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Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary  
US Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington DC, 20201

RE: Funding Opportunity Number: CMS-1LI-12-001  
Competition ID: CMS-1LI-12-001-013934

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is pleased to submit this application for The Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Planning Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the development of the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Draft Operational Protocol (OP). Funding for the project entitled Montana Community First will enable Montana to develop an OP that will meet the requirements for submission of the 2012 Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant.

The Department will coordinate with stakeholders such as: individuals with disabilities and their families; advocates; community partners; long term care, developmental disability, and mental health facilities; and state agencies, to develop the draft OP as a precursor for Montana's submission of a grant application for the 2012 MFP Rebalancing Demonstration Grant. As part of a larger discussion on rebalancing long term care services, Montana will utilize the stakeholder groups to determine how MFP funding could be utilized in conjunction with other Affordable Care Act opportunities, such as Community First Choice and Balancing Incentives Programs.

The Senior and Long Term Care Division of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is the lead for this proposal. They have decades of experience providing community based services for people covered by Medicaid. They, along with other Department staff, are committed to work together in partnership with stakeholders to expand community options for individuals with physical disabilities, elders, individuals with intellectual disabilities and individuals with mental illnesses. Cecilia Cowie has been designated as the principal contact person for information regarding this application for funding. Ms. Cowie may be reached at (406) 444-4150 or via email at [ccowie@mt.gov](mailto:ccowie@mt.gov).

Thanks you for this opportunity to improve the lives of many Montanans.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary E. Dalton".

Mary E. Dalton  
State Medicaid Director

cc: Kelly Williams