

HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Planning (MICHAP) project of the Michigan Department of Community Health is pleased to announce the availability of training on Health Impact Assessment (HIA), a tool for including consideration of health in community decision making. This training is intended to increase capacity in the state of Michigan for HIA and is open to state and local health department staff and community planners. The training will be held August 11th and 12th at the R. A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan, and will be facilitated by Human Impact Partners (HIP), a non-profit organization that is one of the country's leaders in HIA training. The training is free with lodging and meals provided; however, space is limited and potential participants must apply and meet certain criteria, listed below. Participants completing the training will be eligible to apply to MICHAP for mini-grants to conduct an HIA.

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How to Apply:

Applicants should send a letter on official stationary including the following information (can be scanned and e-mailed).

- 1) Applicants must be from a local health department or local government department involved with community planning; preference will be given to "teams" of two to four individuals including at least one person from the local health department and one from the community's planning department. Specific names, job title, and organization affiliation of individual attendees are highly preferred.
- 2) Applicants must provide a description of how they intend to potentially apply the HIA training, including the specific program or project of interest if available. The applications must include a description of the project of policy, when the decision on the project/policy will be made, and who makes the decision. HIA trainers and MDCH staff will help selected participants refine their project description. Preference will be given to applicants that indicate an interest in applying HIA to current or future community projects or policies that address climate change or sustainability issues.
- 3) Applicants are required to commit in writing to attending both days of the training if selected.

Applications are due by July 5, 2011 to Dominic Smith. Successful applicants will be notified by July 11, 2011. For more information on MICHAP, please see www.michigan.gov/climateandhealth; for more information on HIAs or Human Impact Partners, see <http://www.humanimpact.org>.

All other questions can be referred to Dominic Smith at 517-335-8139 or via email at smithd82@michigan.gov.