

**COLORADO NURSING FACILITY CULTURE CHANGE
ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**
C/O COLORADO CULTURE CHANGE COALITION
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May 6, 2011

Subject: Call for Proposals for Civil Money Penalty Distribution Grants

To: All Stakeholders

BACKGROUND: The legislature in House Bill 09-1196 has directed this Board to commit funds from the Nursing Home Penalty Cash Fund each year before June 30, toward measures that will improve the quality of life for residents in Colorado nursing facilities.

PURPOSES: To outline procedures for stakeholders to submit proposals .
To provide criteria and form(s) for submitting proposals.

PROCEDURES:

1. Forms for submitting applications for funds are available at the above address and on the web at www.coculturechange.org.
2. Forms must be submitted to the above address no later than September 30, 2011.
3. Submissions must fit the criteria #1-3, listed below. All applicable sections on the application must be completed in order to be considered.

CRITERIA:

1. Project must have a continuing and long-term beneficial effect on the quality of life of residents in nursing facilities and be continued or concluded without additional CMP funding.
2. Project must include a plan for measuring results in quantifiable terms. Results must be submitted to the Colorado Culture Change Accountability Board.
3. Project must be replicative. (stimulate resident quality of care and quality of life in a way that can be replicated).
4. Project may also include the following even though they have only an indirect effect on the quality of life of residents in nursing facilities.
 - a. Consumer education to promote resident-centered care.
 - b. Training for state surveyors, supervisors , and the state and local long-term health care ombudsman regarding resident-centered care.
 - c. Development of a newsletter and web site detailing information on resident-centered care.
 - d. Education and consultation for identifying and implementing resident-centered care initiatives.
5. In accordance with CMS guidance, projects for capital improvements; to pay for items or services that the facility is responsible for, or to fund projects that are not related to improving the quality of life of nursing home residents will not be considered.
6. For nursing facilities applying for funds, past survey performance will be considered as a selection factor.
7. Programs or projects awarded a grant will not be eligible to apply the following year.

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