



Community Health Entrepreneur Challenge

A search for innovative approaches addressing health issues and improving patient care in local communities

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Deadline: Friday, July 14, 2023

ACH is issuing a call for applications for the new Community Health Entrepreneur Challenge, which is a two-year project that supports health centers in cultivating new and innovative approaches for addressing complex problems that affect the health and well-being of local communities.

Funding of \$500,000 over two years – to develop and implement the proposed concept that includes multi-sector partners, promote system change, and target health disparities – will be awarded to the top five proposals that will improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in U.S. communities.

The selected awardees will receive the following:

- \$500,000 over two years to develop and implement the proposed concept;
- Technical support in the areas of model/intervention design and evaluation, data analytics, policy analysis, and sustainability planning; and
- National recognition through ACH and UnitedHealthcare platforms.

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

2023	
May 25, 2023	Application Opens
July 14, 2023	Application Submission Deadline
August 14, 2023	Identify award recipients
August 28, 2023	Notify Award Recipients and Announce Awardees
Week of October 16, 2023	Virtual Kick-off
Week of December 4, 2023	Virtual Check-in Meeting
2024	
February/March 2024	In-person Convening, held during the 2024 ACH Annual Member Meeting
June 2024	Quarterly Meeting (1 hour)
September 2024	Quarterly Meeting (1 hour)
November 2024	Year 1 (Interim) Report Deadline
December 2024	Quarterly Meeting (1 hour)
2025	

February/March 2025	Lessons Learned Session, held during the 2024 ACH Annual Member Meeting
June 2025	Quarterly Meeting (1 hour)
October 2025	Year 2 (Final) Report Deadline

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

ACH membership is a condition of the award. Funds will be issued directly to the community health center.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Award recipients will be required to submit an annual and final report, attend virtual and in-person convenings, and present a summary of findings at the ACH Annual Member Meeting or other appropriate learning events when applicable.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

ACH members are welcome to submit multiple proposals based on the categories outlined below as necessary; however, a health center can only be awarded one grant.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Response ● Emerging Issue ● Health Equity ● Technology/Telehealth ● Value Based Care ● Workforce |
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REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be scored on a scale of 0 to 100, with the points being distributed as indicated below. The proposals will be evaluated by a review panel of thought leaders from government, health care, and social service sectors who will select five awardees.

	POINTS
Vision and Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the overall strategy well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish project goals? ● Does the proposal provide a better solution than current standard of care or solutions? ● Is the proposal focused and realistic? ● Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented well? 	25 Points Maximum
Innovation Does the proposal outline how the project will modify and change current practices?	25 Points Maximum
Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does the proposed project have the potential for having far-reaching impact and/or appeal to multiple stakeholders? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the proposal state the specific stakeholders? 	20 Points Maximum

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project involve local/state/federal partners? Will the proposed project generate interest, conversation, and action among health centers and the U.S. health care system? 	
<p>Importance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal address an important problem that health centers currently face? How will the proposed project influence the practices and services that drive the work of community health centers? 	15 Points Maximum
<p>Community Health Center Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is there health center support and access to other resources to ensure the successful completion of the proposed work? Will the project benefit from unique features of the health center’s resources or collaborative partnerships? 	10 Points Maximum
<p>Clarity and Quality of the Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the proposal detailed, well-written, and present a cohesive description of the concept and work plan? Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. 	5 Points Maximum
<p>Other/Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of other similar projects by the health center, community and governmental recognition, etc. 	5 Points Maximum <i>(bonus points)</i>

AWARDEE EXPECTATIONS & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Awardees are expected to:

- Attend quarterly virtual progress report meetings and the 2024 and 2025 ACH Annual Member Meetings.
- Submit annual progress reports and a final report.