

HEALTH EQUITY AWARD REQUEST INFORMATION

March 24, 2023

Due Date: Funding requests accepted through 12/31/2023, or until funds are fully spent.

Available Funding: Up to \$10,000 per county

Purpose of Funding: The RCHE will use funds to address COVID-19 related health disparities and advance health equity among populations historically underserved. There will be up to \$10,000 available per county served by Purdue, Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering under the Indiana Department of Health, Indiana Healthy Opportunities for People Everywhere project.

Funding Uses and Description and Focus:

Use of these funds must address COVID-19 health related health disparities in mental health, substance use, infant mortality, maternal mortality, and/or food security, as well as advance health equity among populations historically underserved in Allen, Cass, Clark, Daviess, Delaware, Elkhart, Fayette, Lake, Madison, Scott, St. Joseph, Vanderburgh, and Wayne Counties.

Use of these funds must support community-based organizations, non-profits, faith-based entities, and others.

Use of these funds must be used to support data collection, professional and community development, cross-sectoral collaborative partnerships, as well as sustainability to advance health equity with and impact. Examples include needs assessments, coalition building, strategy development, registration costs, planning, education, training and or train the trainer, marketing plans, resources, data support, and software.

Funding Restrictions: The funds cannot be used for food, incentives, or hiring staff. If justified, small equipment requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Funding Period: Work should start within less than three (3) months of approval. A project period of twelve (12) months or less is suggested. Project work will be completed by April 30, 2024.

Reporting on Use of Funds: Progress reports will be required monthly electronically. Responding to periodic request of progress is required.

Access of Funds: The RCHE will act as a fiscal agent managing approved funding on behalf of the requestor.

Administrative Contact: Assistance is available to discuss the request structure and details as the request is developed. Contact the Health Equity Analyst in your county. If you do not know who the Health Equity Analyst in your county is, contact ihope@purdue.edu.

Funding Request Submission Process:

Requests will be submitted electronically. This form is to be completed by a community member. If you need assistance submitting the request, contact your Health Equity Analyst in your area.

All requests require the following components.

- a) **Name, email, phone of key contact submitting request**
- b) **Organization/Group Name, address, email leading and sponsoring the request**
- c) **Counties to be impacted**
- d) **Request Title**
- e) **Purpose of Request:** Provide a description of the need for the funding. Include relevant and specific data in support of describing the need.
- f) **Specific Goal(s):** Describe the specific goals the request aims to achieve. Goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and have a timeframe. Also describe how the request will address COVID-19 related health disparities and advance healthy equity among populations historically underserved.
- g) **Collaborative Partnerships:** Describe who the collaborative partners will be and their role within the request.
- h) **Anticipated Specific Outcomes:** Describe the expected outcomes and evidence that it will be ready to start within three (3) months.
- i) **Anticipated Challenges/Barriers:** Provide a description of the anticipated challenges or barriers with plans to overcome.
- j) **Sustainability Plan:** Describe the plans to sustain the request beyond the initial funding provided as well as how the requested funding will sustain any current projects or programming.
- k) **Timeline**
- l) **Total Funding Requested**
- m) **Use of Funds:** Describe how the funds are intended to be used.
- n) **Additional Requests:** Describe any previously submitted requests for funding similar to this one (ie. Together We Will, Other Purdue Awards, Opioid Settlement Funds)

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your electronic request.

Review Criteria:

1. Reviewers could consist of senior/program leaders, members or external experts.
2. The primary review criteria is used:

Category	Criteria	Scale	Score
Need	Request clearly demonstrates need for funding	1-5	
Impact	Request clearly identifies impact on COVID-19 related health disparities and advance healthy equity among populations historically underserved	1-5	
Scalability	Request can be replicated and/or scalable beyond initial request into additional communities	1-5	
Partnership	Request clearly demonstrates collaboration with partners	1-5	
Financial	Request includes a detailed explanation of the intended use of funding aligned with goals and a timeline.	1-5	
Feasibility	Request clearly demonstrates the ability to be completed within the defined timeline.	1-5	
Alignment	Request clearly demonstrates alignment within the Purdue IHOPE counties and Health Equity focus areas	1-5	
Sustainability	Request clearly has a plan to monitor progress and impact to sustain after initial funding.	1-5	
<p>Scale Descriptions</p> <p>1 – Request includes none of the information required. 2 – Request includes little to none of the information required. 3 – Request includes the information required. 4 – Request includes the information required with additional detail. 5 – Request includes information above and beyond the requirement.</p>			

Process for Review once request is submitted:

1. An acknowledgement will be sent automatically when a request is submitted.
2. Requests will be reviewed within 14 business days of submission.
3. Depending on the completeness of the request, additional information may be requested via email or an interview.
4. Requests scoring above 80% will be considered for full funding.
5. Decisions will be made within 14 business days of review.

SUBMISSION LINK:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Questions with answers will be added as they are received and answered.

Q: Who do I contact for more information?

A: For more information, contact the Health Equity Analyst in your county. If you do not know who the Health Equity Analyst in your county is, contact ihope@purdue.edu.

Q: Does use of these funds require a cost match?

A: No.

Q: What qualifies as equipment?

A: **Equipment** usually refers to technology, devices (AED for example), etc. General office supplies, marketing materials, or training materials are not considered equipment.

Q: What qualifies as an underserved community?

A: **Underserved communities** refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economical, social, and civic life. Populations can include but are not limited to: African American, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural communities; and persons otherwise adversely impacted by persistent poverty or inequality. ([Definition modified from the Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, January 20, 2021](#)).

Q: What is I-HOPE

A: I-HOPE is funded by a \$34.8M grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Indiana Department of Health as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, to address COVID-19 health disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved, including racial and ethnic minority populations and rural communities

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