

Community Health Improvement Partnership Mini Grant Application (deadline May 20, 2020)

Community mini-grants available

The [Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County](#) (CHIP) of Hennepin County invites community members living in Hennepin County to apply for a mini grant of \$250 to \$500 to address coronavirus. A total of \$2,500 is available.

Deadline and notice of funding

Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 4 PM. We anticipate notifying selected applicants within 14 days of approval, depending on the number of applications received.

What we will fund

We will fund community members or small teams who have local ideas and solutions to improve mental well-being and housing stability in your communities and who need a small amount of money to carry them out. People representing communities of color or indigenous populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Note that because of the coronavirus pandemic you must use virtual or other creative engagement and communication methods that are safe and protect yourself and others by [using CDC recommendations](#).

Why we're doing this now

The coronavirus pandemic, Stay at Home order, and closure of many services and business have added additional layers of stress to the trauma already experienced by many communities, particularly those of color: people are feeling isolated from each other and their natural supports, and trying to pay rent and other bills with little or no money coming in. We know that often the best ideas and solutions come from those within the community.

About CHIP

The [Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County](#) (CHIP) includes people from across the community who target community health issues together for greater impact. Partners include public health agencies, health care organizations, housing developers and providers, cultural and faith-based organizations, schools, human services, and more. Hennepin County Public Health will manage any funds awarded under this mini grant solicitation.

Eligibility

Only community members living in Hennepin County are eligible for these mini grants. Applicants must 18 years of age or older and have a social security number. Formal organizations such as 501 (c)(3) and for-profit organizations are not eligible and cannot be funded. **Projects must be completed within 90 days and funded applicants will be asked to complete a brief report (500 words) so we can learn from your work.**

If you have questions about this grant

Contact Karen Nikolai at karen.nikolai@hennepin.us.

Submit your completed application

Attach your completed application and email it to: PublicHealth@Hennepin.us.

If you'd like to apply, please complete this application below by hand with a pen or on a computer by typing your responses into the form.

1. Select one focus area below by checking the box next to it.

- a. Provide a creative solution related to the stress/trauma happening in your community right now because of the coronavirus pandemic
- b. Provide creative support to a spiritual/faith/cultural community in their efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic
- c. Provide a creative solution to problems people are having trying to pay rent, buy food and other necessities because they lost their job or other income due to the coronavirus pandemic
- d. Provide a creative solution to decrease the social isolation people are feeling because they have to engage in "social distancing" even in large housing complexes, to protect themselves, their friends and families from the coronavirus pandemic

2. Complete the form below.

1) Your Project Title	
2) Your name(s) (up to 4 people can share \$250 to \$500 to work on this project)	1.
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3) Main contact person's phone number	
4) Main contact person's email	
5) Amount you are requesting:	\$_____ (between \$250 and \$500)
6) Tell us <u>what</u> you want to do under the focus area you selected and <u>how</u> you will spend the money: Do not write more than 250 words *** Continue on next page	

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<p>7) Tell us <u>what</u> will be different in your community and <u>how</u> we will know your project was successful.</p> <p><u>Do not</u> write more than 75 words ***</p>	
<p>8) Tell us <u>why</u> it is important to get this funding and do your project right now.</p> <p><u>Do not</u> write more than 75 words ***</p>	

*** Responses longer than the maximum number of words may not be reviewed for funding.

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