



*Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans*

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Dear partners,

We are excited to announce that funding decisions have been made for the 2023-2027 Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant program.

This letter describes the funding requests we received and information about the review process. We are in awe of the programs and ideas presented by the 81 applicants who requested over \$21 million in funding for the Community Solutions Grant program. This made the decision process that much harder given the available amount of \$4.83 million available for grants for this initiative. This outsized request for support by applicants demonstrates the tremendous commitment by communities to improve child development outcomes related to the well-being of children of color and American Indians, and addressing the health inequities across Minnesota communities.

Eligible applications were reviewed by the Community Solutions Advisory Council and state employees. Proposals were scored based on the criteria listed in the Community Solutions Request for Proposals (RFP). Reviewers were impressed by the dedication and commitment to eliminating health disparities demonstrated by applicants. In addition to offering funding recommendation for each application, reviewers individually scored each application out of a total of 130 possible points. Each applicant's final score was based on the average score of all team members who reviewed the application. Of the eligible applicants:

- 31 applications received an average team score of  $\geq 104$  (39%)
- 26 applications received an average team score between 91-103.9 (33%), and
- 22 applications received an average team score of  $\leq 90.9$  (28%)

Notification letters have been sent to all applicants regarding their award status. Grantee information will be available after we finalize negotiations, and all grant agreements are completed. A list of those selected for funding will be posted on the program's webpage when the names of those selected for funding become available.

We look forward to partnering with the selected grantees to reduce racial disparities in children's health and development, promoting racial and geographic equity across Minnesota, and sharing their important work with you over the next year.

In partnership,  
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