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THRIVE to Fund Grassroots and Faith-based Non-Profits

CANTON, Ohio – Beginning December 11, 2017 the Canton City Health Department, on behalf of Canton-Stark County THRIVE, is requesting funding proposals. Eligible grassroots and faith-based organizations (IRS 501(c)(3) and churches) with annual operating budgets of less than \$300,000 are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the grant opportunity is to implement or expand programming resulting in measurable change to improve infant mortality and disparity rates. Programming must focus on residents living in eastern Alliance (Wards 1 & 2), central Massillon (zip codes 44646, 44647) or Canton (zip codes 44703, 44704, 44705, 44706, 44707, 44714). A total of \$120,000 is available over two years. The Department expects to award up to 6 grants that will range from \$10,000 - \$20,000 per award. Organizations may apply for up to 2 years of funding.

Deadline for proposals is January 31st. Awards will be announced by February 28th. Program period begins March 1st.

Funds will be awarded to support community-based programs that are largely volunteer-driven. The programs must be designed to meet the health, education, or human service needs of black/African American women of childbearing age and/or black/African American men/fathers. Generally, the grants will not be awarded for salaries, rent and utilities, or annual events or one-time efforts that have no lasting benefit and no ongoing program or service delivery components.

The funding application is available on the Canton City Health Department website at: www.cantonhealth.org or request a copy by emailing Danielle Grimm, THRIVE Executive Assistant at: dgrimm@cantonhealth.org

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