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Request for Proposals

Supporting Standardized Collection of Race, Ethnicity, and Language Data

Statement of Interest Due: October 21, 2022
Grant Awards: Up to $50,000

The Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health) recognizes the importance of the collection of race, ethnicity, and language data in identifying disparities in health and care delivery and establishing interventions to address them. Beginning in March 2022, the foundation has hosted a series of virtual convenings designed to identify how to move forward in implementing standardized collection and use of REL data to identify and address disparities. **To support this work, CT Health seeks proposals from organizations participating in the convenings to implement the new REL data collection standards, to use the data to identify and address disparities, or to engage community members in designing REL data collection processes.**

Potential uses of this funding may include:
- Community engagement work to hear from patients and community members about how to best implement this data collection and how to assure people understand how their data will be used.
- Public information campaign for community members about the value of providing REL data.
- Supplementing the cost of updating electronic medical records systems to capture REL data.
- Another project that will advance the collection or use of standardized self-reported REL data.

About CT Health

CT Health is the state's largest independent health philanthropy dedicated to improving lives by changing health systems. Since establishment in 1999, the foundation has supported innovative grantmaking, public policy research, technical assistance, and convening to achieve its mission of improving the health of the people of Connecticut.

CT Health's central focus is advancing health equity, which the organization defines *as everyone having the opportunity to be as healthy as possible regardless of race or ethnicity*. To make this a reality, CT Health focuses on four areas that are critical to ensuring that the next generation will not face the same persistent racial and ethnic health disparities as their parents: ensuring access to coverage, increasing connection to care, improving care delivery, and linking clinical care with community organizations.

RFP Grant Details

Goal

This funding is intended to support organizations in advancing the standardized collection of self-reported race, ethnicity, and language data.

Objectives

The proposed project should:

- Meaningfully advance an organization's ability to collect or analyze REL data.
- Produce lessons that can be shared with other participants of the REL data convenings.

Funding and timeline

Awards ranging from $5,000 - $50,000 will be considered to support eligible expenses. These grants are intended to help move organizations' work forward and are not expected to be extended for more than one year.

RFP Release Date	October 6, 2022
Statement of Interest Due	October 21, 2022
Discussions with CT Health Staff	October 24 – 28, 2022
Proposal Due	November 28, 2022
Grantee Award Notification	December 16, 2022

Eligibility

This grant opportunity is available to organizations that have participated in the Connecticut Health Foundation's 2022 convenings on race, ethnicity, and language data.

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or have an identified fiscal agent.

To apply

The statement of interest and full application are accessible through CT Health's applicant portal at https://cthealth.fluxx.io. To apply organizations must register for login credentials. Once you receive your credentials, log in to the portal and navigate to *Apply: Requests for Proposals*.

Application questions

The statement of interest and full application are accessible through CT Health's applicant portal at https://cthealth.fluxx.io. Organizations must register for login credentials. Once you receive your credentials, log in to the portal and navigate to *Apply: Requests for Proposals*. **The questions are provided below for information only.**

Statement of interest questions

1. Name / Organization / Title

2. If this is a collaborative application, name the other participating organizations.

3. Briefly describe the work your organization has done in conjunction with the REL data convenings.

4. In two to three sentences, describe your project idea.

5. Complete this sentence: "This project would be successful if…"

6. How much funding do you anticipate requesting?

After submission of the statement of interest questions, CT Health staff will schedule follow-up conversations with interested organizations about their project idea. Organizations will be notified if they have been selected to complete a full proposal by October 28, 2022.

RFP application questions

1. How will this funding be used to advance REL data collection or analysis? Describe the project and how it would advance your organization's ability to collect or analyze REL data or how it will support the overall collection of data.

2. Describe your organization's existing collection and use of REL data and what your organization needs to implement self-reported REL data collection in accordance with PA 21-35.

3. How does your organization plan to use REL data to advance equity? How will this project advance this goal?

4. What do you anticipate learning from this project? How do you plan to share these lessons with the other participants of the convenings?

5. How would you define success for this project?

6. Does this project depend on this grant funding? Would you do this project without this grant funding? If so, how will these funds make a difference in your ability to complete the work?

7. In the fields below, outline the objectives you anticipate achieving and the activities you would undertake to achieve them.

   o Objectives: What do you want to accomplish through this grant? Ensure your objectives are specific, attainable, realistic, and measurable. List up to three.

   o Activities: What are you going to do to achieve your objectives? List up to three per objective.

   o Timeline: When will this activity be completed? Indicate start and end date for each activity.

If the project is focused on community engagement:

- How do you plan to engage community members for this work?

- What other organizations, if any, do you plan to work with?

- How do you plan to share the findings of this work with participants?

If the project is a public information campaign:

- What audience(s) do you plan to reach?

- What methods will you use to reach your audience(s)?