

Community Focused Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (CFEHDI)

The CFEHDI is comprehensive, statewide, and focuses on strengthening and improving health of North Carolina's three major racial and ethnic groups: African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians. The CFEHDI was created by the 2005 North Carolina General Assembly to build the capacity of faith based, community based, American Indian Tribal organizations and local health departments to reduce disparities and improve the health of African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian populations in the state.

CFEHDI previously focused on the use of preventive measures to support healthy lifestyles for African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians as a way to close the gap in health disparities between minority populations and the white population. Recent legislation (HB 200 Section 10.21 (S.L. 2011-145)) supports the need to modify the existing program and include an emphasis on medical home services delivered by the NC health care system. Eligible applicants include faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, hospitals, local Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) networks, hospitals and local health departments (LHD). These applicants shall work collaboratively to ensure implementation of an evidence-based medical home model to close the gap in the health status of African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians as compared to the white population. **The seven focus areas are: Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes, Obesity, Asthma, HIV/AIDS/STDS and Cancer.** Eligible applicants shall select one or more of these chronic illnesses or conditions specific to the applicant's geographic area as the basis for applying for grant-in-aid under this initiative.