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## **Accountable Health Communities Model: Funding Available**

As part of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) “better care, smarter spending, and healthier people” approach to improving health care delivery, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has introduced the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) model. CMS will award a total of 44 cooperative agreements to applicants that will identify and address the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries living in a community setting, and evaluate the impact of these interventions on health care costs, inpatient and outpatient health care utilization, and the health and quality of care for the beneficiaries.

The opportunity is open to community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations and for-profit and not-for-profit local and national entities.

Applications are due to CMS by May 18, 2016, and additional information is available at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/AHCM>. Questions may be directed to Khrista King at [khrista.king@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:khrista.king@medicaid.ohio.gov)