

**HEALTHY COMMUNITY ACT**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH; TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; CREATING THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE; REQUIRING A PROGRAM TO HAVE A CHILD LITERACY COMPONENT; CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENT OF PRIVATE MATCHING FUNDS; APPROPRIATING \$100,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

**26-10a-101**, (Renumbered from 63-75a-1, as enacted by Chapter 317, Laws of Utah 1996)

**26-10a-102**, (Renumbered from 63-75a-2, as enacted by Chapter 317, Laws of Utah 1996)

**26-10a-103**, (Renumbered from 63-75a-3, as enacted by Chapter 317, Laws of Utah 1996)

**26-10a-104**, (Renumbered from 63-75a-4, as enacted by Chapter 317, Laws of Utah 1996)

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-10a-101**, which is renumbered from Section 63-75a-1 is renumbered and amended to read:

**CHAPTER 10a. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ACT**

~~[63-75a-1]~~. **26-10a-101. Title.**

This [act] chapter is known as the "Healthy Communities Program Act."

Section 2. Section **26-10a-102**, which is renumbered from Section 63-75a-2 is renumbered and amended to read:

~~[63-75a-2]~~. **26-10a-102. Healthy Communities Program -- Creation -- Description -- Committee.**

(1) There is created a Healthy Communities Program designed to be a family-focused,

youth development approach to coordinated prevention and early intervention services for high-risk youth and their families.

(2) The program shall provide:

(a) an active outreach in the neighborhood designed to identify pregnant women in need of services;

(b) prenatal and other support services necessary to insure the birth of a healthy baby;

(c) literacy enhancement for children from birth to five years of age that includes parental involvement;

~~(c)~~ (d) case management and support services as appropriate after birth to monitor the child's development through the preschool years;

~~(d)~~ (e) year-round support services for school-age youth, teens, and their families, including:

(i) personal development;

(ii) gender-specific programming;

(iii) after-school tutoring;

(iv) citizenship and leader development;

(v) health, social, and physical recreation;

(vi) gang diversion; and

(vii) skills training;

~~(e)~~ (f) individualized support services for youth in need of more intensive services, including:

(i) case management;

(ii) tracking;

(iii) crisis intervention[.];

(iv) mentoring; and

(v) skills training; and

~~(f)~~ (g) mentoring and job placement services for older youth.

(3) (a) There is created a Healthy Communities Program Committee to review and make

recommendations to the executive director on grant applications.

(b) The committee shall be appointed by the executive director and consist of:

(i) a representative of community-based nonprofit organizations;

(ii) a representative of a state agency that provides services and supports to high-risk youth;

and

(iii) three members of the public.

(c) Appointments shall be for four-year terms, except for those members who have been appointed to complete an expired term. Appointments and reappointments may be staggered so that approximately half of the committee is appointed every two years. The committee shall annually elect a chair from its membership.

(d) The committee shall meet at least quarterly or more frequently as determined by the executive director, the chair, or three or more members of the committee. Three committee members shall constitute a quorum and a vote of the members present shall constitute the action of the committee.

(e) Members who are not state employees may not receive compensation or benefits for their service, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in performance of official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Section 3. Section **26-10a-103**, which is renumbered from Section 63-75a-3 is renumbered and amended to read:

**[63-75a-3]. 26-10a-103. Funding grants -- Qualifications -- Application process -- Matching funds required.**

(1) An organization with a program meeting the requirements of Section [63-75a-2] 26-10a-102 may apply for a grant of matching funds from the [~~Division of Community Development within the Department of Community and Economic Development~~] department.

(2) An organization applying for a grant shall:

(a) be an established, community-based nonprofit organization as determined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) have strong, established youth-serving programs in high-risk neighborhood settings;

(c) have demonstrated the capacity to collaborate with local neighborhood organizations and residents, public agencies, and law enforcement;

(d) have demonstrated a commitment to helping neighborhoods better address their own problems; and

(e) have a record of delivering culturally sensitive services to ethnic minority populations.

~~[(3) A one-to-one cash match is required for an organization to receive a grant, at least 50% of which shall come from other private sources.]~~

(3) (a) An organization shall match each dollar received under a grant with a dollar from a private source.

(b) Grant money and matching money:

(i) shall be made available to a program in the same fiscal year; and

(ii) may be expended at any time.

(c) No type of in-kind match or contribution may be used to satisfy the requirement of a one-to-one dollar match in Subsection (3)(a).

(4) Each application for a grant shall be submitted to the Healthy Communities Program Committee, which shall review the grant and make a recommendation on the application to the executive director.

(5) The executive director must approve a grant of matching funds under this section before the grant may be awarded.

Section 4. Section **26-10a-104**, which is renumbered from Section 63-75a-4 is renumbered and amended to read:

**~~[63-75a-4].~~ 26-10a-104. Evaluation -- Report to Legislature.**

(1) The following information shall be collected and used in evaluating the effectiveness of the program:

(a) a description of the targeted neighborhood, including demographic information;

(b) number of prenatal visits to a medical practitioner;

(c) birth weight of infants;

(d) attendance and participation in activities;

- (e) measures of skills training provided to youth and families;
- (f) for youth requiring case management:
  - (i) school attendance;
  - (ii) academic tracking; and
  - (iii) involvement with law enforcement and the juvenile court; and
- (g) job placement and retention rates for older youth.

(2) An annual report shall be prepared by each organization receiving a grant for this program. The annual report shall contain:

- (a) an evaluation of the program based on the information collected under Subsection (1);
- (b) an accounting of the grant funds; and
- (c) any other information the organization considers important.

**Section 5. Appropriation.**

There is appropriated for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health to be awarded as matching grants pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 10a, Healthy Communities Program Act.

**Section 6. Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.