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## **ADPH seeks grant proposals for hypertension and diabetes control management**

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The Alabama Department of Public Health is accepting proposals for grants designed to improve the management of high blood pressure and diabetes among patients diagnosed with these conditions. The federally funded initiative is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eligible applicants include but are not limited to hospital clinics, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and primary care physician offices. Funding must be used to develop a quality improvement plan that will enhance processes in health care systems to seek optimal hypertension and diabetes A1c control.

Hypertension plans should be based on "Hypertension Control Change Package for Clinicians," "Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring: Action Steps for Clinicians" or "Hypertension Control: Action Steps for Clinicians" developed through the Million Hearts® initiative from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Diabetes plans should be based on the American Diabetes Association Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes – 2015. Applicants should describe how they will collaborate with primary care providers on a health system-wide basis and use electronic health records and clinic policies and protocol to meet objectives.

Proposals should describe how the plans will have an impact on the entire patient population with hypertension or diabetes. The total amount awarded will be \$125,000, with a grant ceiling of \$25,000. Completed applications are due Dec. 5, 2015, and awards will be announced Jan. 4, 2016.

For more information, questions or a copy of the request for proposal, contact James K. Reid, RN, BSN, MS, at (334) 206-5585, email [ken.reid@adph.state.al.us](mailto:ken.reid@adph.state.al.us), address: Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, RSA Tower, 201 Monroe St., Suite 900H, Montgomery, Ala. 36104.

A copy of the request for proposal is available online at [www.adph.org/cvh](http://www.adph.org/cvh).