

Teaming Up for Health Outcomes

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to apply for mini-grant funds?

A: Any municipality, coalition, school, or community organization that has a 501(c)(3) designation in South Carolina. All applications will be considered. Preference will be given to communities without current funding or limited resources.

Q: When will mini-grants be available?

A: Applications will open in June 2021.

Q: How often will mini-grants be available?

A: Mini-grants will be awarded annually. Note: \$35,000 is currently allocated to mini-grants. There will be approximately 7 awards each year.

Q: How do I apply for mini-grant funding?

A: The application for a mini-grant should be submitted on the Wholespire website.

Q: How much money is available for my project?

A: Mini-grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000. The scalable technical assistance model will include grant awards up to \$25,000.

Q: What is the time frame to complete a project?

A: The grant period for mini-grants is 12 months. Scalable technical assistance grants are tentatively set for a 12-18 month grant period.

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: May I apply for mini-grants more than once over 4 years?

A: You may apply for more than one mini-grant over the four-year period that grants will be available.

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: If I have had funding from a mini-grant before, do I qualify?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a required match?

A: A match is not required; however, we acknowledge the importance of being able to leverage funds as a means to broaden impact and improve the 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: Mini-grant funds are intended to be used for project implementation. If your organization is interested in receiving training or capacity building, it is recommended that you contact the project coordinators to be connected to a local coalition that would be eligible to apply for the scalable technical assistance project.

Q: What will not be funded by this mini-grant?

A: Funds will not be issued for:

- Doctor, dentist, or pharmacist salaries
- Capital campaigns including brick and mortar establishments
- One time or annual events including sports tournaments, camps, or event incentives
- Fundraising events including the purchase of tickets or tables, membership drives, raffles, or auctions
- Individuals
- Political campaigns or activities that influence legislation
- Advertising
- Religious activities
- Other grant-making foundations

Q: Can mini-grant funds be spent on food or incentives?

A: Yes, however, this should be a small percentage of the total budget. If you plan to include food or incentives in your budget, it is recommended that you contact staff ahead of time to discuss the budget.