



The LA Partnership for Early Childhood Investment is seeking a Consultant Facilitator for the Village Fund, the community grantmaking program of the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Prevention Initiative.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Founded in 2003, the LA Partnership for Early Childhood Investment (the Partnership) is a philanthropic funding collaborative comprised of private foundations, family foundations and public funders of early childhood issues. Our mission is to invest in and promote innovations that advance the lifelong health and well-being of children age prenatal to five. The Partnership is a fiscally-sponsored project of the California Community Foundation Community Initiatives Fund.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2018, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) -- in collaboration with the Department of Health Services and First 5 LA -- launched the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Prevention Initiative to address persistent disparities in birth outcomes between Black and white babies, as outlined in the report [A Pathway to Equity](#). That report showed that Black/African American babies are two to three times more likely to die before their first birthday than babies of other races, and Black/African American women are four times more likely to die as a result of pregnancy complications than women of other races in LA County. Drawing on this work, the AAIMM Prevention Initiative uses a racial justice framework to strengthen systems of support for Black moms and babies by centering Black/African American communities and leaders. The goal is to transform public health systems and build critical community infrastructure in places and spaces that Black families trust.

While the initiative is countywide, AAIMM prioritizes two communities where the disparities are highest: South LA/South Bay and Antelope Valley. In addition to allocating its existing resources to launch a doula pilot for Black expecting mothers and expand access to home visitation, in 2019, DPH also received \$1.4MM in funding from the state's *Perinatal Equity Initiative* to implement locally-driven solutions, including those supported by The Village Fund.

AAIMM VILLAGE FUND—PURPOSE

The Village Fund (Fund) supports community-led efforts that reinforce the broad goals of the AAIMM Initiative. In the spirit of “it takes a village to raise a child,” the Fund partners with eight (8) organizations, service providers and networks that provide valuable support and services to Black birthing mothers and their families but are likely ineligible to receive or administer county contracts directly. The Fund is administered by the LA Partnership for Early Childhood Investment.

CONSULTANT ROLE: FACILITATOR, COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND PRACTICE

Under the direction of the Partnership’s Senior Director, the Village Fund Cohort Convenings Facilitator Consultant is responsible for facilitating the cohort of 8-10 partners selected to receive awards from the Village Fund in the AAIMM Ambassadors program over a one-year period. The goal of the CLP is to: 1) build capacity among the cohort, and 2) connect the funded partners to the broader AAIMM Initiative and network of partners.

The AAIMM Facilitator Consultant will have the following responsibilities:

- 1) Using a participatory community engagement process, co-design four (4) cohort convenings in 2024 with the AAIMM network and LA Partnership team. Convenings are expected to take place quarterly from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PT.
- 2) Coordinate and facilitate quarterly convenings; organize content and identify and secure speakers, trainers and/or technical assistance to support the cohort’s organizational capacity needs.
- 3) Develop learning objectives and measure outcomes of each convening.
- 4) Organize and maintain training materials.
- 5) Ensure convenings are connecting the group to the broader countywide AAIMM work.
- 6) Work with the AAIMM evaluation team to ensure the necessary data is gathered to support the Village Fund’s evaluation goals.
- 7) Provide updates to the LA Partnership staff and AAIMM steering committee on progress.

REQUIREMENTS

The AAIMM Facilitator Consultant should possess the following skills and expertise:

- Previous experience facilitating community and stakeholder engagement processes
- Prior experience in nonprofit and/or philanthropic sectors
- 3-5 years experience designing facilitated meetings, symposiums and/or convenings
- Working knowledge of Black maternal and infant health
- Prior experience working in and with Black communities, having garnered community trust
- Ability to lead an inclusive, co-design process while holding firm the values and goals of the Village Fund
- Ability to develop and track learning goals, and communicate results

REQUIRED CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The following documentation is required for any entity the California Community Foundation Community Initiatives Fund will be paying for services, whether classified as an Individual/Sole Proprietor, LLC, or Corporation.

- 1) Copies of any required business license or tax registrations specific to your business location.
- 2) Documentation of contracts with other entities to provide the same or similar services (options include but are not limited to: client list, list of references, etc.).
- 3) Documentation of the same or similar services being publicly advertised and available (options include but are not limited to: website, email blast, other media)
- 4) W-9 - <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

HOW TO APPLY, COMPENSATION, ETC.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should click the link to [apply](#). Send inquiries and questions only to Laresha@socialgoodsolutions.com.

- Resume
- Brief description of 2-3 related projects describing both the participant audience and your role (one to two paragraphs max per project). Please include references for each project, including their name, title and contact information.
- Apply by Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Fees & Reporting

The AAIMM Facilitator Consultant shall be paid at a rate of \$6,250 per convening, plus expenses for work related to this SOW. Invoices must include a detailed progress report of activities.

Terms

- No benefits apply to this consulting contract.
- For any one-time expenses of \$250 or larger, the AAIMM Facilitator Consultant will need prior approval, including securing trainers and/or workshop presenters.
- Invoices should be submitted by email to Mary Kopp (mary@investinkidsla.org). Please address the invoice to California Community Foundation Community Initiatives Fund, 221 S. Figueroa St., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012.