



State Innovation Model (SIM)

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Learning Community Grant Program-Round Two

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests proposals for the Minnesota Accountable Health Model Learning Community grant program. Learning Community grants focus on quality improvement projects that support the advancement of provider organizations and community partners along a continuum of practice transformation and community care integration efforts in the following areas:

- Building the foundation for implementation of a Health Care Home (HCH) model of care delivery in primary care.
- Sustaining and enhancing the HCH model of care delivery in primary care.
- Advancing community health.

The goal of Learning Community grants is to provide teams with education, assistance and support to implement a quality improvement project using rapid learning cycles. Rapid learning cycles include four steps: Plan, Do, Study, and Act.

A maximum of five awards of up to \$50,000 each, for a maximum total of \$250,000 is available. The grant timeline is for nine months.

Eligible applicants include: community-based nonprofit and for-profit organizations; local government entities or Tribal Government; clinics and hospitals; community health or public health organizations; quality improvement organizations; professional provider associations; and institutes of higher education. Applicants will plan, implement, facilitate, and evaluate small, focused quality improvement Learning Communities.

The primary recipient of the learning and implementation work are: primary care, behavioral health, long-term and post-acute care, local public health, and social services. Each funded Learning Community will comprise a minimum of five learning teams that will be recruited by the grantee, with four to six participants per team. Each team might include, but is not limited to: patients, families, caregivers, medical and dental practitioners, care coordinators, health educators, dietitians, social workers, public/community health workers, pharmacists, long term care providers, school nurses/counselors, behavioral health care providers, primary care clinic team, community paramedics, and other entities providing integrated care.

Letter of Intent are due Thursday, June 25, 2015, 4:00 PM CST. Please see the [Learning Community Grants Round 2 RFP page for Form F: Letter of Intent](#)

[Proposals are due on Tuesday July 28, 2015 at 4:00 PM CST.](#)

[The complete RFP and accompanying forms are available on the Minnesota Accountable Health Model website.](#) Applicants are required to use the template forms provided. Applications will not be accepted in any other format.

An optional informational webinar will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM CST.

[Register for the webinar.](#)

Please submit questions on the [Learning Community Grants Round 2](#) comments page.