



Dear Colleague:

I am writing to update you on the availability of grants through Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) as the program approaches the completion of its current Authorization.

The *LFP Annual Grantmaking* cycle will conclude with the proposals submitted this year (deadline June 30, 2010) from which up to 12 matching grants will be awarded in 2011. The *Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence* program will continue accepting proposals and awarding grants throughout this year and 2011.

At this time there are no plans for subsequent Calls for Proposals under the LFP program. However, LFP director Polly Seitz and her staff will continue to provide monitoring and technical assistance to all existing grants and those to be awarded in 2010 and 2011. We anticipate that all grants will be completed in 2015.

We look forward to consulting with our colleagues in the grantmaking field as we consider future efforts to partner with local and regional foundations on common causes. Over the past 20 years it has been a privilege to partner with local philanthropy to address some of the most challenging community health needs, identify promising new approaches and support original models as they move from demonstration to evidence-based best practice.

If you have been incubating a project or an idea that you are considering nominating for a Local Funding Partnerships grant, the LFP program staff would be happy to discuss it with you. Application information for this final round of *LFP Annual Grantmaking*—deadline June 30, 2010—and for the *LFP Peaceful Pathways* grants is available at www.localfundingpartnerships.org under "How To Apply." If you have any additional questions, please do not reply to this e-mail but send your inquiry directly to info@localfundingpartnerships.org.

Our goal remains to make better health possible for vulnerable people in the context of difficult life circumstances. With your help, we will continue taking a fresh look at opportunities to improve health where it starts—where we live, learn, work and play.

Sincerely,

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