



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

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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.

Macoupin County Public Health Department will serve as the lead agency for a collaborative grant application representing local health department members of the the Health Providers Alliance of Illinois (HPAI). The 5 HPAI members which will collaborate toward implementing We Choose Health program activities will include the respective local health departments within Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, Montgomery, and Calhoun counties.

In total, the grant application will serve a geographic area of 2,733 square miles and a population of 119,829. All counties involved are located in west central Illinois just south of Springfield, IL and northeast of St. Louis. All associated counties are rural with sparse populations spread over large distances. Health services are limited within each partner county.

Macoupin County is 863 square miles and has a population of 47,765. Macoupin County is the fifth largest county in Illinois in terms of total land area. Macoupin County is the largest of the collaborating five counties in both land area and population.

Montgomery County is comprised of rural communities, the largest metropolitan area being Litchfield, with a population of 6,939. It is 704 square miles and has a population of 30,104.

Greene County is 543 square miles and has a population of 13,886. The Illinois River forms the western boundary of the county. Farmland occupies approximately 78% of the total acreage of the county.

Jersey County is a small, predominately rural and agricultural County located on the western border of the State of Illinois at the junction of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. It is bordered on the North by Greene County, on the East by Macoupin, and on the South by Madison County. Jersey County is 369 square miles and has a population of 22,985.

Calhoun County has a total area of 254 square miles, of which 90% is land and 10% is water. Calhoun County is a narrow 37-mile long peninsula of mostly high, rolling ground located between the Mississippi river and the Illinois River. The rolling hills escaped the leveling of glaciers.

The participating members of the Health Providers Alliance of Illinois will coordinate work site wellness and smoke-free public places programming across the 5 county region.


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)	Kent Tarro
Title	Administrator
Organization	Macoupin County Public Health Department
Signature	
Date	