

MEDIA RELEASE

Canton City Health Department

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THRIVE to Fund Grassroots and Faith-based Non-Profits

CANTON, Ohio- Beginning April 27th, the Canton City Health Department, on behalf of Canton-Stark County THRIVE, is requesting funding proposals. Eligible grassroots and faith-based organizations (IRS 501(c)(3) and churches) with annual operating budgets of less than \$300,000 are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the grant opportunity is to implement or expand programming resulting in measurable change to improve infant mortality and disparity rates. Programming must focus on residents living in eastern Alliance (Wards 1 & 2), central Massillon (zip codes 44646, 44647) or Canton (zip codes 44701, 44703, 44704, 44705, 44707, 44714). The Department expects to award up to 10 grants ranging from \$10,000 - \$25,000 per award. Organizations may apply for up to 2 years of funding. **Deadline for proposals is May 22nd. Awards will be announced by July 1st.**

Funds will be awarded to support community-based programs that are largely volunteer-driven. The programs must be designed to meet the health, education, or human service needs of black/African American women of childbearing age and/or black/African American men/fathers. Generally, the grants will not be awarded for salaries, stipends, or other forms of compensation, or annual events or one-time efforts that have no lasting benefit and no ongoing program or service delivery components.

Three information sessions will be held prior to the grant proposal deadline of May 22nd. All nonprofit organizations and churches **intending to apply for funding are encouraged to attend one of the three workshops** to learn about the funding opportunity guidelines and ask questions to the Canton City Health Department staff to help them with the grant application process. Refreshments will be served.

Canton - Monday, April 24th

Edward "Peel" Coleman (SE Community Center)

1400 Sherrick Rd. SE, Canton, Ohio 44707

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Massillon - Tuesday, April 25th

Community Services of Stark County/Quest Recovery and Prevention Services

412 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, OH 44646

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Alliance - Wednesday, April 26th

Family Matters Resource Center

1150 E. State St. Alliance, Ohio (College Plaza next door to Metro PCS store)

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Seats may be reserved by emailing Rochelle Reamy, THRIVE Executive Assistant, reamy@cantonhealth.org

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