

2020 INNOVATION LAB

Grant Information Session
November 15, 2019

SAFETY NET RESILIENCY INITIATIVE

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Grants for systems change ideas that have the potential to demonstrate change in a clearly identified problem or system failure in the Montgomery County safety net.

Two distinct grant opportunities to design the project idea, and to implement a longer-term, transformative idea based on the design phase concept:

1. Design and planning → Design Grants
2. Project implementation → System Impact Grants

2020 INNOVATION LAB GRANTS WILL:

Align

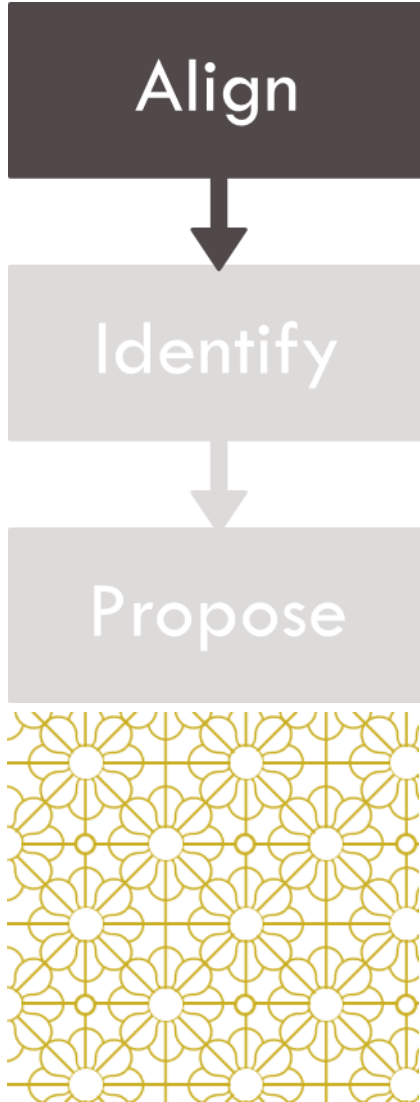
Align with a HealthSpark 2020 priority area.

Identify

Identify a problem in the Montgomery County safety net system.

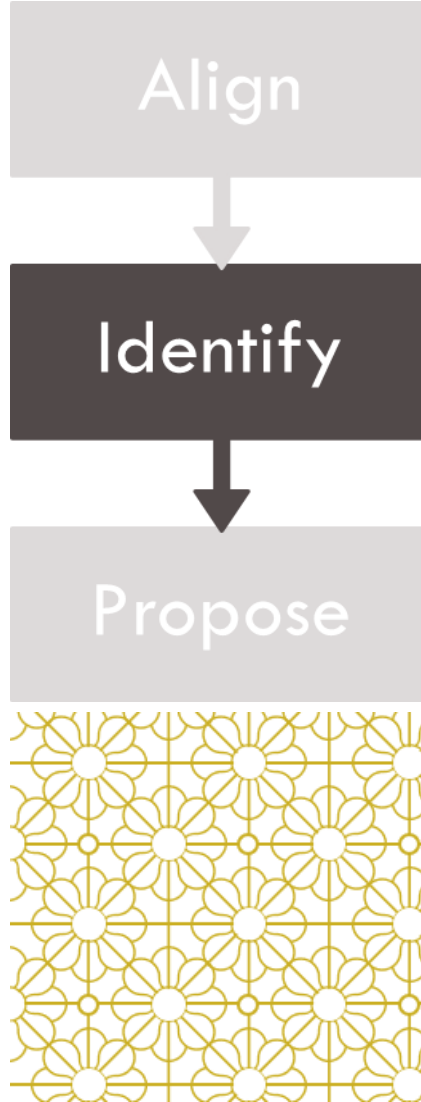
Propose

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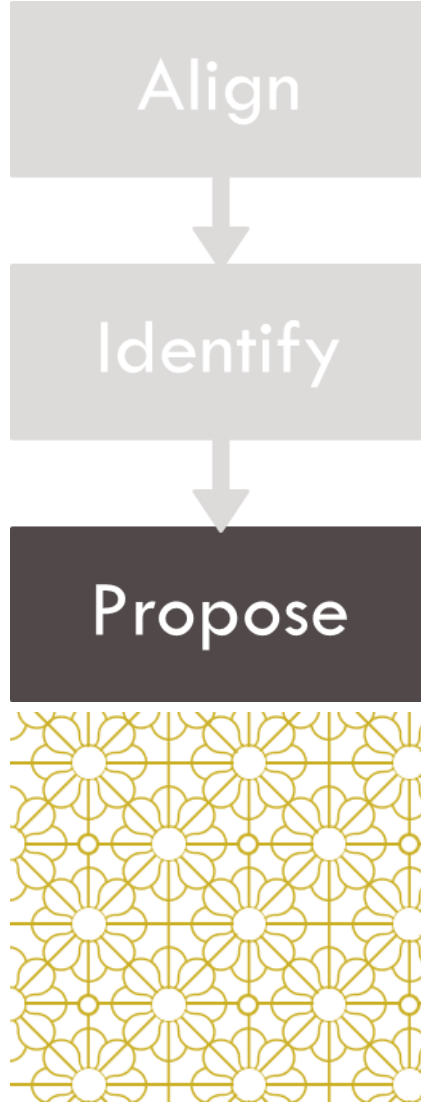
ALIGN WITH A HEALTHSPARK 2020 PRIORITY AREA:

- Improve access to services (cultural, linguistic, location, etc.)
- Address racial, gender, or other inequities in services or outcomes
- Improve system response for households living “in the middle”
- Improve system coordination to better serve people with cross-sector needs



IDENTIFY A PROBLEM IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SAFETY NET SYSTEM.

- Explain the systems problem and its root causes
- What is the current funding, policy, or practice environment?
- What has been done/ what has failed?
- Impact of structural discrimination, racism, bias



PROPOSE A PROJECT THAT WILL ADDRESS AT LEAST ONE INDICATOR OF SYSTEMS CHANGE:

- Changes in policies and practices among service providers, policy makers, and funders
- Growth or depth in peer networks and support
- Improvements in public perception and awareness
- Enhanced programmatic/service access and alignment
- Increase in quality and cost-effectiveness outcomes

EXAMPLES OF SYSTEM CHANGE INDICATORS + 2020 PRIORITIES

System Problem: Low utilization rates of mental health services by foreign-born populations.

Systems change strategy: Increase public awareness and decrease stigma of mental health supports in immigrant communities to increase mental health service access.

System Problem: Low reunification rates of children in foster care with parents in drug/alcohol treatment.

Systems change strategy: Change policies & practices between service providers and local government to improve system coordination for child-welfare involved families in drug/ alcohol treatment.

2020 INNOVATION LAB GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Design Grants

- Short-term grants to design and plan a systems change strategy.

System Impact Grants

- Long-term grants to support the implementation of a clear systems change initiative.

WHICH GRANT IS RIGHT FOR YOUR PROJECT?

Design Grants are a good fit if you:

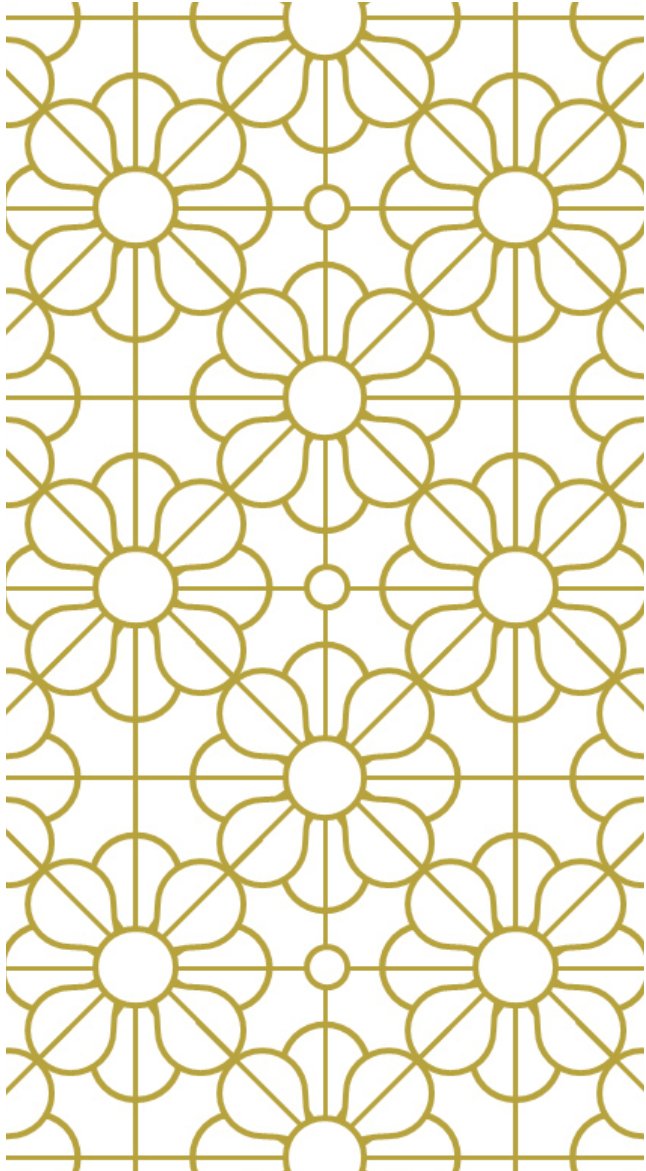
- Can identify a systems problem
- Have identified a systems change strategy to solve the problem
- Have at least one partner organization
- Need help researching, creating a project plan and budget, building trust with your partner(s), engaging consumers, etc.

System Impact Grants could be a good fit if you:

- Can identify a systems problem
- Have identified a systems change strategy to solve the problem and have a defined plan for how you & your partners will implement the strategy
- Have trusting relationships and role clarity with an established partnership group
- Need resources to put your plan into action

DESIGN GRANTS

- Funds to support research, design, and planning for a systems change initiative
- Up to \$30,000 over 4-8 months (anticipated)
- Applicants must apply with at least one partner organization
- Up to 10 Design Grants will be awarded for a February 2020 start
- Anticipate a second RFP for Design Grants in mid-2020



Support for planning and design such as:

- Research
- Provider convenings
- Project planning
- Consumer participation stipends or other support
- Community engagement expenses
- Operating costs that directly support the project (e.g. agency admin and overhead, staff time)

DESIGN GRANT FUNDS

SYSTEM IMPACT GRANTS

- Intended to support project implementation after the Design phase is complete
- Funds to support implementation of a defined systems change strategy by an established partnership
- Up to \$100,000 each year for up to 3 years (tapered-off funding)
- Application is by invitation only- please call us!
- We will award up to 3 System Impact Grants this cycle
- Anticipate a second RFP for System Impact Grants in mid-2020

- Funds to cover the cost of transitioning from the current practice to a new practice such as (but not limited to):
 - New/existing personnel
 - New equipment or technology
 - Facility modifications or upgrades
- Grant request is for the 3 Year Project Budget
- Identify the year-by-year anticipated costs (Years 2 and 3 may be modified later)
- Identify the preferred installment periods and amounts

SYSTEM IMPACT GRANT FUNDS

APPLYING TO THE FOUNDATION

- Apply online via the Foundation’s online grant portal, Foundant
 - HealthSpark.org – “Grantmaking”- “Apply to the Foundation”
- Use your organization’s log in, or contact us if you don’t know if your organization has a log in
- Download the budget form, save to your computer, and upload when complete
 - Project budget is the “Lead Agency” budget
 - HealthSpark will provide grant funds to the Lead Agency only
 - Partner time can be listed as a line item and paid by the Lead Agency directly to the partners

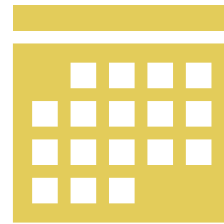
APPLICATION LOGISTICS



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Applications are due by 5:00 pm
on December 13, 2019



If you have questions, call us!

215-716-5400

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