

Get Healthy Idaho: Building Healthy and Resilient Communities Subgrant Solicitation 2021-2022

Informational Call - Meeting Summary

Date: July 1, 2021

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pmMT

Location: Webex

Attendees: There were approximately 25 attendees on the informational call representing organizations from around the state of Idaho.

Summary

Katie Lamansky, Program Manager for Get Healthy Idaho (GHI), started the meeting by describing GHI, its mission, vision, and strategy for change. Elements of the GHI website were shared including the data dashboards and funding announcement page with the downloadable application packet. Work that has occurred to date within the first GHI funded community in Elmore County was also described. The remainder of the presentation reviewed the application packet sections and requirements. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.

Questions

Questions and answers are not verbatim and have been expanded for clarity within this summary.

- Q. The first funded community used a county as their geographic boundary. Are there other types of geographic boundaries which could be considered and what goes into an effective proposal for your community geographic boundary?
- A. Get Healthy Idaho is based on an understanding that solutions which address the social determinants of health are most effective when they are “placed-based” and take into consideration the specific challenges, resources, and character of a community.

Communities can range in size, but each applicant's selected geographic area should be reflective of a meaningful community identity where people are impacted by policies, structures, systems and features that are particular to the place they live. Communities will typically be defined by a neighborhood, city, census tract or for more rural areas a county may be appropriate, as was the case with our first funded community in Elmore County. Health districts and hospital service areas are generally too large to represent a cohesive community. Get Healthy Idaho aims to focus on smaller areas to make a bigger impact with investment over time.

Q. Will you send a link of this recording?

A. Yes, the recording will be uploaded onto the website and a link will be sent to those who registered for the call.

Q. Will this grant award only go to one organization within Idaho?

A. The current funding opportunity is to add one GHI community, however, the Department of Health and Welfare will continue to work with WICHHC in Elmore County for the remaining three years of their grant award. If funding is available, GHI hopes to add one new community to the initiative per year.

The current funding opportunity includes funding for phase one grant activities to include building or expanding a community collaborative, conducting a health needs assessment, identifying community priority areas, developing a community led action plan and developing an evaluation plan. Budgets should reflect expenses to complete phase one activities, but award amounts cannot exceed \$100,000. Funding for the additional three years of the grant will be used to implement the action plan and will be dependent upon availability and successful completion of grant requirements.

Q. We are just now starting to see some data related to the impacts of COVID-19, however right now most of the impacts are anecdotal rather than backed by data. How can we describe the impacts of COVID-19 in our narrative and where can we find more data?

A. Data from previous health assessment or other sources may not be up to date, yet it still can provide a meaningful basis for your narrative. Anecdotal details related to the impacts of COVID-19 can be used to supplement data and can help to identify areas of focus for the health needs assessment which will be completed by the awarded community. Some data related to COVID-19 might be available with your School District, local food bank, or the Department of Labor. Other data related to social determinants of health and the GHI health priority areas can be found on the GHI website within the data dashboards. A robust narrative describing needs, target populations and social determinants of health risks which includes a variety of data will strengthen your application.

Q. It seems clear what you are looking for in years 1 and 2 of the grant. Do you know yet what activities you expect in the remaining years of the grant?

A. This will be determined by the awarded community and built out in the action plan. GHI has prescribed specific activities for the first phase of the grant to ensure an inclusive and effective process but we want the implementation and specific activities to be determined and led by the impacted community. There will be reporting requirements throughout the 4 years of the grant.