

Office of Multicultural Health

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) requests \$500,000 to enhance public and private efforts to decrease and eliminate health disparities.

- IDPH proposes specific strategies to enhance public and private efforts to decrease and eliminate the health disparities experienced by minority, immigrant and refugee populations.
- Additional funding will reactivate the IDPH Multicultural Health Advisory Council to promote the participation of minorities, immigrants and refugee groups in IDPH planning and policy-making activities.
- Additional funding will enhance Iowans' awareness regarding the health care needs of minorities, immigrants and refugees through increase workshops, trainings, educational partnerships and community and faith-based programming.
- Funding will provide needed mechanisms to enhance collaborations between the diverse populations and IDPH through sponsoring of a statewide health conference and development of a website that provide resource information regarding health care for minorities, immigrants and refugees.
- With increased federal support, IDPH will be able to target the health needs of our increasingly diverse population through expansion of existing networks, minority health coalitions, resource connections and technical assistance programs.