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About Genetic Alliance

- Formed in 1986 as the Alliance of Genetic Support Groups by Joan Weiss
- Nonprofit health advocacy organization
  - Transforming health by engaging individuals, families, and communities.
- Network of partners including disease advocacy and support organizations

BioTrust  Genes in Life  Expecting Health
Background

National Genetics Education and Consumer Network (NGECN)
– Funded by the Genetics Services Branch of MCH, HRSA
– Led by Genetic Alliance (GA)
– June 2012-May 2015

Goals:
– Create a network of accessible tools and partners
– Increase knowledge about and access to genetic services

National Coordinating Center for Regional Genetics Services Collaboratives (NCC) www.nccrcg.org
– Led by The American College of Medical Genetics
– Coordinate the efforts of 7 regional genetics collaboratives
1. Support consumers and engage consumer groups

2. Improve access to information, services, and resources

3. Promote genetics education through new linkages

4. Disseminate resources and services information

5. Ensure activities are consumer directed
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Building on Successful Outreach and Education Programs to Improve Access to Genetic Services and Support

Purpose

• To expand the reach of existing collaborative projects that demonstrate the ability to improve access to genetic services and support

• Funding cannot be used for developing new projects (Cannot fund a pilot project)
Grant Focus

• Expand upon existing outreach and education projects
• Demonstrate a minimum of ONE of the following expansion methods:
  – Expand upon existing activities to target new disease populations
  – Expand the capacity of an existing project to reach a new geographical area (state or regional)
  – Build upon existing efforts using a novel or targeted method of outreach
Evaluation Criteria

• Clear description of goals, objectives, activities, and anticipated outcomes (10 pts.)

• Builds upon a project that has been shown to significantly improve access to genetic services and support (20 pts.)

• Significant expansion of an existing project (using one of the three methods) (30 pts.)

• Increase support or access in a population with demonstrated need (10 pts.)
Evaluation Criteria, Cont.

• Demonstrated **capacity to implement** the proposed initiative (staff time and expertise, experience working with this population, ability to measure success, and description of the plans for implementation and any potential limitations) (20 pts.)

• **Strong collaboration** with existing community and state-based organizations (e.g. RCs) (10 pts.)
Important to Note

• One-year funding period (5/1/14-4/30/15)
• Organizations may apply for up to $25,000
• Proposals should not include indirect costs
• Funding will be distributed to awardees in two payments, initially and upon completion of deliverables
• Reference document available to strengthen proposed efforts
National Resources

• Genetic Alliance [www.geneticalliance.org](http://www.geneticalliance.org)
• National Coordinating Center for Regional Genetic Services Collaboratives (NCC) [www.nccrcrg.org](http://www.nccrcrg.org)
• Family Voices [www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org)
• Parent to Parent USA [www.p2pusa.org](http://www.p2pusa.org)
Questions?

Answers to today’s questions and this webinar recording will be made available on:

www.geneticalliance.org/ImpactAwards

Please direct all inquiries to Sharon Romelczyk,
Thank You

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