

**XVI BINATIONAL HEALTH
WEEK
October 2016**

Date

Name

Title

Organization

Dear **XXX**:

*INSERT
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OF
PARTICIPATING
AGENCIES*

On behalf of **(insert here name of your county or city) Task Force**, I am writing to solicit financial support for the **16th Annual Binational Health Week (BHW)** taking place in October 2016.

Since 2001, HIA has brought together thousands of community agencies and volunteers to plan, organize, and deliver Binational Health Week (BHW), a weeklong series of health promotion and health education activities and events in October. BHW includes health outreach and education workshops, and health fairs that provide insurance referrals, medical screenings, and other essential health services and information that would otherwise not be available to immigrant populations in the U.S. Last year, the events took place from October 3-18, 2015. An estimated **1,780** activities were held benefiting **325,600** people. The organization of the events involved the participation of **4,000** agencies which were led by **133** consulates working together with local planning committees.

The Sixteenth BHW will take place on **October 2016** in the U.S. and Canada, with the participation of the consular networks of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. The main topics for this year are: **Vaccines, Diabetes, Occupational Health, and Health Services**. The inaugural event and Policy Forum on Migration and Health will be held on October in Mexico. For more information on BHW please visit: <http://www.binationalhealthweek.org>

The support and dedication that makes BHW a reality each year is truly inspiring and attests to the positive impact BHW has in our communities. We hope your program will join our cause by providing funding assistance to defray some of the costs of coordinating this year's events. Enclosed is the funding proposal for support of BHW 2016.

We are convinced that your participation will help us to reach the most vulnerable and underserved segments of our population.

Sincerely,

(Name and contact information for taskforce coordinator)

Binational Health Week **(name of county or city)**