



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 2024-2025 Capacity Strengthening Grant (CSG) 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 300 applicants who requested over \$27 million in funding for the CSG Program. This made the decision process that much harder given the mere \$1.83 million available for grants for this initiative. This outsized amount requested by applicants demonstrates the tremendous need for strengthening the capacity of our community and faith-based organizations who are critical partners in addressing health inequities across Minnesota communities.

More than 80 reviewers came together to review and discuss the applications submitted, and they were deeply 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 100 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:

- 27 applications received an average team score of ≥ 90 (9%)
- 104 applications received an average team score between 80-89.9 (36%), and
- 160 applications received an average team score of ≤ 79.9 (55%)

We look forward to partnering with these organizations to support and strengthen their capacity, advance health equity across Minnesota, and share their important work with you over the next year.

In partnership,

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