



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, 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	Health & Wellness Foundation of Pike County as fiscal sponsor for Pike County Community Health Partnership (PCCHP)
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Type of applicant (check for primary applicant only; may check more than one if applicable)

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| <input 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)

- ☒ Coordinated School Health
(includes Social & Emotional Wellness)
☐ Baby Friendly Hospitals
☒ Worksite Wellness

Smoke-free Living

(must choose at least one)

- ☒ Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing
☒ Smoke-free Public Places

Healthy and Safe Built Environments

- ☒ Safe Routes to School
☒ Complete Streets
☒ Joint Use Agreements

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

Pike County Illinois is located in West-Central Illinois between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Distance to the closest larger towns are St. Louis, MO- 95 miles, Springfield, IL -72 miles, and Chicago, IL- 275 miles. The County is an agriculturally based, rural area of approximately 830 square miles with no urban areas and no metropolitan statistical areas.

Pike County is 5th in size of the 102 counties in Illinois. The 2010 population estimate from the US Census Bureau is 16,430. The population is 96.9% white. The largest town in the county is Pittsfield with a population of 4,200. The Pike County population over age 65 accounts for 19.1% of the total population versus 12.5% for the state of Illinois population over age 65.

According to the 2010 US Census Bureau, per capita income of Pike County residents was \$19,996 versus the Illinois per capita income of \$28,782. Only 12.7% of Pike County residents age 25 or older had a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared to the state of Illinois at 30.3%. There were 6,648 housing units in Pike County in 2010 and 7.2% housing units in multi-unit structures compared to the state of Illinois at 33.0%. Home ownership rate for Pike county in 2010 was 7.2% compared to the state of Illinois at 69.2%.

Data obtained from the Illinois Department of Public Health, 2009 county level Behavior Risk Factor Survey of the adult population reported Pike County chronic disease rates. High blood pressure rate was 35.9%, high cholesterol rate was 40.0%, and diabetes rate was 12.0% (up from 9.1% in 2006). The overweight rate for Pike County adult population during in 2009 was 37.3% and the obesity rate was 28.4%.

Pike County, Illinois has one community hospital, Illini Community Hospital, and one local health department, Pike County Health Department, both located in Pittsfield. There are four school districts in the county operating seven elementary and junior high schools and four high schools.

The Pike County Community Health Partnership (PCCHP) is a well established local coalition, which has successfully implemented several community health initiatives, since 2006. Partnership steering committee member organizations include the Health & Wellness Foundation of Pike County, Pike County Health Department, Illini Community Hospital, Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois, PACT Headstart, Two Rivers RC&D, and the University of Illinois Extension.


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)	Patricia McIntosh
Title	Executive Director
Organization	Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County (HWFPC)
Signature	
Date	5/18/2012