

May 13, 2019

Ms. Amy Sackman Odum
Director of Neighborhood & Business Development
City of Toledo
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Toledo, OH 43604

RE: Request for \$10,000 for 2019/2020 Lucas County Community Health Assessment

Dear Amy,

Lucas County is on a three-year cycle to conduct the community health assessment for children, youth and adults. This effort continues to be led by Healthy Lucas County, a coalition of community health improvement organizations that includes the Neighborhood & Business Development of the City of Toledo. The coalition, which has evolved over the decades and now is being governed by an Executive Committee, remains dedicated to mobilizing partnerships to assess and address health status in Lucas County.

I am writing to request your organization's financial support to conduct the 2019/2020 Lucas County Community Health Assessment. Commitments must be made by July 31, 2019 and can be payable between now and January 31, 2020. Please consider investing \$10,000 to help us reach our goal. However, a contribution of any size is appreciated. All contributions will be recognized in the Health Assessment website, and on any promotional materials.

As you know, the community health assessment's methodology was approved at the April 16th meeting of the Executive Committee. Similar with past community health assessments, the methodology includes:

- **Base Assessment of the County**
 - Survey adult, youth and children
 - Oversample African Americans and Latinos - full correlations and sections
 - Combine into one large report
- **Purposeful Sampling**
 - Additional 200 surveys collected at community locations from under-represented areas based on survey responses that will be subcontracted to a local agency
- **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**
 - Condensed to 3 meetings
- **Creation and printing of infographic report**

Based on this plan, the total cost will be \$237,500 for all three assessments, purposeful sampling to make sure the results reflect the county's population, the report, community health improvement plan, and a printed summary report. So far, \$179,813 has been received or committed as outlined in the following chart, and additional requests for the remaining \$57,687 are in process:



2019/20 Lucas County Community Health Assessment Funders	
Fostering Healthy Communities (Mercy, ProMedica & University of Toledo Medical Center)	\$120,000 confirmed
United Way of Greater Toledo	\$8,313 confirmed
Toledo-Lucas County Health Department	\$35,000 pledged
St. Luke's Hospital	\$11,000 pledged
Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services TANF Funds	\$5,000 confirmed
Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio	\$500 confirmed

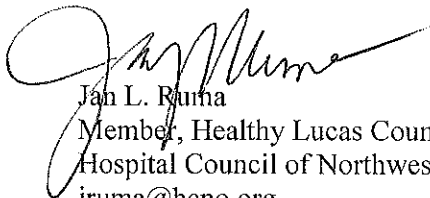
The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio's Health Assessment Division conducts the assessment. You can reference the last assessment and health improvement plan at healthylucascounty.org. Lucas County's community health assessment is comprehensive. Question selection will begin soon, and you other interested Executive Committee members are encouraged to participate. Data for adults (ages 19 and older) and children (ages 0-11) will be collected January-April 2020, and data for youth (ages 12-18) will be collected in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. A comprehensive report (~200 pages) will be written, including an executive summary, narrative, graphs, charts, and comparisons to State and National data and Healthy People 2020 as available. The report will also include secondary data in many instances. Preliminary data will be available in Spring 2020. The final report will be released to the community at an event to be held in Fall 2020, and then the priority-setting process and development of the community health improvement plan will begin.

The community health assessment is consistently used by program planners, funding agencies and others whose decisions impact Lucas County. It is a valuable tool for social service agencies, schools and universities, government officials, policy makers, health care organizations, and others interested in the health and well-being of Lucas County residents. It is credited with bringing millions of dollars to Lucas County to address the health disparities identified in the assessment.

I appreciate the City of Toledo's involvement in Healthy Lucas County, and I hope you find the community health assessment and corresponding community health improvement plan invaluable. Thank you for your support, and please let me know by July 31, 2019 if you will be able to make an investment in this project.

Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,



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*Thank you
for your consideration
We can work to address
this with your data needs.*