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Greetings,

We are excited to announce that funding decisions have been made for the 2024-2027 cycle of the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) grant program. We took much time and intention to revise the request for proposals (RFP) and scoring criteria based upon the feedback we received over the years from multiple grantees, community partners and past applicants. This resulted in numerous changes and improvements to both the RFP and review process.

The attached memo describes the funding requests we received and information about the review process. We are in awe of the programs and ideas presented by the 114 eligible applicants who requested over \$21 million in annual funding. This only made the decision process that much harder given that the Center for Health Equity only has about \$5 million to grant out annually. This goes to show that the need for resources and support to address health inequities is great, and there are many organizations, networks and institutions that are ready and poised to lead this work.

More than 100 diverse community members from across the state came together to review and discuss the applications and were deeply impressed by the dedication and commitment to eliminating health disparities demonstrated in the proposals. In addition to offering funding recommendation for each application, reviewers individually scored each application out of a total 150 possible points. Each applicant's final score was based on the average score of all team members who reviewed the application. Of the 114 eligible applicants:

- 43 applicants received an average team score of ≥ 130 (38%)
- 49 applicants received an average team score between 120-129 (43%), and
- 22 applicants received an average team score of ≤ 119 (19%)

We look forward to partnering with these groups to advance health equity across Minnesota. We will highlight and share their important work with you over the next four years.

In partnership,
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