Through funding support provided by Medica, the Office for Business & Community Economic Development (BCED) will offer the Community Health Initiative (CHI). The goal of this initiative is two-fold; to provide resources that help community-based nonprofit organizations or small businesses that work in the areas impacting public health, social services, medicine, medical technology, or to help these organizations build capacity and improve their overall performance and effectiveness in communities of color; and secondly to provide University of Minnesota students with valuable applied learning experiences by linking them to opportunities in communities that face public health disparities and other socio-economic issues.

This application is for University of Minnesota students seeking a consulting project with a community-based nonprofit organization or small business. This Student Consulting Project will assist those nonprofits and businesses that focus directly on addressing public health issues or health disparities in underserved, socially and economically challenged communities.

Student Consulting Projects will be offered during the fall and spring semesters. The BCED Program Manager receives applications for the program, and then matches qualifying clients with student consultants. One or more students are assigned to a project, depending on the scope and type of project requested. Graduate students enrolled at the University of Minnesota in the following schools are eligible and encouraged to participate in the CHI Student Projects: Public Health, Social Work, Medical School, Carlson School of Management, IT/Computer Science, Law School, Humphrey Institute and all other graduate schools on the Twin Cities campus.

Students who participate in the program:

- Gain valuable experience working with community-based nonprofit organizations or businesses serving diverse communities
- Develop hands-on professional skills
- Improve their communications and consulting skills
- Are exposed to potential careers and new community engagement opportunities
- Apply classroom knowledge to real-life management and operational situations
- Should expect to spend approximately 60-80 hours on the project throughout the semester
- Will have to submit a Work Plan at the start and a Final Report and presentation at the completion of the project
- Will be paid a $1,050.00 stipend at project completion
Community Health Initiative (CHI)
Student Consulting Project Application

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________  Cell Phone: ______________________

E-mail address: _____________________________________________________

Student ID Number: _________________________________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ___________  Degree: _______________________

Major area(s) of study: ______________________________________________

What is your student status?  □ Full Time  □ Part Time

Are you employed by the University of Minnesota?  □ Yes  □ No

If so, how many hours a week do you work? _____________________________

Are you an international student?  □ Yes  □ No

If so, are you allowed to work on campus?  □ Yes  □ No  # Hours/wk _________

What type of visa do you have and when does it expire? ___________________

Do you have a car?  □ Yes  □ No

If you are interested in working with another student, please provide their name and e-mail address.

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Are you interested in doing a consulting project for a:

______ Nonprofit  _______ Business  ______ Either Nonprofit or Business

Are you interested in doing an MTAP for Nonprofits Student Consulting Project?

______ Yes  _______ No

Please check the types of projects in which you have EXPERTISE and SKILLS in:

______ Market Research and Analysis  ____ Operations Management

______ Communications  ______ Nonprofit Management

______ Management Info Systems  ______ IT/Technology Development

______ Finance and Accounting  ______ Internet/Web Design

______ Marketing Plan Development  ______ Supply Chain Management

______ Strategic Planning  ______ Program Evaluation/Measurement

______ Feasibility Study  ______ Community Health Education

______ Demography Studies  ______ Social Work

______ Fund Development  ______ Population Health Coordination
Please share any other information about yourself, your experiences or your studies that would be useful in considering your application.

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It is expected that students will spend approximately 60-80 hours on the project throughout the school semester and will have some flexibility in their schedule to accommodate meetings with the nonprofit or business representative.

**Please list any scheduled events that may affect your participation.** (for example, if you are unable to work on a project before or after a certain date, or if you will be taking an extended trip.)

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To aid in scheduling meetings and matching students with clients, we ask that you provide information about your typical weekly schedule.

**Please write down the times WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE for project work or meetings.**

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