**Building Healthy Communities: Behavioral Health Initiative GRANT APPLICATION**

*Application Form for Fiscal Year 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funded Grants addressing Behavioral Health and Opioid-involved Overdose Prevention*

Building Healthy Communities: Behavioral Health Initiative aim to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health and substance use services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County. These initiatives, led by the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), are supported by funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

**Applicant Criteria**

Organization Point of Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Point of Contact Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Point of Contact Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Point of Contact Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternate Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternate Contact Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternate Contact Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Website Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip code: Click or tap here to enter text.

How would you categorize your organization?

Local Government

Federally Qualified Health Center

Community Health Center

Community-based Organization

Education Agency

Unique Entity ID: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Organization Description:** *Provide a brief description of your organization and your overall mission.*

How does your organization incorporate the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in operations? For example, how do you incorporate the perspectives of the population served in program design and delivery?

How many people does your organization employ?

1-10

11-100

101-250

251-500

How many years has your organization operated?

1-5 years

6-10 years

11+ years

Has your organization previously received funding from the Cook County Department of Public Health?

Yes

No

Has your organization previously received funding from another government entity?

*\*Previous government funding is not a requirement*

Yes

No

**Organizational Capacity**

**Organization Experience:** Description of organizational strengths, experiences, and partnerships

**Similar Projects:** Has your organization previously executed similar projects (whether with Cook County or other funding)?

Yes

No

**Similar Projects (cont.):** If yes, please describe the project(s) previously completed and outcome(s).

If no, please briefly explain how you will successfully administer this program and execute proposed project

**Subcontracting, Teaming, or Partnerships:** Does your application propose to subcontract and/or collaborate with one or more organizations for this project?

Yes

No

**Subcontracting, Teaming, or Partnerships (cont.):** If yes, please identify each organization and their specific role in the proposed project. Describe how your organization will coordinate services to ensure clients are linked to needed services that are provided by other agencies.

**Project Overview and Key Application Priorities**

**Strategies**

**Mental Health**

* **Description:** Mental health is the foundation for well-being and effective functioning of individuals, and is the ability to think, learn, and understand one's emotions and the reactions of others. (World Health Organization) Funding will support the development, maintenance, or expansion of existing programs and services that promote mental health. This may include but are not limited to programs and services that increase the availability and access to community prevention, treatment and supports including suicide prevention, community-based treatment, group therapy, and counseling options, and/or initiatives that address upstream drivers of behavioral health and community trauma, including housing, transportation, and other wrap-around services for people with a substance use disorder or mental illness.
* **Eligible Applicants:**
  + CBOs
  + Community Health Center
  + Education Agencies
* **Estimated Funding:**
  + Track 1: up to $250,000
  + Track 2: up to $1,000,000

**Positive Youth Development**

* **Description:** The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated mental health challenges of suburban Cook County youth, with a disproportionate toll being placed among the most vulnerable. Promoting positive youth development is critical for COVID-19 recovery and resiliency. It is a prosocial approach that engages youth in a productive and constructive way; recognizes, uses, and enhances young people’s strengths; and provides opportunities, and fosters positive relationships. Funding will support the development, maintenance, and/or expansion of programs and services, including youth-based programming to support children at-risk or experiencing mental health symptoms, youth leadership, social and emotional learning, healthy development, and service opportunities.
* **Eligible Applicants:**
  + CBOs
  + Community Health Center
  + Education Agencies
* **Estimated Funding:**
  + Track 1: up to $250,000
  + Track 2: up to $1,000,000

**Opioid Overdose Prevention**

* **Description:** The opioid overdose prevention initiative will expand on existing opioid-involved overdose prevention activities to address the impact of COVID-19 on opioid and substance use disorder in suburban Cook County (SCC). The initiative will provide technical assistance and capacity-building support for harm reduction services in the South and West suburbs where harm reduction non-profits are few and far between. Funding will support the development and/or expansion of harm reduction outreach programming in high-need areas of SCC, including mobile services, naloxone distribution, and drug-checking sites.
* **Eligible Applicants:**
  + CBOs
* **Estimated Funding:**
  + $1,345,715 for 3 awards

Mental Health

Positive Youth Development

Opioid Overdose Prevention

**Funding Track**

**Mental Health & Positive Youth Development**

$250,000

$1,000,000

**Opioid Overdose Prevention**

$1,345,715

**Priority Populations Reached:** Select which priority population(s) you will engage and impact through the strategy selected above. Select all that apply.

Racial and ethnic minorities, African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color

Persons adversely impacted by persistent poverty or inequality

Individuals who are educationally disadvantaged

Immigrants, refugees, and undocumented individuals

Individuals who are housing insecure

Older persons (65 and older), especially those with chronic conditions

Individuals with disabilities

Individuals with limited or no English proficiency

Low income or low wage workers

Individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or have limited healthcare access

Individuals with behavioral health challenges

Individuals who are justice-involved

Individuals with low technical literacy

Sexual and gender minorities

Youth especially those who are economically disadvantaged

Individuals experiencing trauma, violence, and/or abuse

Other

**Priority Communities Reached:** Select which priority community(ies) you will engage and impact

through the strategy selected above. Select all that apply.

Berwyn

Blue Island

Bridgeview

Burnham

Calumet City

Calumet Park

Chicago Heights

Chicago Ridge

Cicero

Dixmoor

Dolton

East Hazel Crest

Ford Heights

Hanover Park

Harvey

Hodgkins

Justice

Lynwood

Markham

Maywood

Melrose Park

Merrionette Park

Northlake

Phoenix

Posen

Richton Park

Riverdale

Robbins

Sauk Village

South Chicago Heights

South Holland

Stone Park

Summit

Thorton

University Park

Other

**Funding Proposal Description:** Describe your organization's reason for applying for this funding opportunity, what need(s) related to the Strategy selected you would address in the communities selected, and your proposed plan to address these need(s). Please justify the need(s) you identify and your proposed solution(s) with data and/or published literature.

**Relevant Strategy Experience:** Describe your experience with the above-chosen strategy, addressing the following: your history, experience, qualifications, and current capacity.