



2018 Call for Proposals – Community Grants Program Overview

Release Date: September 18, 2017

Purpose:

The aim of the initiative is to prevent chronic disease and improve health by advancing environment, policy, and system change; and enhancing the built environment to support healthy eating and active living. Supported projects are creating a culture of health by increasing food access and opportunities for physical activity in communities, schools, places of worship, early care and education, neighborhoods, and municipalities.

The Network also facilitates a statewide community of practice to share best practices, provide networking and professional development opportunities, and encourage collaboration. Within this community of practice, grantees will be connected to people and organizations with shared goals and agendas and be recognized as a leader in building healthy communities.

Total Awards:

- This initiative will fund up to 60 organizations.
- Grants of up to \$20,000 for twenty-four months will be awarded. Grant Period is January, 2018-December, 2019 *Note: Year 2 funding is contingent upon compliance and satisfactory benchmarks in Year 1 and availability of funding.*
- These grants will support projects advancing the implementation of policy changes and/or development of the built environment to support healthy eating and active living. Program projects and/or projects focused on individual behavior change will not be considered.

*NOTE: Funding for the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network community grants are provided by a variety of funders (listed below). As such, **contracts and some requirements will vary.** All grant funding is based upon availability and is subject to change at any time without notice.



Other Benefits:

- Membership in a Statewide Cohort
- Capacity-Building Webinars and Meetings
- Tailored Technical Assistance
- Peer-to-Peer Learning
- Connection to Resources and Best Practices
- “As-needed” on-call support
- Participation in Collective Impact Evaluation

Key Dates:

September 13, 2017 Due Date for Letter of Intent (LOI)

Please submit Letter of Intent via email to: nihcn16@gmail.com with **subject line:** 2018 NJHCN LOI.

The LOI must be submitted as a PDF with filename: 2018 LOI <ApplicantName> (example: 2018 LOI Trenton Health Department)

The LOI should be addressed to: New Jersey Healthy Communities Network, 2018 Call For Proposals, Attn: Selection Committee

The LOI should include the following:

1. Name of Applicant Organization
2. Primary Contact Name
3. Primary Email
4. Primary Phone Number
5. Organization Overview (mission, vision and history)
6. Project Title (name of project)
7. Project Location (where you will do the work - include municipalitie(s) and county)
8. Tell us why the project is needed in the intended location. *Note: Grantees will be required to choose from a list of strategies, available when the online application launches.*
9. Statement of Intent to submit an online application by the deadline of October 20, 2017.

Note: Letter of Intent (LOI) is mandatory. Applications from organizations that have not submitted an LOI by September 13, 2017 at 5 pm ET **will not be considered.**

September 18, 2017 Online Application Opens

Online application site opens at 9:00 am ET

Those who submit an LOI by the deadline will receive a link to the online application form for submission of final applications.

October 20, 2017 Online Application Closes

Deadline for Full application at 5:00 pm ET

December TBD, 2017

Award notification

January TBD, 2018

Mandatory Grantee Technical Assistance Kickoff Meeting