

## **\$11 Million to Improve Health Outcomes Through the Healthy Start Initiative**

### **WHAT IT DOES**

The purpose of Healthy Start Enhanced (HSE) is to **improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy and reduce the racial/ethnic differences in rates of infant death and adverse perinatal outcomes.**

The program uses two approaches:

- 1) Providing direct and enabling services (screening and referrals, care coordination, parenting education, etc.) to HSE participants; and
- 2) Establishing *Community Consortia* (formerly known as Community Action Networks [CANs]) made up of diverse, multi-sector partners that advise and inform HSE activities.

The *Community Consortia* develop and implement action plans to address the unique social determinants of health (SDOH) contributing to differences in birth outcomes within the project area.

HSE sites will participate in learning communities, facilitated by the *Healthy Start Technical Assistance and Support Center*, on SDOH topics such as housing, food insecurity, and transportation.

### **WHO DOES IT SERVE**

HSE serves people of reproductive age, pregnant women, mothers, fathers, infants, and children up to 18 months old who live in

areas with high rates of infant mortality and other adverse perinatal health outcomes.

HSE project areas are expected to be communities experiencing rates of infant mortality, low birth weight or preterm birth that are 1.5X the national average or greater and that do not already have access to Healthy Start services.

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

- Up to \$11,000,000 for 10 awards
- Five-year period of performance September 30, 2023-September 29, 2028

### **WHO CAN APPLY**

- Any domestic public or private entity. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, Tribes, and tribal organizations are also eligible to apply.

**NOTE:** Recipients of *Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health (HRSA-19-049)* are eligible to apply for this grant. However, you must propose a new project area.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346219>

Applications are due by **July 17, 2023**. HRSA suggests you submit your application to Grants.gov at **least 3 calendar days before the deadline** to allow for any unforeseen circumstances. Additional questions? Contact [MMorrison@hrsa.gov](mailto:MMorrison@hrsa.gov)