



## News Release

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### **HSSA Announces Modified \$100,000 Woodworth Health Services Delivery Challenge Grant Competition**

SPOKANE, Wash. – The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County has announced that it has closed its third grant competition and has re-issued a slightly modified version.

The **Woodworth Collaborative Health Services Delivery Challenge Grant** competition will fund up to \$100,000 to one or more organizations who can demonstrate a commitment to coordination, cooperation and collaboration that increases the efficiency of health service delivery in Spokane County. Applicants must provide a 50 percent match, half of which may be in-kind and none of which may be previously sourced from HSSA. Matching funds must be in hand at the time the proposal is submitted. Grants are for one year.

Citing no qualified responses to its request for proposals (RFPs) for the initial health services delivery challenge grant, the HSSA closed the competition at its April meeting after modifying its criteria to require less matching funds from applicants.

“We thank those organizations who applied for these funds in the initial offering,” said Nancy Isserlis, Winston & Cashatt and HSSA Board Chair. “Unfortunately, we did not have any proposals that met the grant criteria.

“We recognize there is a need in our community for such funding, and we believe that this challenge grant offers meaningful support to those organizations willing to collaborate with one another to provide innovative ways to provide more efficient health services delivery,” she said.

The challenge grant competition helps to meet one of HSSA's strategic goals to increase access to health services in Spokane County, along with a \$225,000 grant the HSSA made to Project Access.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted by an applicant is required and due electronically by 12 noon May 15, 2010, to [grantadmin@hssaspokane.org](mailto:grantadmin@hssaspokane.org). In addition to an electronic 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. If an applicant's proposal is accepted, the actual proposal in response to this announced RFP is due by 4 p.m. June 15, 2010, and also must be submitted electronically.

The HSSA has awarded \$675,000 to the Institute for Systems Medicine (ISM) to increase infrastructure capacity for bioscience research. ISM is using the grant to partially fund the creation of integrated human tissue and clinical data repositories, necessary infrastructure that supports biosciences research, the second strategic initiative of the HSSA.

Isserlis also said that the Board may take action at its May meeting to issue bonds for up to \$10 million to allow it to more effectively meet its mission and to make a more significant impact on the local economy.

The HSSA is a Washington grant-making authority established by the Washington Legislature to promote bioscience-based economic development that advances new therapies and procedures to combat disease, and to promote public health. The HSSA invests funds to create and support a nationally competitive health care cluster in Spokane County by catalyzing connections between higher education and health care. HSSA funds only the very best projects through a competitive well-monitored and accountable process.

More information about the Woodworth Collaborative Health Services Delivery Grant or the HSSA and its mission may be found at [www.hssaspokane.org](http://www.hssaspokane.org) or by calling (509) 358-2113.

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