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**POLICY TITLE:** MICRO-ENRICHMENT GRANTS  
**POLICY NUMBER:** 4050

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**POLICY:**

**4050** It is the policy of the Beach Cities Health District (“District”) to support large and small health initiatives based on fund availability.

**4050.1** Policy 4050 enables the community to access support for small, one-time, project-based health initiatives called Micro-Enrichment Grants (MEG). MEGs are intended to support small community projects that may otherwise not be funded by other means. Community organizations and groups, non-profit organizations and individuals are eligible to apply.

**GUIDELINES:**

**4050.2** Each year the BCHD Board of Directors may choose to allocate funds for Micro-Enrichment Grants during the budget adoption process.

**4050.3** The MEG provides up to \$5,000 per request in any fiscal year. The number of MEG recipients will depend on the funding allocation and the number of qualified applicants and their funding requests. The request must be processed through the MEG Form provided by the Chief Executive Officer’s office. Requests must meet the criteria established within the scope of the District health priorities, mission and strategic goals. Allocated funds will be released in two funding periods to be designated each year. Applicants must apply through this competitive process in one of these two windows to be considered for funding. Applications received outside of the application period will not be considered. Multiple projects may be bundled on one application not to exceed \$5,000.

**4050.4** Recipients should not assume that there exists an entitlement to financial assistance nor that similar funding will be available in future years. Funds are intended for one-time projects and not intended to be a source of ongoing funding. MEG recipients are eligible to apply for funds in future fiscal years for a different project than one that has been previously awarded funding. Recipients should not assume that past funding guarantees funding in future fiscal years.

**4050.5** Individual meetings regarding grant applications between a grant applicant and District Board members, CEO or District staff outside of the District’s established grant awards process are prohibited.

**CRITERIA:**

**4050.6**

**4050.6.1** Individuals or groups requesting MEG must be legal residents of or provide services to residents or employees in the three Beach Cities.

**4050.6.2** Funding cannot in any way be related to fundraising activities or sponsorships of charitable events.

**4050.6.3** Applicants associated with foundations that are sponsored or controlled by existing District grant recipients are not eligible to apply for additional funding.

**4050.6.4** Funding cannot be related to the general operating budget of the applicant organization.

**4050.6.5** Funding cannot be replacement funds so that a project's current funding can be shifted to other programs of the applicant.

**4050.6.6** Funding cannot be for basic research, defined herein as the pursuit of knowledge without immediate practical program or human application.

**4050.6.7** The project must impact the health of the community within the scope of the BCHD health priorities, mission and strategic goals.

**4050.6.8** The applicant must complete the MEG application form in its entirety for consideration.

**4050.6.9** The applicant must sign an agreement and submit a final summary report at the completion of the project which will include a detailed description of how the funds were expended and outcome metrics.

**4050.6.10** Projects must be completed within a year of being awarded funding. If recipients are unable to complete their projects in this timeframe they may request an extension.

**4050.7 Funding Determination.** The MEG application will be processed by the administration of BCHD within agency procedures. Consideration will be given contingent upon the availability of funds, alignment with community health priorities, and ability of the applicant to effectively administer the project. At no time will an application be considered as an agreement to fund any project. BCHD may award less than the requested funding amount. Awards of less than \$5,000 do not imply that the applicant organization has any remaining balance for future applications.

**4050.8** Micro-Enrichment Grant award recipients shall be posted on the District's website

**4050.9** This policy shall be reviewed annually.



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**EXCEPTIONS:**

**4050.10** The Chief Executive Officer is the only person authorized to make exceptions to this policy.