



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Aging and Adult Services

October 25, 2016

Dear Administrator/Corporate Executive

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is pleased to present for a fourth consecutive year an opportunity to fund projects and target improvements in resident quality of life and care. Using funds from the Resident Trust Fund (civil monetary penalties), LDH will award a limited number of Quality Innovation Grants of up to \$19,500 for the projects. Successful applicants will offer **innovative** approaches that can be **sustained** beyond the end of the funding period and that have strong potential for **replication** in other nursing facilities.

The **deadline** for applications is January 13, 2017. Grant recipients will be required to:

- Complete the CMS application and budget for CMP funds.
- Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LDH which will include monitoring.
- Submit quarterly reports which may be publicly available in whole or in parts.

In addition to facilitating improvements in individual nursing facilities, LDH is interested in (1) the impact of the projects on residents and staff and, (2) cost savings and expenses associated with projects. This information will be captured in the quarterly report.

More information about the Quality Innovation Grant Program, including **application**, is available on our **website**, ldh.la.gov/cmpapp. Please contact Ed Smith at Edward.Smith2@la.gov or Linda Sadden at Linda.Sadden@LA.GOV.

We look forward to working with you in the joint endeavor.

Sincerely,

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