

## SDOH MINI GRANT LETTER OF INTEREST EXAMPLE

Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Attn: Thometta Cozart  
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Bowie, MD 20716

Dear Social Determinants of Health Mini-Grant Review Team,

ORGANIZATION is pleased to submit this letter of interest for support of our work connecting people with epilepsy from historically underserved communities to social determinants of health (SDOH) resources.

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED:** ORGANIZATION serves the entire state of STATE/COMMUNITY through a regional delivery model. Dividing our service area into five regions, each region has a staff member who responds to the needs of individuals and proactively engages in outreach and training with community organizations.

STATE/COMMUNITY is diverse, with Black, Indigenous, and people of color composing 24% of the state's population, and more than 30% of the seven-county COMMUNITY metropolitan region. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Decennial Census projects that more than 40% of the COMMUNITY will identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color by 2050. According to XXX, XX% of STATE/COMMUNITY as rural. STATE/COMMUNITY has supported the resettlement of more than 100,000 refugees since 1979.<sup>1</sup>

*Briefly Explain Demographics of Service Area*

**MULTI-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS:** The SDOH Mini-Grant will grow ORGANIZATION's multi-sector partnerships through two key strategies:

*Briefly Explain Proposed or Confirmed Partnership; Explain purpose of partners and their SDOH expertise*

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<sup>1</sup> Citations of Statistics and Facts

**COMMUNITY NEED:** The gap between SDOH is sharply divided by race in STATE/COMMUNITY.

1. 30% of Indigenous, 26% of Black, and 14% of Hispanic STATE/COMMUNITY live below the poverty level, compared to 6% of white STATE/COMMUNITY.
2. 15% of Indigenous, 9% of Black, and 17% of Hispanic STATE/COMMUNITY live below the poverty level, compared to 4% of white STATE/COMMUNITY.<sup>2</sup>
3. One in 67 STATE/COMMUNITY of color will experience homelessness in their lifetime, compared to one in 641 white STATE/COMMUNITY.<sup>3</sup>

The resources available to people with epilepsy also varies drastically depending on geographic location. More than 11% of rural STATE/COMMUNITY live in poverty, compared to 8.9% in urban areas and rural residents are more likely to be uninsured than urban residents.<sup>4</sup>

*Briefly Explain the Needs of People Living with Epilepsy in Your Community/State, especially any unmet social needs. EF I&R can help with identifying calls from your state.*

**EXPERIENCE SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES:** Over the past two years, ORGANIZATION has developed our capacity to serve STATE/COMMUNITY's historically marginalized communities.

*Briefly Explain Past Experience Serving Underserved, Racial and Ethnic and/or Rural Communities.*

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:** In addition to the partnerships described above, ORGANIZATION will:

*Briefly Explain Proposed Activities with Proposed Outcomes*

**SUSTAINABILITY:**

*Briefly Explain How Proposed Activities will be Sustained*

**EXPENDITURES:** Project expenses will include:

*List Proposed Expenditures Totaling \$10,000*

Thank you for considering this request. ORGANIZATION is excited about this opportunity to connect people with epilepsy from underserved communities to SDOH resources.

All the best,

Executive Director

Signature