



The California Wellness Foundation

Grantmaking for a Healthier California

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Dear Friend of the Foundation:

For more than a decade, The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) has funded programs addressing the health issue of teenage pregnancy prevention. Grants are commonly given to organizations that provide outreach activities for reproductive health care, access to contraceptive services, and comprehensive programs for pregnant teens. An emphasis is placed on funding peer-provider clinics and other reproductive health organizations that work with high-risk, sexually active, underserved teen populations.

The Foundation also funds organizations that provide leadership development for reproductive health care workers and organizations that inform policymakers and opinion leaders about effective policies and programs to prevent teen pregnancy. We also emphasize grants for general operating support, which means that organizations do not have to start a new project to receive funds from TCWF.

If you would like your organization's teenage pregnancy prevention program to be considered for funding, please submit a one- to two-page letter of interest (LOI). Your LOI should specify how the funds would be used, the amount requested and the duration of funding.

There are no deadlines and requests are considered throughout the year. We review LOIs on an ongoing basis and notify prospective applicants of the results normally within three months. While there is no guarantee of funding, I encourage you to submit an LOI if you believe your work is a good fit with our priorities.

To view a copy of TCWF's grant guidelines, please visit our website at http://www.tcwf.org/pdf_docs/grantseekers/Info_for_Grantseekers.pdf. The brochure describes the eight health issues the Foundation prioritizes for funding, the special projects fund, and the application process. If you have any questions about our teenage pregnancy prevention grantmaking, please don't hesitate to contact Julio Marcial, TCWF program director, at (818) 702-1900 or via e-mail at: jmarcial@tcwf.org.

Sincerely,

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