



health sciences & services authority of spokane county

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## **HSSA Announces \$325,000 Grant Competition to Increase Access to Health Care in Spokane County**

SPOKANE, Wash. – The **Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA)** of Spokane County has announced that it has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its eighth grant competition.

The grant competition is titled “**HSSA Grant Competition RFP # 8-2012: Increase Access to Health Care in Spokane County through Innovative and Collaborative Health Service Delivery.**” The HSSA will award one or more grants for up to a total of no more than \$325,000 for a period of one year to provide innovative and collaborative health service delivery that increases access to health service in Spokane County.

“HSSA’s goal is to improve the capacity of the Spokane region to contribute to advances in health sciences and services,” said Nancy L. Isserlis, HSSA Board Chair and Spokane City Attorney. “This grant offers meaningful support for those organizations that provide access to health care for people in Spokane County who otherwise would not receive such care,” she said.

HSSA’s eighth grant competition helps to meet one of HSSA’s strategic goals to increase access to health services in Spokane County, and represents a fund of about 15 percent of its annual revenues designated for this purpose. HSSA’s other strategic goal is to increase local bioscience research and the infrastructure that supports it, and designated about 75 percent of its revenues for its support.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted by an applicant is required and due electronically by 12 noon May 31, 2012, to [grantadmin@hssaspokane.org](mailto:grantadmin@hssaspokane.org). In addition to an electronic copy, a hard copy of the LOI may be mailed to Grant Administrator, Health Sciences & Services Authority, The University District, 665 N. Riverpoint Boulevard, Suite 124, Spokane, WA 99202-1665. If an

applicant's proposal is accepted, the actual proposal by the applicant in response to this announcement is due by 4 p.m. June 29, 2012, and also must be submitted electronically.

The HSSA is a grant-making authority established by the Washington Legislature and authorized county-wide by Spokane County that invests funds to create and support a nationally competitive health sciences research cluster in the county, and to promote public health. HSSA works to catalyze higher education and private research and to grow the health sciences industry through commercialization that leads to higher wage jobs, long-term sustainability, and economic diversification. HSSA funds only the very best projects through a competitive, well-monitored and accountable process.

More information about the HSSA and its mission may be found at [www.hssaspokane.org](http://www.hssaspokane.org), on-line at Facebook, or by calling 509.358.2113.

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