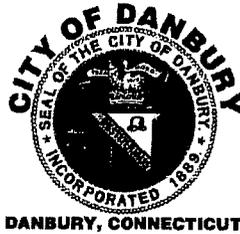


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City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810-7769

David W. St. Hilaire
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Phone (203)797-4652
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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 7/31/2007
TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE COMMON COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DST*
RE: RESOLUTION-MARCH OF DIMES GRANT-WIC PROGRAM

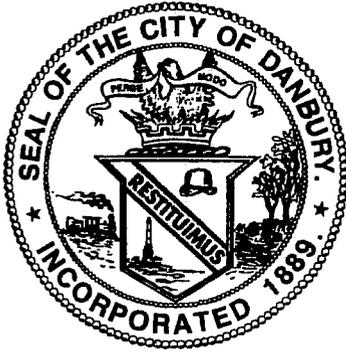
Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Health, Housing and Welfare Department WIC Program to apply for and accept funding from the March of Dimes to be used for outreach programs to help prevent and decrease birth defects. The requested amount will be \$40,000 and will cover 1/1/08 through 12/31/08.

The Common Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

Attach.

cc: S. Leroy

DWS/sk



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has made available to the City of Danbury WIC Program, grant funding to be used for the purpose of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, this funding request, in the amount of \$40,000.00 will focus on outreach programs for stated purpose; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Scott D. Leroy, Director of Health, as his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for and if awarded, accept said funding execute any agreements or other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.



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CITY OF DANBURY
HEALTH, HOUSING & WELFARE DEPARTMENT
155 DEER HILL AVENUE, DANBURY, CT 06810

Central Health & Housing Office
203 - 797-4625
Fax 796-1596

Central Welfare Office
203 - 797-4569
Fax 797-4566

July 31, 2007

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Woman, Infants & Children (WIC) March of Dimes Request for Application
To the March of Dimes Chapter Community Grant program.

Please find attached the Danbury WIC program's request to apply to the open competitive grant process provided by the March of Dimes (see attached description). The grant program would secure additional funding to help the WIC program achieve the goal of decreasing premature births and prevention birth defects.

If you have any questions concerning the planning process, feel freed to contact me or Ms. Ann Marie Evans, Acting Local WIC Coordinator, at any time. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Scott LeRoy MPH, MS
Director of Health, Housing & Welfare



WIC PROGRAM

13 Main Street

Danbury, Connecticut 06810

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Re: March of Dimes Grant Application

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton & Members of Common Council

Through: Scott LeRoy, Director of Health, Housing, & Welfare

The Danbury WIC Program has an opportunity to apply for a grant through the March of Dimes Organization. The grant would help us achieve our goal of decreasing premature births and preventing birth defects.

Funding for the Danbury WIC Program was decreased for the next 3 fiscal years, but our participant caseload continues to increase, especially pregnant women. One goal of the WIC program is to increase by 50% the rate of 1st trimester enrollment of pregnant women. It is essential to meet this goal since early prenatal care could help prevent adverse outcomes. The funding amount requested would be in the amount of \$40,000. The person hired for this position would focus on outreach, group pregnancy education classes, and developing material to prevent premature births.

The grant would help obtain another program outcome objective, which is to decrease the rate of low birth weight infants. The March of Dimes grant would help families have healthier babies in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 203-797-4638.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Evans
Acting Coordinator, Women, Infant's and Children Program

**March of Dimes
Connecticut Chapter
Chapter Community Grants
2008 Funding Priority Areas**

PURPOSE

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies.

Launched in 2003, the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign is a multiyear, multimillion-dollar research, awareness and education campaign to help families have healthier babies.

The campaign includes: 1.) funding research to find the causes of premature birth, 2.) educating women about risk reduction strategies, including the signs and symptoms of premature labor, 3.) providing support to families affected by prematurity, 4.) expanding access to health care coverage so that more women can get early and adequate prenatal care, 5.) helping health care providers learn ways to help reduce the risk of early delivery, and 6.) advocating for access to insurance to improve maternity care and infant health outcomes.

FUNDING PRIORITY AREAS

All grant proposals must address the March of Dimes mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Priority will be given to projects that, based on community needs, address increased access to health care and/or prevention services to help reduce disparities in preterm birth. Project interventions may be provider and/or consumer focused.

Availability and Quality of Health Care/Prevention Services for:

All Women of Childbearing Age:

- a) Increasing risk reduction education and/or services (excluding billable services). This may include women at high-risk due to previous adverse pregnancy outcomes, chronic conditions or other risk factors in which pre/interconception or prenatal care could help prevent adverse outcomes.

Pregnant Women:

- b) Enhancing education and support services that focus on reducing disparities in birth outcomes. This may include March of Dimes programs such as Stork's Nest® and *Comenzando bien*®.
- c) Enhancing care through the CenteringPregnancy® model of group prenatal care and/or providing training to providers who plan on utilizing CenteringPregnancy®.
- d) Increasing smoking cessation services. Preference will be given to prenatal health education and information/referral services that utilize the "5 A's" counseling approach.

Availability of Genetics Services and Folic Acid Education

- e) Enhancing the availability, quality and utilization of genetics services and/or other patient services related to preventable birth defects.
- f) Increasing folic acid education and use of multi-vitamins among women of childbearing age.



March of Dimes Chapter Community Grants Program

2008 Request for Proposals Application Guidelines

March of Dimes
Connecticut Chapter
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Ejones2@marchofdimes.com

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As part of this effort, the Connecticut Chapter community grants program is designed to invest in priority projects that further the March of Dimes mission, support national campaign objectives, and further our strategic goal of reducing disparities in birth outcomes. Proposals will be accepted from organizations with the capacity, competence and experience to accomplish project goals and objectives through one of the following strategies:

1. Increasing availability and quality of health care/prevention services for all women of childbearing age and/or pregnant women
2. Increasing availability of genetics services and folic acid education

The applicant must provide services in the state of Connecticut. The chapter community grants fund for 2008 is approximately \$100,000. It is anticipated that 3-4 projects will be funded, with awards ranging from \$12,000 to \$40,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to receive a March of Dimes chapter grant, an organization must be an incorporated not-for-profit 501(c)(3) or for profit organization or government agency. **The March of Dimes does not award grants to individuals.** Applicants must disclose any conflict of interest due to representation by their organization on the chapter's Program Services Committee or the Chapter or Division Board of Directors.

2008 GRANT SCHEDULE

Applications due	September 26, 2007
Notification of awards	January, 2008
Grant period	January 2008-December 2008

PLEASE NOTE: March of Dimes chapter community grants do not fund scientific research projects. For information about research grants funded by the March of Dimes national office, please refer to the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com or e-mail the Office of Research and Grants Administration at researchgrants@marchofdimes.com.

FUNDING PERIOD

Chapter community grants are approved for one year. Consideration of continued support in subsequent years requires resubmission of a proposal or planned activities for the next year, and is based on review of progress and expenditure reports, and the availability of funding. Grants may be renewed only twice for a total project time span of three years.

For larger projects (requests of \$40,000 or more per year), applicants may apply for funding for a 2 or 3 year project period. To be considered, multi-year project proposals must include a budget request and objectives for the 2 or 3 year time period under consideration, as well as a copy of the applicant's most recently audited financial statement. While the project content for these grants is approved for a multi-year period, annual funding will be based upon review of progress and expenditure reports, and the availability of funding.

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Pregnant Women:

- b) Increasing participation in state or local maternal child health programs (e.g. Medicaid, SCHIP, WIC) through enhanced outreach, education and public awareness.
- c) Enhancing education and support services that focus on reducing disparities in birth outcomes. This may include March of Dimes programs such as Stork's Nest® and *Comenzando bien*®. **
- d) Enhancing care through the CenteringPregnancy® model of group prenatal care and/or providing training to providers who plan on utilizing CenteringPregnancy®.
- e) Increasing professional education about "17P" (17α hydroxyprogesterone caproate) treatment for women who have had a previous singleton preterm birth.

Availability of Genetics Services and Folic Acid Education

- f) Enhancing the availability, quality and utilization of genetics services and/or other patient services related to preventable birth defects.
- g) Increasing folic acid education and use of multi-vitamins among women of childbearing age.

* For more information, go to www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/19695.asp for a list of specific risk areas.

** For more information on these March of Dimes programs, contact the local chapter.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Organizations interested in submitting an application that meets at least one of the listed funding priorities may apply for a grant between \$10,000 and \$25,000 or up \$40,000 for multi-year projects Funds may be applied to support new or existing projects.

- Applications must be no longer than 7 double-spaced pages (excluding forms and attachments).
- Font size must be at least 12 point and margins must be at least 1 inch.
- All applications must include a Cover Sheet, Narrative (including Abstract), Budget Form and Objectives and Method/Activities Form.
- Attachments may be included; however, all information requested under each of the required components must be provided within the proposal narrative, observing page limitations.
- An original (hard copy) application with signed cover sheet and budget form must be received by the deadline date.
- Applications may not be faxed.
- Applications that exceed the maximum page limitation will not be reviewed.

Applications must be received by 4:00PM on September 26, 2007. Late applications will not be accepted. Proposals should be sent to:

Erin E. Jones, Director of Program Services
 March of Dimes Connecticut Chapter
 867 Main Street
 Manchester, CT. 06040

If you have questions regarding the March of Dimes Connecticut Chapter community grants application or need additional application forms, please contact Erin Jones, Director of Program Services, at 860-812-0080 or at ejones2@marchofdimes.com.

Review and Announcement Information

The Chapter's multi-disciplinary Program Services Committee will review the applications, and applicants will be notified in writing of their application's status in January, 2008.

GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive grant funds, all grantees must sign the March of Dimes chapter grant agreement (copy attached). The inclusion of this agreement is non-binding, and intended only to highlight for potential grantees the basic terms and conditions under which they will be expected to operate should they be awarded a grant. Responsibilities include submission of two written progress and expenditure reports to the March of Dimes Connecticut Chapter office. Grantees must also get written approval for any changes in project design or implementation, variance from the submitted budget or changes in staff overseeing the project.