

LARGE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING GUIDELINES

Komen Puget Sound funds the following service categories:

- 1. Early detection/Education:** Approximately 70% of our grant funding will support projects in this area as it is clear that breast cancers that are detected early are much more curable than those detected late. This target area includes the following programs:
 - Delivery of screening and diagnostic mammography services
 - Outreach programs that facilitate access to breast cancer screening.
 - Education focused on the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection.

- 2. Patient Navigation:** Approximately 15% of our grant funding will support projects in this area as it is clear that culturally appropriate patient navigation reduces disparities in breast cancer outcomes among medically underserved women. Programs in this target area should provide the following:
 - Culturally appropriate one-on-one patient navigation programs that aid breast cancer survivors in accessing and understanding the medical system and help to ensure that they receive the best treatment possible.

- 3. Patient Assistance/Treatment Support:** Approximately 15% of our grant funding will support projects in this area to ensure that breast cancer patients have the financial resources and support to get the best available breast cancer treatments, which critical to improving breast cancer survival rates. This category includes the following services:
 - “Safety net” funding for low-income breast cancer patients. This funding will provide financial assistance for the following: rent/mortgage; prescriptions for medications not available through pharmaceutical assistance funds; transportation; utilities; food and nutritional supplements; medical supplies such as lymphedema sleeves, dressings, etc.; COBRA insurance premiums; childcare; personal hygiene/specialty clothing items; dental care needed prior to chemotherapy.
 - Culturally-appropriate treatment support services which include, but are not limited to, the following: support groups, classes, and resources relevant to breast cancer patients and survivors.

We will fund projects in the above-mentioned service categories targeting medically underserved populations and communities in our 16 county service area. Additionally, based upon the disparities identified in the Komen Puget Sound 2009-2011 Community Profile Report, we strongly encourage applications that will provide new or expanded projects in the following areas of need:

- Projects that will increase breast cancer screening, patient navigation and treatment support services offered in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific and Mason counties to low-income, Hispanic and American Indian/Alaska Native women.
- Projects that will increase breast cancer screening and patient navigation in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties for low-income, African American, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native and Vietnamese women.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Program must be specific to breast health and/or breast cancer; e.g. if a program is a combined breast and cervical cancer program, funding may only be requested for the breast cancer portion.
- Applicants must be a U.S. tax-exempt organization, e.g. nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and Indian tribes are eligible.

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HOW TO APPLY:

Large Community Grants

NEW: Interested applicants are **REQUIRED** to submit a [Letter of Inquiry \(LOI\) \(link to LOI Application\)](#) to indicate interest in Komen funding. **Electronic copy must be received at the Komen office by 5 pm July 31, 2009.** Organizations invited to submit full proposals based on their LOI will be given program feedback and technical assistance with their proposal.

After successful submission of the LOI, selected organizations will be invited to submit a full application through the [Request for Application \(RFA\) \(link to RFA\)](#) due 5 pm December 4, 2009. **PLEASE NOTE: submission of RFA is by invitation only.**