

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

SEED GRANT PROPOSAL – MATERNITY WAITING HOMES, LIBERIA WEST AFRICA

International Awareness Committee

1. CHAPTER INFORMATION

- **Chapter Name:** Palm Coast Flagler County Alumnae Chapter
 - **Region:** Southern
 - **Reporting Officer:**
 - **Committee Chair:** Weyatta Murray, IAAI
 - **Reporting Period:** Fall 2026
 - **Date Submitted:** 1/27/2026
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2. GRANT OVERVIEW

- **Grant / Funding Source:**
 - **Amount Awarded:**
 - **Program Area:** International Awareness
 - **Project Title:** Support for Maternity Waiting Homes in Liberia
 - **Project Location:** Louisiana Community, Liberia
 - **Local / In-Country Partners:** Republic of Liberia Ministry of Health; Community Clinic Leadership
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3. PROJECT PURPOSE & ALIGNMENT

Purpose of Grant:

Provide targeted support in partnership with the West Africa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated to strengthen maternity waiting homes serving pregnant women in rural Liberia by improving basic furniture and equipment, comfort, readiness for expectant mothers awaiting delivery. After completion of year one, we will scale and expand this project to other homes in Liberian and across West Africa.

Alignment with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated:

This project aligns with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated's International Awareness focus by addressing global health inequities, supporting women and families, and investing in sustainable, dignity-centered maternal health solutions.

Currently, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has sustainability

4. COMMUNITY NEED & BACKGROUND

Describe the community need that the grant addressed. Include relevant contextual information.

- Limited access to skilled maternal care due to distance and transportation barriers
 - Increased risk of maternal and neonatal complications
 - Need for safe, proximate housing for expectant mothers near health facilities
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5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a brief description of the maternity waiting homes supported through this initiative.

Maternity waiting homes are residential facilities located near health clinics where pregnant women can stay during the final weeks of pregnancy to ensure timely access to skilled birth care. Currently, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has sustainability projects under International Awareness that support East and South Africa; however, there are no initiatives to support West Africa. The homes in Liberia, West Africa under this initiative are located adjacent to a Ministry of Health–recognized community clinic and serve women from surrounding rural communities.

6. USE OF FUNDS

Provide a clear breakdown of how grant funds were utilized.

Expense Category	Description	Amount
Bedding & Mattresses	Beds, mattresses, linens	\$1,500
Hygiene & Sanitation	Hygiene kits, cleaning supplies	\$500
Furnishings	Tables, storage, seating	\$2,500
Comfort & Support Items	Mosquito nets, basic supplies	\$500
Total		\$5,000

7. OUTCOMES & IMPACT

Describe the outcomes achieved through the grant funding.

- Improved readiness and usability of maternity waiting rooms
- Increased dignity and comfort for pregnant women

- Strengthened utilization of existing maternity waiting homes
- Enhanced community trust in facility-based delivery care

Where available, include qualitative observations or partner feedback.

8. EVALUATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

If funded, this grant will be evaluated using a structured, chapter-led monitoring and reporting framework consistent with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s standards for fiscal responsibility, service accountability, and measurable international impact.

Evaluation will focus on implementation integrity, stewardship of funds, and documented outcomes, rather than clinical health data which remains the responsibility of the local health authorities.

A. Implementation Verification

In partnership with WAAC, the Chapter will verify appropriate use of grant funds through:

- Confirmation of procurement and delivery of funded items
- Site observation by West Africa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
and photographic documentation
- Written or verbal verification from clinic leadership or designated local health partners
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B. Outcome Documentation

The chapter will document outcomes using the following indicators:

- Number of maternity waiting homes supported
- Types and quantities of supplies and furnishings provided
- Qualitative feedback from clinic leadership or community partners

C. Coordination with local clinic leadership by the West Africa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

D. Review of facility readiness and usage provided by clinical leadership

9. VISUAL DOCUMENTATION

See PowerPoint attached in Appendix A with photographs demonstrating:

- Exterior of maternity waiting homes
 - Interior patient rooms and waiting areas
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10. CHAPTER MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Chapter members will be engaged in the planning, implementation, and reporting of this initiative to ensure service extends beyond funding and accountability.

A. Project Planning and Oversight (International Awareness Chair)

PCFCAC Chapter members will participate in project planning meetings for fundraising initiatives and provide oversight to the project.

B. On- the-ground Engagement (where feasible)

West Africa Alumnae Chapter members will

- Conduct site visits to maternity waiting homes
- Assist with receipt, purchase, and verification of supplies
- Support light facility organization as needed
- Engage respectfully with clinic staff and community stakeholders

C. Education, Advocacy, and Fundraising:

PCFCAC members will:

- Educate the chapter and community on maternal health challenges in Liberia and West Africa
 - Share project updates during chapter meeting
 - Support International Awareness programming tied to women's health
 - Support targeted fundraising activities or solicit in-kind donations to supplement grant funding
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11. SUSTAINABILITY, ACTION PLAN AND NEXT STEPS

Currently, there no Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated sustainability initiatives in West Africa. This grant will be inaugural for the region and will be sustained through:

- Continued partnership with local Chapters in West Africa, the NPHC of West Africa, and local health authorities
- Potential expansion to additional maternity waiting homes in the region
- Exploration of complementary supports (detained mothers initiative, nutrition, education)

The plan of action outlines steps the chapter will take from grant approval through implementation, evaluation, and reporting.

Phase 1: Grant approval and Project Launch (Weeks 1-2)

- Receive notification
- Confirm scope, budget, and reporting requirements
- Confirm project lead/coordinator – IAAI Committee Chair
- Notify and confirm coordination with local chapter and Ministry of Health-affiliated partners

Phase 2: Procurement & Preparation (Weeks 3-8)

- Finalize list of supplies and furnishings needed aligned to approved budget
- Coordinate logistics for local purchasing and delivery

Phase 3: Implementation and Site Support (Weeks 8-10)

- WAAC source bedding, supplies, furnishings and items
- Delivery of approved items at maternity waiting homes
- Capture photographic documentation (with dignity and consent)

Phase 4: Monitoring & Interim Review (Weeks 11-14)

- Conduct post-implementation site observation
- Collect qualitative feedback from clinic leadership
- Provide interim update to chapter leadership

Phase 5: Final Evaluation & Reporting (Weeks 15-18)

- Compile documentation, photographs, and partner feedback
- Reconcile budget and confirm appropriate use of funds

12. CONCLUSION

This grant will support a practical, high-impact maternal health intervention that directly benefits women and families in Liberia. By strengthening existing maternity waiting homes, the chapter advanced Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's mission of service, global engagement, and measurable impact.

Submitted in accordance with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated reporting requirements.

Appendix A

PowerPoint with audio and images



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