



State Innovation Model (SIM)

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Learning Community Grants to advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model

As a part of the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has awarded four Learning Communities grants to advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model. The SIM project defines a Learning Community as a team that

- has common goals or interests,
- shares best practice knowledge and
- is actively engaged in implementing transformation in a focused, structured environment with the goal to advance patient-centered, coordinated and accountable care.

Three General Learning Community grants

General Learning Community grants focus on transformation projects; these are nine-month grants of up to \$50,000. MDH received seven requests for these grants totaling \$349,817. They funded three organizations for a total of \$149,830.

General Learning Community grant award recipients:

1. American Academy of Pediatrics- Minnesota Chapter (St Paul) Health Care Home and Behavioral Health Home Model: Pediatric Learning Community in Minnesota.
2. Center for Victims of Torture (St. Paul) Integration with Behavioral Health for war-traumatized refugee populations Learning Community in St. Cloud.
3. Rainbow Research, Inc. (Minneapolis) Emerging Professions Integration Learning Community with Community Health Workers (CHW) and Community Paramedics (CPs) in Minnesota.

One Accountable Community for Health Learning Community grant

The Accountable Community for Health (ACH) Learning Community grant focuses on topics specific to implementation of an ACH. MDH received three requests for this grant; these requests totaled \$597,754.79. There was one award for the (ACH) Learning Community grant.

Accountable Community for Health (ACH) Learning Community grant award recipient:

1. The National Rural Health Resource Center (Duluth) was funded the ACH Learning Community grant for \$198,404.79 until December 2016. The grant will provide technical support and peer learning opportunities for ACH teams throughout the state.

Minnesota's \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) grant makes these Learning Community grants possible. MDH and Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly received this federal grant in 2013 and are using funds to implement the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model](#). Learning Community projects must support the broad goal of the Minnesota Accountable Health Model to help its providers and communities work together to create healthier futures for Minnesotans. This is the first of three rounds of Learning Community grants from the Minnesota's SIM initiative.