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Social Impact Partnership Program (SIPP) FAQ

Q: What is the Social Impact Partnership Program (SIPP)?
A: SIPP is a community health enrichment program sponsored by Franciscan Health, which establishes, and builds upon, partnerships with non-profit health and human service agencies that provide services in at-risk communities served by Franciscan Health.

Q: How does the program work?
A: SIPP takes a multi-step approach to helping address important community health issues. First, through a formal application process, it provides financial support to qualified organizations to help them address specific public health needs in a population served by Franciscan Health. Second, SIPP makes available Franciscan professionals from diverse backgrounds to help organizations that do not have the means to acquire such services on their own.

The goal is to foster long-term relationships with community providers to better address improving significant health issues in our most vulnerable populations.

Q: Doesn't Franciscan already have a community health grant program?
A: Franciscan used to have a "grants and donations" process for community organizations. SIPP is a more targeted program that stresses long-term relationships with community agencies with specific community health improvement targets.

Q: How much funding is available?
A: In the current SIPP funding cycle, qualified organizations may receive up to $10,000. Those agencies that prove effective stewards of partnership funds and can generate tangible results may be eligible for financial support in subsequent years.

Q: What are the criteria for receiving funds?
A: Franciscan Health will review proposals that focus on priority health needs, health equity, and in geographic areas served by the health system.

Franciscan Health has identified the following priority health needs based on its Community Health Needs Assessment process.

- **Access to Health Care:** This category includes transportation to health services, insurance or financial navigation, support of free clinics, health navigation, screenings, and linkages to care.
- **Food Insecurity:** This need includes support, distribution, and access to free or reduced cost healthy food. Community garden programs that are unable to produce food throughout the year will not be considered.
- **Housing Stability:** Programs that support efforts to get families and individuals into stable housing or assist with utilities, modifications, or other needs may apply in this category.

- **Social Bridging:** This category includes programs and interventions related to building peer and family relationships, such as parenting education, peer mentoring, family interventions, adolescent/teen programs, and positive relationship development. Programs must be evidence-based or have long-term evaluation that demonstrates success.
- **Mental Health:** Programs that promote positive mental health strategies or assist with depression, anxiety, stress, or other mental health issues will be considered. Programs must be evidence-based or have long-term evaluation that demonstrates success.
- **Substance Abuse:** This need includes prevention and treatment services related to alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and inappropriate use of prescription drugs. Medication take back boxes or other disposal methods will be considered. Programs must be evidence-based or have long-term evaluation that demonstrates success.

Serving populations that are most in need should be the focus of grant program activities. This includes people that have endured systemic racism, refugees and immigrants, chronically low resourced, at-risk youth, and others impacted by poor societal supports.

Q: What communities must an organization serve in order to be eligible for a SIPP partnership?

A: Applicants must serve Franciscan Health communities, with a preference in areas with high Area Deprivation Index scores found on the BroadStreet platform. This includes:

- South Suburban Cook County, IL, with preference to Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, and Park Forest
- Lake County, with preference to Hammond, East Chicago, and Cedar Lake
- Porter County
- LaPorte County, with preference to Michigan City
- Jasper County
- Tippecanoe County, with preference to Lafayette
- Montgomery County
- South Marion County, with preference to Beech Grove and the Townships of Perry, Decatur, and Franklin
- Northern Johnson County, with preference to Greenwood and Bargersville
- Morgan County, with preference to Mooresville, Monrovia, and Eminence

Organizations do not need to operate a physical location in these geographic areas, but must serve or expand services to residents in the area.

Q: What is BroadStreet?

A: BroadStreet is a digital, web-based platform – accessible at www.broadstreet.io – that provides statistical values of community health issues and makes them available to organizations to help them plan and implement services to address those issues. Franciscan Health is a member and has arranged with Broadstreet to provide temporary access to the web portal to help organizations apply for SIPP funding and develop strategies to improve health of their communities.

Q: Where do I go for a SIPP grant application?

A: Go to www.franciscanhealth.org/communityhealth

Q: What types of professional assistance might be available to organizations?

A: Franciscan Health is a large, diverse organization and employs professionals in a variety of fields. Types of professional assistance that might be available include:

- Technical assistance, such as evaluation, public relations, program development, finance, or clinical consulting
- Volunteers from Franciscan Health, including committee or board of director level positions
- In-kind contributions of materials or services, such as first aid supplies, printing, and marketing premiums
- Clinical services, such as screenings or immunizations
- Recruitment, advertising, or distribution of materials

Q: Must my organization be located in a Franciscan Health service area to participate?

A: No, but it must provide services in a targeted service area.

Q: Why is Franciscan Health doing a program like this?

A: A healthcare organization's responsibilities extend beyond a physician's office, an emergency room or a hospital bed. Franciscan is in the business of building healthier communities along with many other vital organizations. Through the SIPP program, Franciscan strives to create mutually beneficial partnerships centered on improving significant health issues in our most vulnerable communities.

Q: Who decides which organizations become Social Impact Partners with Franciscan Health??

A: A committee comprised of local hospital leadership will determine fund recipients and amounts. Community health improvement staff from Franciscan Health will work directly with selected community partners to build toward success.

Q: What is the timeline for the 2021/2022 SIPP cycle?

A: The 2021-2022 SIPP cycle timeline is as follows:

- **May 5-June 11, 2021:** Applications accepted
- **May 12:** Information session for potential partners
- **July 14:** Partners announced
- **July 29:** Welcome session for partners
- **January 14-17, 2022:** Check in meeting
- **June 30, 2022:** End of 2021-2022 SIPP cycle/Final report due