



Is Your Organization Looking to Improving Health Equity? Technical Assistance and Seed Funding is Now Available

The ACTION program, at the UCSF Center for the Health Professions, is accepting applications for technical assistance and seed funding from organizations in California that are looking to undertake efforts to improve health equity.

Examples of efforts the ACTION program is interested in supporting include tailoring care (e.g., chronic disease management) for communities with cultural or linguistic barriers, incorporating race, ethnicity, and language data into disease registries, or implementing language services to reduce disparities in care.

All organizations will be asked to incorporate quality improvement approaches and identify patient level outcomes (i.e., satisfaction, health outcomes) to measure the impact of their work.

Technical Assistance: Technical assistance will be provided by national experts. Types of technical assistance provided will be based on the organization's needs and is likely to include the following areas: quality improvement methods, patient-provider communications, disease management, survey instruments, and quality dashboards.

Seed Funding: Seed funding is available to catalyze organization's ability to initiate change. Funding requests can range from \$10,000 up to \$35,000 for up to one year.

How to Apply: Interested organizations will need to submit a short application, budget, and a letter of support from a senior leader at the organization. Projects will be funded on a quarterly basis. Application deadlines for 2009 are June 15, September 15, and December 1. Deadlines for 2010 are March 15, June 15, September 15, and November 15.

For more information about the program including application materials, please visit: <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/TheNetwork/Default.aspx?tabid=1468>

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About ACTION: The Center for the Health Professions at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) has launched the ACTION program to meet the needs of organizations that are interested in taking practical steps to improve the delivery of equitable care. The goal of this multi-year effort, funded by the California Endowment, is to move organizations to ACTION—*ACT using information, opportunities and networks*—in delivering equitable health care.