The UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health (CoE), in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), is proud to announce the launching of the Young Women’s Health Innovations Fund, a competitive opportunity for SFUSD high schools to apply for and receive up to $2,000 and technical support for the creation and implementation of school-based projects that promote young women’s health and wellness.

With the support of a sponsoring adult, such as a wellness center coordinator, teacher, counselor, or nurse, interested students may submit project proposals that address any young women’s health topic deemed important to their high school community (i.e., dating violence, managing stress, cultivating a positive body image) and use any form of interactive engagement or media (i.e., performance art, school-wide events, posters, speakers). Projects may also use multiple forms of media—such as a poster to increase awareness AND an activity or speaker. We strongly encourage projects that are highly creative and likely to engage the broader high school community.

- Projects will be selected by a committee comprised of Youth Steering Committee members, SFUSD representatives, and UCSF CoE members. Funded projects will be announced at the 2010 Young Women’s Health and Leadership Summit on April 7, 2010, with funding and implementation beginning immediately.
- Projects must be able to be completed in approximately 4 weeks (“hit-the-ground-ready” once funding is awarded!), by Friday, May 7, 2010, as they will be showcased and celebrated during Women’s Health Week (May 9–15) 2010.
- Typed project proposals are due by email or fax (Fax: 415-885-7885) to Judy Young (youngj@obgyn.ucsf.edu) at the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 12.

To Submit a Proposal
To submit a proposal, you will need two letters of support, one letter from the sponsoring adult (i.e., wellness center coordinator, teacher, counselor, nurse, etc.) and a brief letter/email from a high school administrator stating their knowledge of and support for the project, and the following information described within 3 typed pages:

1) **Name and Contact information**: Include the contact information for both the sponsoring adult and “lead” student(s) submitting the proposal.
2) **Project Description and Goals** (1-2 paragraphs): Please describe what you plan to do and goals of your project.
3) **Statement of Need** (1–2 paragraphs): Explain why this project is important to young women’s health and wellness in your school.
4) **Key Participants** (Bulleted list): Name the key players who will be involved in implementing your project and what their roles will be.
5) **Timeline**: Detail what you will do when, for completion by Friday, May 7th.
6) **Budget**: Include a budget that indicates how much money you need and how you will spend it.
7) **Evaluation** (1-2 paragraphs): Please describe how you will measure the success of your project. Surveys are fine, but be creative (i.e., interviews, tally of participants, several observations of impact are examples). If you would like to receive some pre-submission technical assistance regarding evaluating your project, please contact Annemarie Charlesworth at charleswortha@obgyn.ucsf.edu or 415-516-5142.

**Questions?** Please contact Judy Young (youngj@obgyn.ucsf.edu or 415-885-3736) and visit our website http://www.coe.ucsf.edu/coe/ywhc/ for updates about the Summit or additional information!