



## Appendix A: *We Choose Health* Letter of Intent

### General Instructions

If you intend to submit a grant application under the *We Choose Health* program, you must first submit this Letter of Intent (LOI). Organizations failing to submit the LOI form by the deadline are ineligible to apply for funding. Note that submitting this form does not obligate you to submit a completed application.

Please fill out **all three** pages completely using Adobe Reader and submit by email to [DPH.WeChooseHealth@Illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.WeChooseHealth@Illinois.gov), no later than 5 p.m. CDT on Friday, May 18, 2012. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail within two business days. If you do not receive a confirmation, IDPH has not received your Letter of Intent.

### Section I: Contact Information

Organization Name	Douglas County Health Department
Street Address	1250 E. US Hwy 36
City, State, Zip Code	Tuscola, il 61953
Phone Number	(217) 253-4137
Website	<a href="http://www.douglascountyhealth.org">www.douglascountyhealth.org</a>
<b>Primary Contact</b>	
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<b>Secondary Contact</b>	
Name	
Title	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

### Type of applicant (check for primary applicant only; may check more than one if applicable)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Health Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Public School System  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Private School System | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Association      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Government               | <input type="checkbox"/> University            | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Government                   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Organization   |
- Specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Hospital or Hospital System  
☐ Health Care Foundation  
☐ Community Health Care Centers

## Section II: About Your Potential Application

1. The proposed project takes place and impacts communities in Illinois *excluding* Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, and Kane counties

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Note: If you answered "no," your project is ineligible for this funding opportunity.*

2. Please indicate which strategies you are considering for your application. Each menu option applies to one or more categories: Healthy Eating and Active Living; Smoke-free Living; Healthy and Safe Built Environments and Social and Emotional Wellness. Applicants must choose at least one strategy addressing Healthy Eating and Active Living and at least one strategy addressing Smoke-Free Living.

### Healthy Eating and Active Living

(must choose at least one)

### Smoke-free Living

(must choose at least one)

### Healthy and Safe Built Environments

☒ Coordinated School Health

(includes Social & Emotional Wellness)

☐ Baby Friendly Hospitals

☐ Worksite Wellness

☐ Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing

☒ Smoke-free Public Places

☒ Safe Routes to School

☐ Complete Streets

☐ Joint Use Agreements

3. Briefly describe the geographic area your proposed project will impact.

The 2010 census calculates that the land area in Douglas County is 416.7 square miles. There are 48 persons per square mile. This presents the population as 19,980 for Douglas County. Of this populace, the census states that 6.1% are of Hispanic or Latino decent. This is an increase of 3.1% from the last census in 2000. Douglas County is very diverse with a large Latino populace and also a large Amish populace. The census shows the German decent at 3.9% of the current population. This is indicative of the Amish heritage.

There are five cities that make up Douglas County. Arcola is a city in Douglas County in which over 50% of the school population is Latino. There are two major factories in this city in which many of the workers come from Cadereyta, Mexico. Arthur and Arcola are both cities in which the Amish population reside and send their children to parochial schools until they graduate eighth grade. Tuscola is the county seat with most of the governmental offices being housed within this city. Newman and Villa Grove are the other cities that make up Douglas County.

The census also determined that there were 7,574 households out of which 33.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them. Most of these children attend one of the five public school districts located within the county. These schools are very underfunded and very rural. Limited choices for healthy foods and choices for positive exercises are available.

Douglas County is a rural community with very limited resources; such as monetary funds to address the health of their residents. Douglas County does not have a hospital in the county to facilitate programs for healthy living; therefore, the local Medical Reserve Corps along with the health department conduct limited programs that address health. Douglas County does have partnerships throughout the county with different agencies and organizations that have been very successful in implementing numerous programs throughout the county.

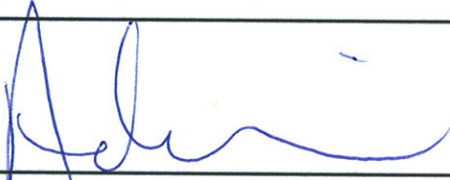
4. IDPH is encouraging applications reflecting broad-based regional collaboration, and will post information about received Letters of Intent on the *We Choose Health* website to help potential partners identify each other. Check this box ONLY if you DO NOT wish information about your Letter of Intent posted: ☐

*Note: Even if you check this box, IDPH reserves the right to privately contact you and potential collaborators to encourage joint proposals.*

### Section III: Authorization

Please include a signature by a member of the applicant organization's executive staff. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

"I hereby authorize my organization to submit this Letter of Intent. I understand that this Letter of Intent in no way obligates my organization to submit a completed proposal."

Name (printed)	Amanda S. Minor, LEHP, MPH
Title	Administrator
Organization	Douglas County Health Department
Signature	
Date	5/17/2012