Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2021 Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants
Partnership Development
Info Session
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Celebrating 12 years of engagement and action!

Catalyze and support engaged community-academic research partnerships to improve health & equity

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Goals for the Session

• Seed Grant Program Purpose/Eligibility
• Application and Review Process
• Resources
• Q&A
Community-Engaged Research

- Honors & centers expertise of communities (local, cultural, practice, lived experience experts) in collaboration with academics (scientific experts) to increase value of research for improving health & equity

- **Broad spectrum**: minimal to equal partnership in all aspects
ARCC 2021 Seed Grant Goals

• Support community-engaged research partnership and project development

• Lay the groundwork for the development of community-engaged research projects/proposals for external funding
2021 Seed Grants- 2 types of awards

• Partnership Development Awards
  – Up to $5K, Up to 18 months
  – Two cycles in 2021, 2nd due in late Spring 2021

• Research Pilot Awards
  – Up to $25K (max request, not per year), Up to 36 months
  – Will be due in late Spring 2021
Partnership Development Grants

• Intended to support *newly developing partnerships*

• Possible activities:

  – Relationship building, Exploring areas of shared interest/compatible skills, Engaging addtl. partners

  – Defining roles/responsibilities of partners

  – Developing partnership/engagement infrastructure/processes

  – Building capacity of community and academic partners

  – Planning future collaboration and proposals
Eligibility

- Applications must be *developed & submitted jointly* by a community-academic partnership (community/faith/public organization *and* Northwestern faculty member)

- For assistance in connecting with possible partners, contact ARCC as soon as possible
Priorities

• Focus on racial & health equity and addressing root causes

• Community leads by/for/about communities most impacted by health inequities
  – Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Arab, Asian, LGBTQ, People living with disabilities

• Community or academic lead(s) who haven’t received ARCC seed grant before
Health & Racial Equity Defined

• Everyone has a fair & just opportunity to access what they need to thrive
  – Requires removing obstacles
  – Race/ethnicity/community no longer determines one’s outcomes
Addressing Root Causes

Community conditions can support — or create barriers to — good health.


Adverse Living Conditions, Food insecurity, No Recreational Spaces, Limited Access to Quality Care, Segregation, Poverty, Poor Quality Schools, Occupational Hazards, Environmental Toxins, Marketing for Tobacco and Alcohol, Unemployment
Local resources

Healthy Chicago 2025

Northwestern Memorial Hospital 2019
Community Health Needs Assessment
Pre-Application Call

• Before submission, **requirement** to talk with ARCC director Jen Brown to discuss fit & feasibility of potential proposal ideas.

• **Mandatory & no later than Feb 2**

• [jenbrown@northwestern.edu](mailto:jenbrown@northwestern.edu)
Application

- Significance of partnership focus
- Description of partnership (history/capacity/roles)
- Description of grant aims & activities:
  - how grant will lead to sustained partnership, future research collaboration & funding, community impact
- Alignment with priority(ies)
- Budget & budget justification
Budget

- Must use budget form provided on ARCC website

- No required form for budget justification.

- Split budget (proportions determined by partnership):
  - $ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic lead
  - $ for community partner/related expenses go to community lead

Possible expenses

- partnership meetings, training
- participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/stakeholders
- project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics)
Review Process

• Review by experienced community & academic partners
• Quality/feasibility/potential of proposed engagement & activities
• Alignment with priorities
  – Focus on racial equity/root causes
  – Community lead org led by & serving BIPOC & other marginalized communities
  – Haven’t received ARCC seed grant before

• Applicants will receive feedback on their applications
Guidance from past grants

• Must have **research** focus- not conducting research but planning, preparing, seeking funding for research

• Clearly show community interest/involvement

• Focus on equity

• Don’t have overly ambitious expectations

• Build on other support, if you have it

• Connect to future research and opportunities

• Incorporate use of ARCC/CCH resources (training, materials, services, etc.)
Timeline

• Discuss idea with ARCC Director
• Application Deadline
• Funding decisions communicated

Deadlines

Now until Feb 2
Feb 16
March
Resources

• Contact ARCC/CCH staff
• Happy to give feedback on drafts received by Feb 2
• Sample full proposals
• Monthly Resources & Opportunities listing
• Online ARCC Resource Directory www.ARCCresources.net
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