



Request for Proposals

Health Equity Institute

Fall 2021 Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant Program

Opportunity for Community-Based Organizations to Help Vaccinate the Ocean State

Mini-grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,975 are now available

- **Eligibility:**
 - Rhode Island community-based/faith-based nonprofit organizations serving populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 including, but not limited to, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC).
 - Rhode Island community-based/faith-based organizations serving populations disproportionately undervaccinated for COVID-19 including, but not limited to, youth, teenagers, and young adults (ages 20-36).
 - Organizations serving hard-hit communities ([geographies that have experienced higher rates of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths](#), including Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket, and parts of Cranston, North Providence, Johnston, East Providence, and West Warwick).
 - Organizations serving undervaccinated communities in Rhode Island. Vaccination data by municipality can be found at the bottom of [this](#) webpage.
 - Individuals and for-profit institutions are not eligible for funding.
- **Deadline for applications: October 15, 2021, 5 p.m. EST**
 - Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

Purpose

Overview. To successfully and equitably Vaccinate the Ocean State, we recognize that a **community full of dedicated and empowered allies** will go a long way toward reaching the people in Rhode Island who:

- ✓ Are **hesitant about getting the COVID-19 vaccine**
- ✓ **Do not have equitable access** to the COVID-19 vaccine
- ✓ **Do not know where to go for information or education** about COVID-19 or the vaccine
- ✓ Are **not sure if they are eligible** for the COVID-19 vaccine
- ✓ Are **not getting tested for COVID-19 as frequently or as quickly as recommended**
- ✓ Are **not isolating or quarantining as instructed**, and may not know about **available resources** to support isolation and quarantine
- ✓ Have **COVID-19 symptoms but are not seeking medical treatment** that could reduce the risk of serious illness or hospitalization
- ✓ **Do not regularly wear masks in public places or at social gatherings**, or may not have masks to wear
- ✓ Are **not physically distancing from those they don't live with**, and may not understand why physical distancing is important
- ✓ May not understand that to lower the risks for everyone in Rhode Island, we all need to do these things—together.

Scope of Work. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is requesting your organization's help to Vaccinate the Ocean State. Specifically, you are invited to apply for a mini-grant (request up to \$4,975) to help keep your community safe by coming up with effective ways to encourage your community to:

- ✓ **Vaccinate:**
 - **Get eligible Rhode Islanders vaccinated against COVID-19**
 - **Host pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics**
 - **Conduct door-to-door or person-to-person outreach to promote vaccine clinics**
 - **Help to register Rhode Islanders** for COVID-19 vaccine appointments
 - **Reduce fears or concerns** about COVID-19 vaccination through education
 - **Collect information about COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy** and provide feedback to RIDOH

Note: This program will prioritize funding projects with well-developed plans to vaccinate youth and teenagers, people between the ages of 20-36, BIPOC populations, and other undervaccinated communities and groups.

- ✓ **Test and quarantine/isolate:**
 - Teach your community **how to get regularly tested for COVID-19** to reduce transmission
 - **Encourage testing for COVID-19** when exposed to COVID-19 or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
 - Teach your community about **quarantine and isolation** and when each are needed
 - **Refer your community to helpful resources** such as housing, food, and other basic need support
- ✓ **Seek treatment:**
 - Teach those who have tested positive for COVID-19 **how to get treatment** to avoid serious illness
- ✓ **Wear Masks:**
 - **Encourage mask wearing** and give out masks that RIDOH plans to supply to your community
 - Teach **proper mask wearing and storage**, including what types of masks work best
- ✓ **Understand that we're all in this together:**
 - Encourage your community to **care about and protect each other**—we're all in this together.

RIDOH will provide training, masks, educational materials, and technical assistance for all funded projects to help do this work.

Please propose activities that will appeal to your own stakeholders, members, or communities, as long as you do these things. RIDOH will provide the training and technical assistance about why these activities are important and how to share that information with others. RIDOH will also try to provide adult-sized masks to all who receive funding, so there is no need to budget for those.

Project Design

Each 12-week project must be designed by the applicants to effectively reach the cultural or affinity populations they currently serve. Applicants **must identify the specific cultural or affinity populations they will target** with their projects and demonstrate that they have existing relationships with these populations.

RIDOH will fund well-designed projects that improve the health and wellness of families and communities, particularly projects serving underserved populations, undervaccinated communities, and hard-hit communities. Please see eligibility on page 1 for more information. Three categories of

organizations are eligible to apply:

- ✓ **Faith-based community organizations or places of worship:** includes churches, temples, mosques, congregations, meeting houses, religious societies or alliances, charitable organizations with religious affiliations, and other types of faith-based communities
- ✓ **Cultural communities:** includes, but is not limited to, communities advocating for those with disabilities, Indigenous communities, ethnic cultural communities, interfaith communities, youth communities, young-adult communities and groups, and sexual and gender minority communities
- ✓ **Affinity-based communities:** includes, but is not limited to, public housing authorities and their residents' councils, recreation groups, scouting, advocacy-focused entities, arts organizations, professional associations, neighborhood associations, and community gardens

Applicants may propose any reasonable, safe, culturally affirming strategy to perform the required scope of work that they feel will best reach and empower the communities that they serve. Creativity and innovation are encouraged. **Successful applicants must include all the required public health strategies listed in the Scope of Work, above, into their projects.** Projects that do not include all the required public health strategies will not be considered.

Please note: Lead applicant must be a 501(c)3, not for profit organization. Other groups may apply only if they have a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor who is willing to serve as the lead applicant.

Project Period

The project period is projected to be **November 1, 2021 through mid-January 2022** (12 weeks). RIDOH reserves the right to extend or shorten the project period as needed to achieve its goals. Projects will officially begin on either November 1, 2021 or on the date when a purchase order is issued to authorize the work. Successful applicants will be notified. Applicants agree to be flexible about project implementation date.

Selection and Scoring Criteria (see also Review Criteria, below)

1. **Organization's demonstrated ability to reach and engage the specific cultural population(s) it serves, and its capacity to do the project it proposes.** (up to 25 points)

1a. **Bonus Points:** Tell us about your past success with similar projects (up to 10 bonus points): If your organization has received funding to conduct similar activities in the past, how successful were you in achieving your goals and in reaching the intended community members? Tell us about your prior successes. You can provide links to stories or online accounts of the project or attach clippings (**note:** If you received funding for a Crush COVID mini-grant during the Fall of 2020 or Spring/Summer of 2021, you can mention that here, but you don't need to describe it—we have your final report on file, and we will check that).

2. **Organization's ability to employ required public health strategies well and in a timely manner** (up to 25 points)

Plans for speed in starting your project, and setting weekly goals counts for up to 10 of the 25 points. The other 15 points will be given for projects that use of all the required public health strategies in the Scope of Work.

3. **Creativity or cultural appropriateness of proposed approach** (up to 25 points)

4. Overall program impact/merit (up to 25 points)

Timeline

- ✓ **Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021.**
 - **Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**
- ✓ Successful applicants notified prior to purchase order issuance: November 1-10, 2021
- ✓ Purchase orders issued/project starts: projected by November 1, 2021 (after RIDOH sends the purchase order)
- ✓ Project close date: January 24, 2022
- ✓ Final reports and invoices due to RIDOH: January 31, 2022

Reporting

Successful applicants agree to submit their **weekly activities report** online to RIDOH using a simple online reporting form supplied by RIDOH. Final project reports are due by January 31, 2022. A link to the online form will be provided.

Number of Awards

45-50 mini grants will be awarded, depending on available funding and amount of funding requested. Approximately \$223,000 will be awarded via this initiative.

Other Considerations

Organizations that successfully completed one or more Crush COVID mini-grant projects in 2020-2021 **are eligible to apply for new projects.**

Budgeting:

- Indirect costs are **not allowed**. This includes fiscal sponsor fees, rent, and utilities.
- Food and beverage purchases are **permitted for this round if they are used to incentivize vaccination**. Examples: a pizza party at a youth vaccine clinic; \$5 or \$10 gift cards given as appreciation gifts to people who get vaccinated.
- Alcohol and tobacco purchases are **not permitted**.
- If your organization requests reimbursement for local travel, you must submit requests for mileage reimbursement at the federal rate (\$0.56 cents per mile). We are happy to supply you with a form you can use to track mileage. Fuel receipts are not eligible for reimbursement.
- In-kind match is strongly encouraged but not required.
- You don't need to budget for masks if you wish to use the masks that RIDOH will try to provide.
- Stipends or honoraria for volunteers are permitted, within reason.
- Direct administrative personnel costs (personnel and fringe) are permitted for project management, project activities, and reporting. They are not permitted for activities that are not directly related to your mini-grant project.
- Purchase of supplies (hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, personal protective equipment [PPE], cleaning supplies, etc.) are allowed, as is **printing and copying**.
- You must use the line items on the budget you submit with your application to request reimbursement, unless you receive permission to change it during your project.
- Please email any specific questions on budgeting to Kayland.Arrington.CTR@health.ri.gov before you submit your application.
- We will hold a **Virtual Technical Assistance Conference** on **Friday, September 24, 2021 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** to answer any questions you may have. [Join the Virtual Technical Assistance Conference here.](#)

Service to Undervaccinated Communities:

- 70% of these mini-grants will be awarded to organizations with projects providing substantial support to residents living or working in undervaccinated communities.
- Priority will be given to projects deemed likely to successfully reach populations with disproportionate levels of COVID-19 risk (such as people with disabilities, immigrant or refugee families, BIPOC communities, Latinx/o/a communities, faith-based communities that are still meeting in person, sexual and gender minorities, homeless and housing insecure individuals and families, food insecure individuals and families, the uninsured and underinsured, etc.).
- Applicants from Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket, and parts of Cranston, North Providence, Johnston, East Providence, and West Warwick must certify their willingness to work with their local Health Equity Zone (HEZ).
 - [More information about Rhode Island's Health Equity Zone initiative can be found here.](#)

These instructions do not count toward the page limit. You do not need to include these in your application submission.



Health Equity Institute Fall 2021 Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant Program More Detailed Review Criteria

This document will be used by RIDOH to review Fall 2021 Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant Program proposals. You may use this as a guide as you prepare your application; however, it is not part of the application form.

1. Agency capacity and compliance (up to 25 points)

Applicants will be awarded up to 25 points for demonstrating their ability to succeed in completing their proposed project and reaching their intended audiences.

- General: How well-suited is your organization to carry out the project?
- Staffing: Do you have enough paid or volunteer staff to carry out your proposed activities? What is the experience of the organization's staff/volunteers to carry out the program activities successfully, and the availability to be trained by RIDOH? Who will supervise the work? Who will report progress to RIDOH each week?
- Approach: What is the intent of the project and what is the overall strategy and methods to accomplish its specific aims? Are weekly benchmarks for success presented (how will the organization know that the project is working)? Does the organization agree to report its progress weekly, using a form supplied by RIDOH?
- Environment: How will the community/setting in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? What organizational support, equipment, and any other physical resources available and adequate for the proposed program activities? What kind of resources/circumstances does the organization have access to such as community participation that would improve the work proposed in this project?
- Partnerships: How will the work be carried out with the assistance of other organizations/community collaboration? If so, how will these partners contribute to the proposed program/activity?
- Alignment with Requirements: How well do the proposed program activities align with mini-grant requirements for funded activities?
- Budget: Does the proposed budget make acceptable use of funding? How will your organization leverage mini grant funding with other resources (examples: volunteers, work space, etc.)?
- Types of things you **can pay for** with your mini-grant: hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, stipends for volunteers, mileage reimbursement or public transportation vouchers for people who are helping to distribute the masks or signing people up for vaccines, salary for staff who oversee volunteers, stipends for cultural storytellers to teach people how vaccines can protect all of us, food/beverage costs for those attending vaccine events, and other items or services that will support your project's success.

- Things you **cannot pay for** with your mini-grant: indirect costs like management fees to your fiscal sponsor, tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs; operational costs such as space, heating, electricity, building repair or maintenance, equipment or salaries not directly related to the project activities; organizational costs such as out-of-state travel, or personal costs (examples: coffee, lunch, or candy for staff).

1A. Bonus points: Tell us about your previous success with similar program(s) and funding (up to 10 bonus points): If your organization has received funding to conduct similar activities in the past, how successful were they in achieving their goals and in reaching their intended community members? Organization provides evidence of prior successes.

- **Note:** If you successfully completed a 2020/2021 Crush COVID Mini-Grant Project, you do not need to tell us about that. Just say that you did, and we will review your final report.

2. Ability to use required public health strategies well and timely (up to 25 points)

Applicants will be awarded up to 25 points for their plans to implement the required activities, as described below. Plans for speed in deploying your strategies after you receive your purchase order counts for up to 10 of these points. The other 15 points will be given for projects that use of all the required public health strategies in the Scope of Work.

- Applicants must propose activities that use **all** the following public health COVID-19 mitigation strategies and demonstrate their plans to begin their activities within one week of receiving their notice of award:
 - **Register your community members for COVID-19 vaccine appointments.** RIDOH will teach you how to help register people for vaccine appointments.
 - **Promote the availability and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines,** and teach your community how, where, and why to get them, using RIDOH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) communications materials.
 - Examples: Host vaccination clinics; canvass to promote local vaccination clinics; peer-to-peer youth outreach and education, etc.
 - Teach your community about the **benefits of testing and treatment for COVID-19** to reduce the need for hospitalization, and avoid serious illness, using RIDOH and CDC communication materials.
 - Examples: Teach them how to get tested and how to get treatment quickly; become a community test site, etc.
 - **Hand out as many masks to community members as possible** (at least 150 per week, and at least 1,800 over the course of the project) and encourage mask wearing as a form of protecting all members of your community.
 - Examples: distribute masks at local events or at community-based small businesses, faith-based communities, and to individuals or families receiving services; teach them how to safely use, care for, clean, store, and reuse their masks, etc.
- How quickly will you be ready to start your project? (You must begin within one week of receiving your Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant purchase order)
- Did you provide a timeline, with project goals using the format below?
 - We strongly encourage **simple project designs** that are time-limited and have clearly identified outcomes for each phase of your project.

- **Projects do not need to be complex or new initiatives.** They can be added to activities you already do and can be reinforced over time.
 - Example: you are already distributing food boxes to people each week. You will add COVID education, vaccine registration/ promotion, and mask distribution to this event.
- We will ask you to **report your outcomes using a simple weekly reporting form.** You should budget 30 minutes per week for reporting. You may bill for this time.

3. Creativity or appropriateness of cultural context of proposed approach and ability to reach your intended audience (up to 25 points)

- How creative or innovative is your proposed approach?
- How culturally appropriate are your Vaccinate the Ocean State project activities, and are they likely to succeed?
- How is your proposed Vaccinate the Ocean State work woven into your regular work in the communities you already serve?
- How strong are your current relationships with leaders and influencers in the communities you will serve through this project?
- What will make your project enjoyable and comfortable for participants?
- How will you use community traditions or values in your Vaccinate the Ocean State messaging or to increase your population's participation?
- How well have you demonstrated the cultural appropriateness of your project?

4. Overall program impact/ merit (up to 25 points)

- How likely is it that your project will accomplish the required scope of work?
- To what degree will your project reach populations with higher than average burdens of COVID-19?

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Health Equity Institute Fall 2021 Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant Program Application: Cover Sheet

Agency Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

FEIN#:

Name of Official Contact Person for Correspondence Regarding this Application:

Official Contact Person's Email:

Official Contact Person's Phone Number:

Please list each municipality, ZIP code, or neighborhood where most of your work will occur:

Please **use the templates provided and do not exceed eight typed pages (not including cover sheet and budget page)**. To be complete, your application needs to contain:

- Mini-Grant Cover Sheet (this page)
- Mini-Grant Application (forms on the following pages, including timeline)
 - You may submit a .doc version as long as it answers the questions below in order.
- Proposed Budget and Narrative
 - Signed W-9 form (2021)* *Does not count toward page limit
- Signed and dated About You/Your Organization sheet (last page of this application)

There is no need to include the guidance documents with your application.

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Materials received after that time will not be reviewed.**

Please email your application to: Kayland.Arrington.CTR@health.ri.gov

Funding is limited. RIDOH will not be able to issue awards to all applicants. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Early application is strongly recommended.

Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant Application

Please read through and complete each section below. Please refer to the above guidance to understand how your application will be scored. Your completed application should not be longer than eight typed pages.

Name of Organization or Group Applying: _____

Title of Your Project: _____

Ours is a (check one or both, if applicable):

Faith-Based Community Organization or Place of Worship Community Engagement Project
Please describe the faith-based communities that will benefit from your project:

Cultural or Affinity-Based Community Engagement Project
Please describe the cultural and/or affinity group(s) that will benefit from your project:

1. How much money are you applying for? (Range: \$2000-\$4,975) _____
2. Why do you feel that your project is needed in the communities you want to serve?
3. Who will your project serve, engage, or reach? Please be specific. Describe how many people will participate and benefit, their ages, cultural affiliation(s), etc:
4. How many people do you estimate that your project will be able to get vaccinated?
5. Please check any of the populations listed below that will be a **primary** beneficiary of your project. Primary beneficiary means that most of the people who you assist will be members of the communities you check below.
 - Hard-hit communities (see eligibility on page 1 for a list of hard-hit communities)
Please specify which hard-hit community/communities you will reach (ex. Pawtucket):
 - Those with disabilities
Please specify who you will reach (ex. Deaf community):
 - BIPOC Communities
Please specify which community/communities of color you will reach (ex. Liberian community):
 - Latinx communities
Please specify which Latinx community/communities you will reach (ex. Puerto Rican community):
 - Indigenous/Native American communities
Please specify which indigenous community/communities you will reach (ex. Narragansett Tribal community):

- Gender or sexual minority communities
Please specify which gender or sexual minority communities you will reach (ex. Transgender community):
- Children (up to age 12) and caregivers
Specify:
- Youth (age 12-19)
Specify:
- Young adults (age 20-34)
Specify:
- Adults (age 35-59)
Specify:
- Older adults (60+)
Specify:
- People who are immunocompromised or at risk for medical reasons
Specify:
- Faith Communities
Specify:
- Other COVID vulnerable populations **(please describe):**

6. About how many total people will be served during your 12-week project (please don't count anyone twice)?
7. What areas of our state will your project serve? Please be specific—list neighborhood(s), cities/towns, county, or statewide (a bulleted list is fine).

Public Health Strategies and Work Plan: Assurances (Signature Required)
Please complete the assurances below, then sign and date this form.

We certify that we will use the strategies checked below in our Vaccinate the Ocean State Mini-Grant project. Note: **All of these are required.** By signing, you are certifying that you will use them in your project. RIDOH will provide training, masks, and other resources.

- ✓ **Vaccinate:**
 - **Get eligible Rhode Islanders vaccinated against COVID-19**
 - **Host pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics**
 - **Conduct door-to-door or person-to-person outreach to promote vaccine clinics**
 - **Help to register Rhode Islanders for COVID-19 vaccine appointments**
 - **Reduce fears or concerns about COVID-19 vaccination through education**
 - **Collect information about COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and provide feedback to RIDOH**
- ✓ **Test and quarantine/isolate:**
 - **Teach your community how to get regularly tested for COVID-19 to reduce transmission**
 - **Encourage testing for COVID-19 when exposed to COVID-19 or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms**

- Teach your community about **quarantine and isolation** and when each are needed
- **Refer your community to helpful resources** such as housing, food, and other basic need support
- ✓ **Seek treatment:**
 - Teach those who have tested positive for COVID-19 **how to get treatment** to avoid serious illness
- ✓ **Wear Masks:**
 - **Encourage mask wearing** and give out masks that RIDOH plans to supply to your community
 - Teach **proper mask wearing and storage**, including what types of masks work best
- ✓ **Understand that we're all in this together:**
 - Encourage your community to **care about and protect each other**—we're all in this together.

If we are funded, **we agree** to:

- ✓ Provide each of the above forms of assistance to the communities we serve via our project.
- ✓ Attend a one-hour virtual orientation session.
- ✓ Submit our weekly progress reports on time, as required.
- ✓ Invoice for our project each month, unless we request a waiver.
- ✓ Use the supply ordering system RIDOH has set up to order masks, etc.
- ✓ Submit all education materials we produce to RIDOH for a communications review.
- ✓ Fill out the final report form when we complete our project.
- ✓ Coordinate efforts with our local Health Equity Zone, if requested by RIDOH.
- ✓ Follow the public health COVID-19 guidance of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Signature of Organization Leader:

Date:

Work Plan

Weeks One, Two, and Three

How will you promote vaccines among our undervaccinated populations/communities:

Total number of masks distributed (minimum of 450 total for this time—150 per week):

Other activities:

Where will you do this work? Please be specific (names of organizations or events and town):

Weeks Four, Five, and Six

How will you promote vaccines among our undervaccinated populations/communities:

Total number of masks distributed (minimum of 600 total for this time—150 per week):

Other activities:

Where will you do this work? Please be specific (names of organizations or events and town):

Weeks Seven, Eight, Nine, and Ten

How will you promote vaccines among our undervaccinated populations/communities:

Total number of masks distributed (minimum of 600 total for this time—150 per week):

Other activities:

Where will you do this work? Please be specific (names of organizations or events and town):

Weeks Eleven and Twelve (last 2 weeks for most projects)

How will you promote vaccines among our undervaccinated populations/communities:

Total number of masks distributed (minimum of 150 total for this time):

Other activities:

Where will you do this work? Please be specific (names of organizations or events and town):

Extra points (up to 10): Past experiences with projects like this

Please tell us about your organization's past experiences working within this community (500 words). You can include links to web content describing or showing your events or activities.

Note: If you completed a Crush COVID Mini-Grant in 2020/2021 no need to describe this—just tell us that you did, and we will look up your final report.



Health Equity Institute Fall 2021 Vaccinate the Ocean State COVID Mini-Grant Budget Template

Budget period: November 1-January 24, 2021	
Organization Name:	Amount
Expense Category	
1. Staffing (include sub-contractors and volunteers with stipends) <i>Include name of position, project role, hourly rate and fringe benefits, or stipend amount(s)</i>	
Subtotal for Personnel:	
2. Travel (in-state) <i>Number of miles at \$0.56 per mile = Total</i>	
3. Supplies <i>(list types of supplies by category, and total cost of all supplies)</i>	
4. Printing	
5. Telephone	
6. Postage	
7. Other <i>(list any other expenses you will request reimbursement for)</i>	
Subtotal for Non-Personnel:	
Total Amount Requested (\$2,000 to \$4,975):	\$
Matching/ In-Kind Contributions (Goods or Services):	
Total In-Kind Match:	

Project Budget Narrative

How will you spend the requested funds? Please describe the things you plan to purchase, the amounts you plan to spend, and any volunteer stipends or personnel costs you have included in your project budget form on the previous page of this application. **Due to federal budget restrictions, mini-grant funds may not be used to buy tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs. Mini-grants also cannot pay for indirect costs (including fiscal sponsorship).**

Personnel:

Local Travel:

Supplies:

Printing:

Telephone:

Postage:

Other:

About You/ Your Organization

Name of Person Completing Application: _____

Cell Number of Person Completing Application: _____

Email address of Person Completing Application: _____

Legal Name of Organization Applying (this is the name on your W-9 form):

Please check one:

The organization named above is applying for itself or for one of its programs

The organization named above is the fiscal organization for another applicant

Name of organization doing the project: _____

Applicant Organization's EIN: _____

Name of Applicant Organization's Leader: _____

Title of Applicant Organization's Leader: _____

Phone Number of Applicant Organization's Leader: _____

Email of Applicant Organization's Leader: _____

Mailing Address of Applicant Organization: _____

Website of organization doing the project: _____

Signature

Date

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kayland Arrington at (781) 690-0596.
Applications must be emailed to Kayland.Arrington.CTR@health.ri.gov

Deadline for application is 5 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2021.

Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

Commitment to Health Equity

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) aims to advance health equity for all populations by working to eliminate health disparities, address the socioeconomic and environmental determinants of health, and ensure access to quality health services for all Rhode Islanders, including our vulnerable populations. For the past decade, RIDOH has made strides to improve population health outcomes and achieve Rhode Island's goals for [Healthy People 2030](#). However, disparities persist, and the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the average life expectancy has declined in the past few years. In addition, vulnerable populations (women, racial and ethnic populations, people with disabilities, and people with low socioeconomic status) continue to experience higher mortality and poorer overall health (as measured by incidences of chronic and infectious diseases, maternal and child health indicators, and behavioral risk factors) and disparities in access to medical and other healthcare resources.

RIDOH recognizes that to improve the health of all Rhode Islanders, we must address the physical, social, economic, and environmental conditions that drive health outcomes. This shift and commitment are reflected in [RIDOH's strategic vision](#).