



health sciences & services authority of spokane county

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## Health Sciences & Services Authority Announces 2009 Grant Competition to Increase Access to Health Services

SPOKANE, Wash. – The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County has announced its second request for proposals (RFPs) for a 2009 grant competition *to increase access to health services in Spokane County*. The HSSA will award a total of \$225,000 in one or more grants. The grants may be one or two years in duration.

Applicants for HSSA 2009 health services funding are invited from Spokane County public and nonprofit organizations, singly or in collaboration with other public and nonprofit organizations or with for-profit companies. Eligible organizations are those that innovate new procedures, processes or systems to deliver better solutions for promoting public health in the county. Eligible applicants are limited to networks of voluntary health providers delivering free services to under-served people in Spokane County.

“This is the HSSA’s second grant competition this year,” said Nancy L. Isserlis, Board Chair. “This second allocation of funds is also prescribed by the legislation that created the Health Sciences & Services Authority, and we expect these funds to directly increase access to health services to under-served people in our county.”

A Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted by the sponsor of a proposal is required and due by 12 noon July 31, 2009, and must be submitted by e-mail to [grantadmin@hssaspokane.org](mailto:grantadmin@hssaspokane.org). In addition to an electric copy, a hard copy of the LOI may be mailed to Grant Administrator, Health Sciences & Services Authority, The University District, 665 N. Riverpoint Boulevard, Suite 124, Spokane, WA 99202-1665. The actual proposal in response to this announced RFP is due by 4 p.m. August 31, 2009, and also should be submitted electronically. The awards will be announced by the HSSA Board in October.

The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County, a Washington State grant making authority, was established by the Washington Legislature to promote bioscience-based economic development and to advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease

and promote public health. The HSSA invests funds to create and support a nationally competitive health care cluster in Spokane County catalyzing connections between higher education and health care that lead to high wage jobs, long-term sustainability, and economic diversification. HSSA will fund the very best projects through a competitive, well-monitored and accountable process.

HSSA Board members are Nancy L. Isserlis, Attorney, Winston & Cashatt and Interim Board Chair; Dr. Patricia Butterfield, Dean of the WSU School of Nursing; Dr. Jeff Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Providence Sacred Heart and Holy Family; Kelsey Gray, Ph.D., Managing Partner, Spectrum LLC; Dr. Earl “Marty” Martin, Dean of Gonzaga University’s School of Law; Alethea McCann, Owner, Spherion Staffing and Recruiting, Mari Thomas, medical researcher and wife of Fairchild Air Force Base Commander Bob Thomas; Wendy K. Schneider, Director of Development, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, and Roger Woodworth, Vice President, Avista Utilities.

More information about the 2009 Grant Competition may be found at [www.hssaspokane.org](http://www.hssaspokane.org) or by calling (509) 358-2113.

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