

HealthSpark Foundation's Fall 2021 Innovation Lab Grant Program

Info Session

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Innovation Lab Grant Program



Background:

- Created out of community conversations in 2017
- “Research and development” funding for new, untested ideas
- Transformative, partnership-led projects
- Ongoing learning

Purpose:

- To support systems change projects that will improve how the safety net system functions
- To advance one of the six goals of the Safety Net Resiliency Initiative

Safety Net Resiliency Initiative Vision

We envision a resilient and financially sustainable safety net that allows anyone to access high quality, coordinated, equitable, and culturally appropriate services no matter who they are, what they need, or where they live.

We believe that a strong safety net benefits everyone, and Montgomery County's safety net will thrive through a shared commitment to nourish and sustain it. Montgomery County's safety net will be:

- Connected
- Respected
- Person-centered
- Equitable
- Impactful

Safety Net Resiliency Initiative Goals (Updated 2020)

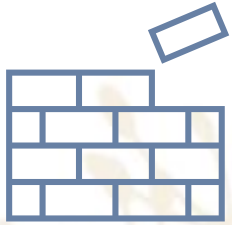
1. Build the safety net system's capacity to advance racial and social justice.
2. Put an end to chronic underfunding and cut the red tape of the safety net system.
3. Sustain technology advances and support equitable access to technology.
4. Support the emotional well-being of safety net staff and community members.
5. Strengthen the operational practices of safety net providers.
6. Build a more vibrant, active, and inclusive community.

Fall 2021 Project Overview



- Applicants may apply for \$3,000- \$30,000
- Projects are intended to be short-term (under 9 months)
- Start date on or after January 1, 2022
- Applicants must apply with at least one partner organization
 - Highly recommend reaching out soon to partners, rather than at the end of the application period

Project Types



Proof of Concept

Research/ planning/ coalition-building to rethink how services are delivered or plan new models



Pilot

New service delivery model idea/ plans/examples exist but need to be tested locally

Sample Project Activities

- Fully outline the steps/ procedures for implementing a systems change initiative,
- build trust with partners,
- articulate specific roles for each partner organization,
- research best or evidence-based practices if applicable,
- engage service beneficiaries in meaningful planning, discussion, and design;
- identify training and infrastructure needs (e.g. computer systems, outcomes measurement tools, etc.),
- assess underlying costs and identify options for ongoing financial support if implemented,
- create business plan timeframes or thresholds needed for a successful implementation

Important Considerations



Meaningful consumer/ beneficiary engagement and compensation



Research or planning that directly addresses disparities in access or outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, national origin (language/ culture)

Eligible Costs

Support for planning and design such as:

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

Sample Projects



**Centro de Cultura
Arte Trabajo y
Educacion (CCATE)
“Norristown Latinx
Community Health
Census”**



**The Deaf-Hearing
Communication
Centre
“DHCC/WMontCo
Accommodation
Investigation Project”**



**National Network for
Youth
“Conducting a
Landscape Scan to
Determine Readiness for
a Youth-Led Community
Collaborative”**

Application Information

- Apply online via the Foundation's online grant portal, Foundant
- Use your own budget form or download the Foundation's template
- Character limits are set to the max for easier submission- you are not required to use up the character limit
- Full Question List is available on our website
- Find the RFP and other documents at healthspark.org/innovation-lab

Reminders

- We encourage applicants to call us with their project idea before applying!
- 215-716-5400
- ehertz@healthspark.org
- Applications are due by 5pm November 1, 2021