.

Q: Are online programs that offer advance care planning conversations welcome?

A: There is no funding criteria that would preclude this.

Q: Who is doing advance care planning currently that can be looked at as models or for best practices?

A: Two national models are [Respecting Choices](#) and [The Conversation Project](#).

Q: Is the information that the Foundation gathered during the research/engagement phase available for applicants to review?

A: Relevant information can be located on the Advance Care Planning funding opportunity [web page](#).

Q: What outcomes are you most hoping to invest in?

A: Our aim is to increase individual and family health engagement through: upstream and ongoing conversations about what matters when an individual is seriously ill or near end of life; selection of a fully informed medical durable power of attorney; and alignment of medical and related social services with an individual's values, goals and informed preferences.

Q: Can the team-based approach include individuals with partner organizations?

A: Yes, it can include partner organizations.

Q: Do we present in person or thru application only?

A: After your application has been submitted, the Foundation will screen it for completeness and eligibility. Staff may occasionally schedule a site visit to meet you in person and further discuss proposed activities. While we strive to be as responsive as possible, please note that review of your proposal may take up to four months.