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## NEWS

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### **Funding Available for Hamilton County Communities**

**Hamilton County, OH**.....Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) announces the availability of WeTHRIVE! grants offering technical assistance and funding for Hamilton County communities to plan for the development of policy and environmental changes that will promote or sustain healthy initiatives.

Funding for this project is available through the Robert Wood Johnson, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities grant. HCPH is one of 40 grant-awarded communities charged with implementing strategies for improved nutrition, increased physical activity and reduced obesity. WeTHRIVE! is a county-wide movement focused on changing social norms by creating policy, systems and environmental changes with the ultimate goal of reducing obesity and other chronic diseases. More information can be found at [WatchUsThrive.org](http://WatchUsThrive.org).

HCPH will mentor funded communities from June 17, 2013 through October 17, 2013. Communities funded will:

- Establish a wellness committee
- Complete a community health assessment
- Adopt a wellness resolution
- Develop a health action plan that includes policy and environmental change strategies that will promote and sustain community health promotion initiatives.
- Receive \$1,500 after completion of planning grant criteria

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- The application and instructions can be found at:  
[www.watchusthrive.org/minigrant.aspx](http://www.watchusthrive.org/minigrant.aspx)

HCPH will hold two conference calls to review the grant application guidelines:

- Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
6-7 p.m.
- Friday, May, 10, 2013  
1- 2 p.m.

To participate, dial: 1- 877-820-7831. When prompted, enter the room number: 998103#. Land lines only, please. Call attendance is not required.

Communities in Hamilton County with community councils that have not previously received WeTHRIVE! funding are eligible to apply for this opportunity. Please see the funding announcement for additional eligibility requirements.

*Hamilton County Public Health works to assure the 460,000 citizens living outside the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Sharonville and Springdale are safe from disease, injury and contamination.*

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