



UMass Memorial Medical Center
and
Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester
Determination of Need (DoN)
Resource & Development Committee

2018 Request for Proposals
to Address

Community Health Improvement Priorities in the 2016
Community Health Improvement Plan

General Information and Application

WORKING TOGETHER
TO ADDRESS
HEALTH EQUITY AND THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
in the Central Massachusetts
Regional Public Health Alliance Area

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Ambulatory/ Surgery Center: Determination of Need (DoN) Funding
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General Information

Introduction

UMass Memorial Medical Center and the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester Determination of Need/Resource & Development Committee is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity aimed to address the priorities identified in the 2016 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). We are seeking to fund programs that address underserved populations and health equity. We are interested in supporting programs that address the social, economic and environmental factors that contribute to poor health outcomes and have health equity as a fundamental principal. Specifically, we are targeting innovative community linkage efforts that bring multi-sectoral partnerships while leveraging funding and opportunities. The CHIP serves as the Greater Worcester Regional roadmap to the future health of the region and intended to be a living document that will be reassessed annually.

Funding will support programs that address the following CHIP Priorities:

- Access to Care
- Access to Healthy Food
- Cultural Responsiveness
- Economic Opportunity
- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Racism & Discrimination
- Safety
- Substance Abuse

For additional information on the CHIP visit:

[2016 Greater Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#)

This is the first year of UMass Memorial Medical Center's Ambulatory Surgery Center DoN funding to meet the requirements set forth in agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). As agreed with MDPH, a total of \$1,561,342 is available to be distributed through a collaborative effort with the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester over a five-year period.

Funding Availability/ Request for Proposal (RFP):

The goal of this funding opportunity is to improve the health and well-being of medically-underserved populations.

- We expect to award up to \$173,482.
- Grant awards will range from \$35,000 - \$50,000.
- Expected startup date: August 2018.

Eligibility Criteria

Any organization that is recognized as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) nonprofit status of the Internal Revenue Service is eligible to apply. Organizations or community groups that do not have a 501(c)(3) status are required to have an endorsement letter of support from their collaborating fiscal sponsor or lead agency. The applicant organization must have a governing Board of Directors and staff leader who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organization. Applicants must be in good financial standing and have the appropriate capabilities to administer the funds and supervise the proposed program.

- Projects must incorporate health equity
- Organizations must have prior and/or commitment to future CHIP engagement (If you are not currently actively engaged with the CHIP and wish to be, please contact the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester)
- Projects must align with at least one CHIP strategy
- Preference will be given to projects utilizing evidence-based practices
- Preference will be given to projects which cross CHIP priority areas
- Preference will be given to projects that have a sustainability plan to leverage other funds

Geographic Focus

Only projects that are focused within the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA) which includes the towns of Grafton, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, West Boylston and the City of Worcester are eligible.

Grant Period

Funding for this cycle is August 2018 – August 2019.

Matching Funds

Projects incorporating collaboration will be preferred. In-kind support will be accepted and matching and leveraging of funds from other sources are encouraged.

Review Process

The UMass Memorial Medical Center and the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester Resource & Development Committee will review proposals annually. The Committee is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders that bring a broad range of community knowledge and are familiar with public health practice and the Community Health Improvement Plan. These include individuals representing the Coalition, the UMass Memorial Vice President of Community Relations and the Director of the Worcester Division of Public Health who will co-chair the work of the Committee.

Allowable Expenses

Equipment, food, salaries and fringe, stipends, incentives, supplies, printing/postage, conferences/meetings, communication expenses (i.e. telephone, technology). Program overhead is capped at 10%.

What We Do Not Fund

- Grants will not be awarded to individuals. Only nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. If applicant organization does not have a 501(c)(3), it must have a fiscal conduit that will be responsible for budgetary management.
- Projects that do not have clear outcomes and results
- Endowments
- Advocacy
- Research and feasibility studies
- Direct delivery of reimbursable health care services
- Sponsorships/advertising
- Financial deficits
- Projects that promote or proselytize religion will not be funded; however, faith-based organizations that propose projects secular in nature are welcomed
- Projects that discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity will not be funded
- Expenses for construction
- Expenses for political candidates or campaigns

If Funded

- Organizations must complete a CHIP-In form, formalizing the partnership and commitment to the 2016 CHIP.
- Involved project staff must attend a CHIP-In orientation within the first three months of award notification and be an “active member” of the **General Membership of the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester**. An “active member” of the Coalition is a general member who attends a minimum of 3 Coalition meetings annually.

Deadline for Proposal Submission

To apply, interested candidates must log onto: [UMass Memorial DoN RFP](#) to submit an application. Deadline for submission is May 11, 2018. Selected grant recipients will be notified by July 2018.

Faxed, e-mailed or late proposals will not be accepted.

For questions prior to application completion, please submit them in writing by email to:

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