

June 12, 2020

Erick Shambarger, Director
Environmental Collaboration Office
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street, Rm. 603
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: SEJCA Letter of Commitment

Dear Mr. Shambarger:

This letter expresses the enthusiastic commitment of Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers to the City of Milwaukee's proposed SEJCA/COVID grant project, which will meet needs of Milwaukee's Latino community that have been exacerbated by COVID-19 and will create an increase in residents' knowledge about home health and COVID-19 prevention resources.

The City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) and community partners will implement a *Healthy People, Homes and Neighborhoods* campaign to conduct outreach and education in underserved communities in Milwaukee. This includes Milwaukee's predominately Latinx neighborhoods being served in partnership with the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. The proposed project includes Mobile Resource Teams to conduct outreach within the neighborhoods to distribute COVID-19 and environmental resources. With community input, partners will work together to develop a Healthy Homes Resource Guide, as well as an ECO Neighborhoods Toolkit. Partners will also present Safer at Home Skill-Building Workshops.

As a subgrantee on the project, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers (SSCHC) commits to be a highly engaged partner and steering committee member, and to devote staff to each of the project sub-components described above. In addition, for project elements which reach the public, we commit to enable project information and communication to be accessible to Spanish speakers as well as English speakers.

Founded in 1969, SSCHC has cared for Milwaukee's south side for 50 years. SSCHC provides medical, behavioral health, and substance use care where people live, work, learn, and play through proactive social services screening, specialized diabetes and asthma programming, obesity intervention and prevention, and environmental programming to create resident-directed impact of the built and natural environment. We are proud to be recognized as more than a health clinic, but rather as a living, breathing part of the neighborhoods we love and serve. Through four full-service bilingual clinics, a satellite geriatric clinic, and five in-school clinics, Sixteenth Street cares for nearly 43,000 primarily low-income, Latino or diverse individuals each year.

At the intersection of environmental health, human health, and equity in Milwaukee is SSCHC's Department of Environmental Health (DEH) established in 1995. DEH focuses improving the environmental determinants of health for community members and is SSCHC's leader in culturally-relevant neighborhood revitalization, green infrastructure, and sustainable development with work in our primary service areas and especially the Kinnickinnic River Neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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