



**Frequently Ask Questions about
The Alliance for Health Equity's Collaborative Innovation Fund**

<p>General: Question: Do you accept or review unsolicited proposals?</p>	<p>No. The Alliance does not accept or review unsolicited proposals outside of our grant making cycle and Request for Proposals.</p> <p>For most grants, we will release a Funding Opportunity. At times staff will approach an organization directly and invite them to submit a proposal. Infrequently, we may solicit applications for a targeted project through an open Call for Proposals.</p>
<p>Question: Do you fund organizations outside of the Greater Coatesville area?</p>	<p>Organizations must serve populations in at least one of our following geographic service areas: the <i>City of Coatesville</i>, the Boroughs of <i>Modena</i> and <i>South Coatesville</i> and <i>Townships of Caln, East Fallowfield, Sadsbury, Valley, West Brandywine</i> and <i>West Caln</i>.</p>
<p>Question: What <u>don't</u> you fund?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Projects • Political Campaigns • Lobbying efforts • Individuals • Event Sponsorships • Research and development for a nonprofit endeavor
<p>Question: What type of organizations do you fund?</p>	<p>Most of our funding goes to tax-exempt organizations (nonprofits and public charities) and occasionally we fund public agencies. Alliance staff will identify and fund consultants (LLC with proper insurance) at our discretion.</p> <p>In addition to funding, we want to be more than a checkbook. We share our expertise directly with nonprofit leaders, advocates, policymakers, and government officials to leverage and support improved practices and policies for the health of the Greater Coatesville community. We also share resources to build capacity of our grant partners.</p>
<p>Question: Can you restate your new fund categories?</p>	<p>General Operations. All grants are General Operating grants. Grant recipients must focus on Emotional Well</p>

	Being (mental health) integrated with education (K-12) and/or employment existing and/or new services.
<p>Question: What areas of work do you fund?</p>	<p>In support of our vision: a thriving, inclusive and health community for all, we focus our efforts in areas that address SDOH. We fund initiatives that align with our three strategic priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1. Integrated Services: This priority supports partnerships that improve systems of care across clinical and community-based services and provides opportunities to address vital conditions that communities depend on to reach their full potential. Such as integrated health, mental health, family and social supports, housing, healthy food options, employment opportunities, reliable transportation, and quality education, all which can play a role on one’s health.</p> <p>Priority 2. Healthy Community: This priority supports healthy inclusive spaces and places in settings like childcare, daycare, public parks, playgrounds and after school. Creating healthy environments through partnerships can bring forward health, equity, and dignity in public spaces that help to unite communities, strengthen social bonds and capital, and provide everyone with opportunities for good health.</p> <p>Priority 3. Community Voice: This priority supports building civic infrastructure for community members to co-create a shared future that leads to positive community-driven solutions.</p>
<p>Question: Must my organization and initiative focus on low-income populations?</p>	Yes
<p><u>Partnership Eligibility</u> Question: How are you defining a Lead Partner Organization?</p>	<p>They must be able to demonstrate a track record of collaboration and partnership-building among organizations in other sectors to achieve common objectives. A Lead Partner must be a non-profit organization who will be the recipient of the funding awarded through the Collaborative Innovation Fund; they will need to demonstrate that it has the fiscal procedures and policies in place and capabilities to be the recipient of the funding. They will serve as the conduit for the grant funding, distribution of funds to the Grassroots</p>

	<p>Community Partner (s) and will have responsibility for grant reporting.</p> <p>Organization must have a 501(c)(3) IRS letter of determination verifying status as an independent nonprofit organization.</p> <p>The Lead Partner Organization must demonstrate that they are embedded and trusted by the community.</p> <p>The following organizations <u>would not qualify</u> as the Lead Partner in response to the Collaborative Innovation Fund RFP, however they are encouraged to participate in the initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-profit hospitals • public charity foundations or private foundations • public benefit or B-corporations • community development financial institutions (CDFI) • school districts • any governmental entity • universities, or • non-profit health insurance companies
<p>Question: How are you defining Grassroots Community Partners?</p>	<p>Grassroots Community Partners are defined as “organizations who are drawn together by something that they have in common that has both personal and community consequences and grant themselves the authority to solve the problem that they are facing or create the future they desire.” Grassroots Community Partners (s) should be financially compensated for their time, community capital and resources. They can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Organizations • Grassroots Community-based Nonprofits • Community Development Corporations • Faith-based Organizations
<p>Question: Why does the proposal require collaboration among at least one Lead Partner & one Grassroot Organization?</p>	<p>The Collaborative Innovation Fund will be funding partnerships between (at a minimum) one Lead Partner Organization and one GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY Partner. Additional partners with clear and defined roles are encouraged and will strengthen the proposal. Each partner brings unique but complementary resources, perspectives, and expertise</p>

	<p>to the collaboration. In recent years, we have witnessed a growing recognition that no one organization, or even one sector, can make much of an impact on some of our most challenging HEALTH, social and economic problems acting in isolation.</p>
<p>Question: Can you elaborate on the role a local Grassroot Partner(s) should play in the initiative?</p>	<p>The AHE places great emphasis on providing resources to Grassroot COMMUNITY Partner(s) to be more than just the voice of the community. They should be contributing to the overall decision-making and priority-setting and play an authentic and engaged role in the coordinated action taken by the group. There are many ways this could take shape: groups could be a part of the decision-making process, have a seat at the table among partners, and/or should be stakeholders who feels a sense of accountability toward the work. Your proposal should feature strong and intentional communication efforts to engage your Grassroot COMMUNITY Partner(s). Exemplar proposals will be those that demonstrate plans to develop the skills and capabilities of members from the Grassroot COMMUNITY Partner(s) who can assist in sustaining the work going forward.</p>
<p>Question: Are Letters of Commitments required as part of the proposal submission?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Applicants are required to complete the submission form that includes organizational name and mission; nonprofit status; most recent 990; grassroots partnering organization name, contact person(s), and organizational legal status; Social Determinants of Health area (education or employment) of concentration; and funding request.</p> <p>Applicants who meet all criteria will be invited to a 45-minute interview that replaces a traditional narrative application.</p>
<p>Implementation Question: Can you elaborate on the Let’s Talk Coatesville Collaborative Innovation Fund Workshop in which applicants are required to attend if they are considering seeking funds from the Collaborative Innovation Fund.</p>	<p>The Let’s Talk Coatesville Collaborative Innovation Fund Workshop scheduled for Wed., February 23, 2022, from 3-4pm, is intended to provide a more detailed overview for our Collaborative Innovation Fund. The Alliance will review the Collaborative Innovation Funding opportunity in detail, facilitate a Q & A session, and allow participants an opportunity to generate</p>

	<p>ideas, solutions, and partnerships. BOTH THE LEAD PARTNER ORGANIZATION AND GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY PARTNER MUST ATTEND ONE THE WORKSHOP.</p>
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