

**MeHAF
Fund for the Future**

Letter of Interest (LOI) Guidelines

If you have a new project idea, or a current project that can expand in scale and scope, while addressing a single health issue in the way suggested above, please send **an email of 500 words** or fewer to Len Bartel at lbartel@mehaf.org. In the email, briefly describe the proposed project and how it advances the goals and objectives of the Fund for the Future, while addressing some of the key elements that will be part of the full proposal: What health issue have you chosen, and why? How was the health issue chosen? Why is your organization the best choice to lead this effort? How will your project improve the health status of the population served for the issue selected? What is the defined community for this project? How will your project engage non-traditional partners and to what end? How does the proposed project organize or leverage current community assets in new ways?

Please attach two documents to your email:

- 1) Project partners (including possible funding partners)
- 2) Expected project costs.

Letters of Interest are due July 2, 2009 no later than 4:30 pm.

You will receive an email confirming that we have received your submission by Monday July 6th. Your proposed project will be reviewed by two MeHAF staff. **If your proposed project has potential for grant funding, we will invite you to submit a full proposal and provide you with information about how to submit an on-line application.**

Please be aware that those applicants invited to submit a full proposal will have their Letters of Interest posted for public comment on the Fund for the Future Facebook Fan Page.

Through this pilot program, MeHAF is eager to explore ways in which we can engage the public in new and pioneering ways. We believe that this process will guide the development of the Fund, help shape prospective projects, and afford greater visibility to the organizations that apply.