



Massachusetts Department of Public Health

REQUEST FOR RESPONSES #107212 Public Health District Incentive Grant Program December 28, 2010

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has today issued a Request for Responses (RFR) for the Public Health District Incentive Grant Program. The Program is funded under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 as part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure to Improve Health Outcomes" initiative.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial support for groups of municipalities to enter into formal, long term agreements to share resources and coordinate activities in order to improve the scope, quality, and effectiveness of local public health services for their combined populations. MDPH has received a five year award from CDC for the program. The RFR seeks planning grant proposals from applicants representing groups of municipalities who seek to form public health districts. Planning grant recipients will be eligible to submit proposals by September 30, 2011 under an additional RFR process to receive multi-year implementation grants.

The RFR is posted on Comm-Pass (document #107212). This notice is being sent for distribution through the Health and Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) and through the five statewide Massachusetts public health professional associations that comprise the Coalition for Local Public Health.

To review the RFR on Comm-Pass:

Go onto the Internet to address: www.comm-pass.com. Click on the Solicitations tab near the top of the page. Click on [Search for a Solicitation](#). Enter **107212** into the Document Number field, then press Search. [There are 2 Solicitation\(s\) found that match your search criteria](#) will appear at the top of the screen. Click on this link. Click on the eyeglasses on the top line, OPEN, to view the RFR summary. Click on the Specifications tab to download and view the complete RFR document.

Parties that expect to submit a planning grant application for the District Incentive Grant program are requested to notify MDPH of their intent by sending an email to geoff.wilkinson@state.ma.us by Monday, January 24, 2011. Letters of intent are not required as a condition to submit planning grant proposals.

MDPH will hold four bidder's conferences across the state to answer questions about the Public Health District Incentive Grant Program. Interested parties are encouraged to attend any of the following meetings:

Southeastern Massachusetts and South Metro Boston: January 10, 2011, 10:30 – 12:00 pm, Middleborough Town Hall, 10 Nickerson Ave., Middleborough, MA

Northeastern Massachusetts and North Metro Boston: January 10, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, MDPH Northeast Regional Health Office, Tewksbury Hospital, Saunders Building, 365 East Street, Tewksbury, MA

Western Massachusetts: January 11, 2011, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Berkshire Athenaeum (Pittsfield Public Library), One Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA

Central Massachusetts: January 13, 2011, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Worcester Health Department, 25 Meade St., Room 109, Worcester, MA