CTSI CERP Community Grant Awards

PURPOSE

The **CTSI CERP Community Grant Awards** are meant to **support community organizations** that are currently working to **address health or social inequities** in any one of the following ways:

- **Projects that focus on designing, tailoring, implementing, and/or evaluating health promotion or community health programs**
  For example, projects or programs promoting healthy eating, reducing risk of heat or fire dangers, mental health, etc.

- **Projects that build community capacity or organizational (staff) capacity to participate in health research or health programs**
  For example, offering community trainings to improve literacy or health literacy, offering community workshops to improve awareness or understanding of health topics, certifications or staff training for specific skills such as motivational interviewing or data collection, etc.

Award

We will make up to **five awards of $10,000 each** to support these local projects. Awards will be prioritized for smaller non-profit* organizations (for example, organizations with annual operating budgets between $10,000-$500,000 per year). Larger non-profit organizations are encouraged to proposed activities that include the mentorship of smaller organizations in their work.

Non-profit organizations who do not have 501(c)3 status can name a fiscal sponsor to receive their funds. If this is the case, please put both organization's names in the application.

Eligibility/Requirements

Who is eligible to apply?
- Community-based organizations that work with diverse populations in greater Los Angeles County and surrounding areas that are disproportionately affected by health and/or social inequities.

What are the project requirements?
- Awardees will be asked to share their work at a CERP meeting with community partners, staff, and faculty. This will include a brief presentation and time for questions and answers.
- Funds may be used to support adaptations or scaling up and evaluation of ongoing projects and/or new projects related to promoting health, building community capacity or building organizational capacity
- Awardees will have approximately one year to spend the funds after receiving the funds
- Participate in 6-month check-in call with CERP on project progress and complete a written final report (short survey)

Timeline

September 26, 2023	Request for applications released
October 3, 2023, 2:00-3:00pm October 12, 2023, 9:30-10:30am	Office Hours https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/4608275266 *(staff will answer questions about the application)*
November 3, 2023	Applications Due (11:59pm PT)
December 2023	Awardees Announced
January 2024	Estimated Project Start Date
June 2024	Six-Month Check in with Awardees
January 2025	Project Completion Date
January 2025	Brief Final Report Due (template to be provided)

What are reviewers looking for in a successful application?

The reviewers will include trained community and academic reviewers. They will be looking for applications that meet one of the following:

- Addresses programmatic or capacity building efforts
- Engages with local communit(ies) experiencing health disparities in Los Angeles County
- Project goals are feasible for one year
- Project budget is appropriate for proposed work
- Likelihood of impact on community

Have clear, measurable project goals

Original version

This project will help improve blood pressure at different community health fairs.

Better version

This project will address disparities in blood pressure management through a six-week series of hands-on classes on healthy eating and exercise. We will evaluate the impact of the class the following ways:

1) Brief surveys before and after the classes to evaluate change in knowledge about healthy eating and exercise

2) Weekly blood pressure measurements to evaluate changes in average blood pressure

Budget items match the project

Original version

Most of the budget will pay for a venue for a monthly food distribution event.

OR

The budget doesn't include any project staff

OR

Budget exceeds the grant amount

Better version

The budget includes:

- Staff to carry out project activities

- Resources to support project activities

- A total amount (direct + indirect costs) equal to or less than total grant amount

As a reminder, below please find the application process and timeline:

1. **By 11:59pm Friday, November 3, 2023**, submit the application and budget documents to daslaughter@mednet.ucla.edu.

2. **December, 2023,** applicants will be notified of funding decisions.

3. **January, 2024**, estimated project start date.