

Community Health Improvement Partnership Mini Grant Application (deadline August 12, 2020)

Community mini-grants available

Hennepin County [Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County](#) (CHIP) invites residents of Hennepin County to apply for a mini grant of \$250 to \$500 to address racial disparities in community mental wellbeing and housing stability. A total of \$3,000 is available.

Application deadline and notice to those funded

Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 4 PM. We anticipate notifying applicants selected for funding within 21 days of approval, depending on the number of applications received.

What we will fund

We will fund community members or small teams who have local ideas and solutions to improve mental well-being and housing stability in your communities and who need a small amount of money to carry them out. People representing communities of color or indigenous populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Note that because of the coronavirus pandemic you must use virtual or other creative engagement and communication methods that are safe and protect yourself and others by using [Minnesota Department of Health guidelines](#) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidance.html>).

Why we're doing this now

The coronavirus pandemic and killing of George Floyd have added additional layers of stress to the trauma already experienced by many communities, particularly those of color. The [Hennepin County Board declared racism a public health crisis](#). People are feeling isolated from each other and their natural supports, and are trying to get into housing, and pay rent and other bills with little or no money coming in. We know that often the best ideas and solutions to issues come from people within the community.

About CHIP

The [Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County](#) (CHIP) includes organizations across the community that target community health issues together for greater impact. Partners include public health agencies, health care organizations, housing developers and providers, cultural and faith-based organizations, schools, human services, and more. Hennepin County Public Health will manage any funds awarded under this mini grant solicitation.

Eligibility

Only community members living in Hennepin County are eligible. Applicants must 18 years of age or older and have a social security number. Formal organizations such as school districts, 501 (c)(3) and for-profit organizations are not eligible and cannot be funded. **Projects must be completed within 90 days and funded applicants will be asked to complete a brief report (500 words) so we can learn from your work.**

If you have questions about this grant

Contact Karen Nikolai at karen.nikolai@hennepin.us.

Submit your completed application:

Email your completed application to: PublicHealth@Hennepin.us.

If you'd like to apply, please complete this application below by hand with a pen or on a computer by typing your responses into the form.

1. Select one focus area below by checking the box next to it.

- a. Provide a creative solution related to the stress/trauma happening in your community right now because of the coronavirus pandemic
- b. Provide creative support to a spiritual, faith or cultural community in their efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic
- c. Provide a creative solution to problems people are having trying to pay rent, buy food and other necessities because of the coronavirus pandemic
- d. Provide a creative solution to decrease the social isolation people are feeling because they have to engage in "social distancing" even in large housing complexes, to protect themselves, their friends and families from the coronavirus pandemic

2. Complete the form below.

1) Your Project Title	
2) Your name(s) (up to 4 people can share \$250 to \$500 to work on this project). Eligible applicants include community members and small groups. For more information see the 'Eligibility' section in the description above.	1.
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3) Phone number for main contact person	
4) Email for main contact person	
5) Total amount you are requesting: (maximum total is \$500)	\$_____ (between \$250 and \$500)
6) Tell us who in your community (for example, youth or elders) and/or which community your project will involve (provide name and location of the spiritual, faith, cultural or geographic community): <u>Do not</u> write more than 50 words ***	
7) Tell us <u>what</u> you plan to do under the focus area you selected. <u>Do not</u> write more than 100 words ***	

<p>8) Tell us how your project will meet current MDH safety guidelines for COVID-19. Will your project be virtual? If not, what will you do to ensure your safety and the safety of yourselves and your community during your project?</p> <p>More information can be found at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidance.html</p> <p>Do not write more than 100 words ***</p>															
<p>9) a. Tell us specifically how you will spend the money. Also tell us why you need the amount requested to successfully complete your project.</p> <p>Do not write more than 75 words. ***</p> <p>b. Provide a short budget of how much you would spend on each component of your project in the table below.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">Item/Component:</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Expected Cost:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr> <td>Total expenses:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item/Component:	Expected Cost:											Total expenses:	\$
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<p>10) <u>Describe 2 specific things</u> you will do to evaluate the impacts of your project so that CHIP organizations will know that your project was successful.</p> <p>Do not write more than 100 words ***</p>															
<p>11) Many other people are applying for this money. Tell us <u>why</u> you need this funding to do your project right now.</p> <p>Do not write more than 75 words ***</p>															

*** Responses longer than the maximum number of words may not be reviewed for funding.

3. Submit your completed application

Email your completed application to: PublicHealth@Hennepin.us.