Let’s Go! Mini-Grants
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do we have to be an Eat Smart Move More Coalition to apply?
A: No. Preference will be given to applications that are working with a community coalition (whether an ESMMSC chapter or not) to encourage collaboration and increasing partnerships, but it is not a requirement.

Q: What if we don’t spend all of the funds or cannot complete the project on time?
A: Funds that are not spent in the selected grant period will be returned. No extensions will be granted.

Q: Can you be funded more than once?
A: Yes; however, ESMMSC’s intention is to fund a geographically diverse group of applicants throughout the three-year grant and may choose to fund a new community rather than fund a second project from a repeat applicant. In addition, current grantees are not eligible to receive funds in the immediate cycle following. Please wait at least one round before you reapply. ESMMSC has final authority over which projects will be funded and for how much.

Q: Can we submit more than one application per grant cycle?
A: No; If applicants have more than one project that they are interested in they should prioritize which project is more urgent and submit a second application in a later grant cycle.

Q: Is there a required match?
A: A match is not required; however, ESMMSC acknowledges the importance of being able to leverage funds as a means to broaden impact and improve sustainability of coalitions and community organizations. Applications that demonstrate matched funds will be rated higher than those that do not.

Q: Can mini grant funds be used for coalition capacity building?
A: As part of the Let’s Go 3.0 grant that ESMMSC received from BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, we will have training opportunities for coalitions and community organizations across the state throughout the duration of the grant. If you are interested in applying for a mini grant to receive training or technical assistance, it is recommended that you contact ESMMSC staff beforehand to see if they currently have or will have resources available to assist you. You can reach the project manager, Kelsey Allen at kelsey@eatsmartmovemoresc.org.

Q: Can mini grant funds be used for salary?
A: The intention of the mini grants is to implement policy, systems, or environmental changes within in 6-month time period. This may include a small stipend or incentive for participation; however, these funds are not intended to cover salary positions.

Q: Can mini grant funds be spent on food or incentives?
A: Yes, however if included in the budget this should be a small percentage of the total. If you plan to include either in your budget, it is recommended that you reach out to ESMMSC staff ahead of time to discuss the budget.