



**Request for Proposal
Questions and Responses**

Request for Proposal: Community Health Equity Empowerment Fund

Proposal Due Date: Friday, August 18th 2023

- 1.) Are Community Health Centers able to be a part of more than 1 application?
 - a. Yes, please address/highlight any anticipated community health center.
- 2.) We are currently being supported by the BPHC, (Boston CCR and Behavioral Health) are we eligible to apply?
 - a. (Question Re-Write) We are currently supported by BPHC through other funding sources, are eligible to apply to this funding source?
 - i. Yes
- 3.) Would a local non-profit hospital that partners with community health centers be considered for this funding? Or just community-based organizations? The vast majority of funds would be directed to our health center partners, not the hospital.
 - a. Hospitals are not eligible for the CHEE Fund grant.
- 4.) Can projects focus on persistent health disparities in children? Particularly child health issues that lead to chronic illness in adulthood (e.g., childhood obesity linked to obesity in adults, diabetes, heart disease). Or is this Fund only looking to address health disparities among adults?
 - a. Yes, BPHC welcomes projects focused on all ages.
- 5.) What is the total funding available to be distributed through this RFP? For example, BPHC has \$500,000 to distribute via this RFP.
 - a. The released RFP states a total of \$1 million will be distributed. Grant awards will vary up to \$200,000 per grantee.
- 6.) Is there an indirect rate cap and, if so, what is it?
 - a. The indirect cost cap is 10% or the federally negotiated rate.
- 7.) Are hospitals eligible to apply? In other words, are hospitals considered community-based organizations?
 - a. No hospitals are not eligible.

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- 8.) We see that coalitions are encouraged. How does that affect funding? Would each organization in a coalition be eligible to apply for \$200,000 or would funding for the whole coalition be capped at \$200,000?
 - a. Coalitions are encouraged to submit 1 application per group/cohort. \$200,000 is the cap for any group submission.
- 9.) Could you please specify/estimate the amount of reporting and meeting expectations?
 - a. Grantee's will be responsible for attending monthly meetings to engage with other grant recipients. Technical assistance on reporting will be provided during these sessions. The sessions are intended to cross reference support in creating intended outcomes of the grant.
- 10.) Would this RFP fund housing for the homeless/at risk of homelessness population?
 - a. Yes, housing initiatives will be considered.
- 11.) Do the Community Health Centers need to be federally qualified?
 - a. Yes