

## **Funding opportunity**

### **Patricia Baker Awards for Health Equity Policy and Advocacy**

The Connecticut Health Foundation invites grassroots advocacy organizations to apply for a new grant program to support capacity-building.

The funding is available to grassroots advocacy organizations that are led by and primarily serve people of color and are interested in advancing health equity. The grants are intended to help build the capacity of grassroots advocacy organizations that prioritize racial equity and address the factors that influence health and well-being and contribute to inequitable health outcomes.

The grants are part of the Patricia Baker Awards for Health Equity Policy and Advocacy, named for the foundation's founding president and CEO, who retired in 2020 after a career dedicated to eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities.

#### **What are the grants?**

We will award grants of up to \$10,000 to support organizations in building their capacity or effectiveness.

Requests that support collaboration between two or more organizations will receive preference.

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants must be grassroots advocacy organizations that are:

- Led by and primarily serve people of color.
- Working on local and/or statewide policymaking in Connecticut.
- 501(c)3 organizations or have a fiscal sponsor agreement with a 501(c)3 organization.

#### **What is the application process?**

Applicants will present their ideas to foundation staff during a **virtual pitch day**. The foundation will hold two virtual pitch days, on **July 14<sup>th</sup>** and **July 20<sup>th</sup>**.

During the virtual pitch day, applicants should plan to briefly describe a capacity need and explain how addressing it would improve the organization's effectiveness in advocacy. Those selected to move forward will be asked to complete a brief written application.

Interested organizations may request to participate in a pitch day by clicking [here](#).

**Learn more:** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Geralynn McGee, director of policy, at [geralynn@cthealth.org](mailto:geralynn@cthealth.org).