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Hampden County Health Improvement Plan CHIP Network Mini Grants

The goal of the Hampden CHIP is to improve the overall health outcomes in Hampden County as reported by the Robert Wood Jonson Foundation Health Rankings. To do this, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts (PHI) are working together to coordinate the implementation of the Goals, Objectives and Strategies of the 2017 Hampden CHIP.

Thanks to funding from Baystate Health Systems, the Hampden CHIP Network is able to offer member organizations funds to help involve and support the capacity of people with lived experience in decision-making and oversight.

The purpose of these grants is to provide incentives for community engagement and to remove barriers to participation by community members in the work of members of the CHIP Network, working on CHIP priorities. Funds can be used to support those serving on advisory councils or participating in focus groups, training to build capacity of board members and advisory councils, youth leaders, incentives to encourage members of the public to take surveys and attend community meetings, etc.

Fundable Expenses:

- Stipends for advisory committee members
- Gas or grocery cards for focus group participants
- Paying for a childcare provider at an event to get parent feedback
- Paying for someone to survey participants/residents to get their input on program design or a new policy or rule at the local or state level
- Board training for community members serving on boards of CHIP member organizations
- UP to \$50 for food for meetings to gather community input
- Other expenditures which make it easier for those with lived experience to participate in the shaping the systems that affect their health

Expenses which do not qualify for funding: Staff time

Funding Range: Up to \$500 per grant. If your application is funded, you will enter into a contract with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the funds, which will be reimbursed to you upon proof of expenses.

Reporting: Please be prepared to submit a brief summary of what you learned from the work supported by these funds.

Application Due Date: Rolling applications accepted through 9/30/2020 or until funding is expended.

See attached application form

Hampden CHIP Network - Mini Grant Application Form

NAME:

AGENCY/PROGRAM:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS:

TIMELINE:

PROPOSAL RELATES TO WHICH CHIP DOMAIN AND STRATEGY?

Submit completed form to bbasch@pvpc.org, or Becky Basch, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104-3419. Questions? Call (413) 781-6045, ext. 335

For more information or to see a copy of the Community Health Improvement Plan and the priority strategies, visit <http://www.pvpc.org/hampdenchip>