



Alliance for Research with Chicagoland Communities 2025 Community Research Seed Grants

Community Research Capacity-Building & Partnership Development
October 14, 2024 Info Session [RECORDING HERE](#)



Alliance for Research with Chicagoland Communities



Celebrating 17 years of partnership and action!

Catalyze & support research partnerships driven by & rooted in Chicagoland communities' unique assets & experiences to achieve health justice

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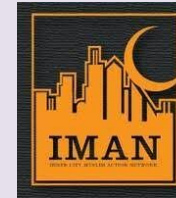




The Night Ministry



**Metropolitan Asian
Family Services**



**Inner City Muslim
Action Network**



Access Living



**Task Force Prevention
& Community Services**



**Southwest
Organizing Project**



**Health & Medicine Policy
Research Group**

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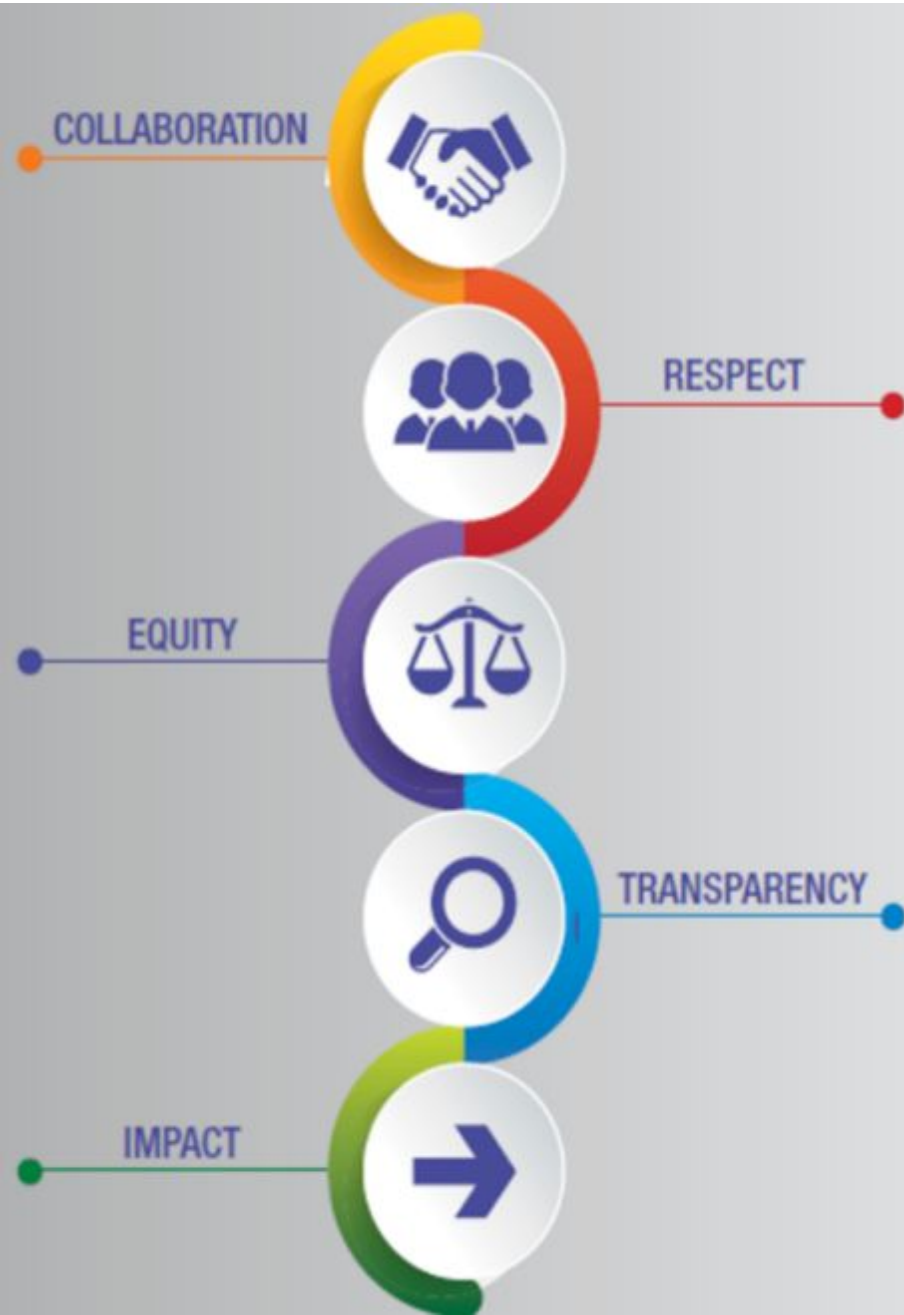


Goals for the Session

- Seed Grant Program Purpose/Eligibility
- Application and Review Process
- Resources
- Q&A, Grantee Experiences



Principles of Engagement



Community Research

- Honors & centers expertise of communities (local, cultural, practice, lived experience experts) in collaboration with academics (scientific experts) to increase value of research for improving health equity
- **Broad spectrum:** minimal to equal to community-led partnership

ARCC 2025 Seed Grant Goals

- Support development or strengthening of organizational or community-level research capacity
- Support community-driven research partnership and project development
- Lay groundwork for development of community-driven research projects/proposals for external funding



2025 Seed Grants- 3 types of awards

- Community Research Capacity-Building
 - \$3,000, 6 months
- Partnership Development
 - \$8,000, 12 months
- Research Pilot
 - \$30,000, 24 months



Community Research Capacity-Building Grants



Possible activities:

- Assessing current research environment, capacity, readiness
- Conducting listening sessions or data/neighborhood walks
- Building capacity on community research collaboration
- Developing research infrastructure (e.g. research principles; staff responsibilities; process for researcher inquiries; template MOU)
- Developing community-driven research priorities
- Building research trustworthiness and engaging historically excluded in research participation & leadership
- Planning future academic research collaborations

Eligibility & Priority

- Applications must be submitted by at least 1 community or faith-based organization or public agency as community lead
 - May include additional community collaborators
 - No academic partner is necessary
- Priority: Community leads who are BIPOC or other marginalized communities most impacted by health inequities



Application

- Info about organization/community focus
- Interest in developing/strengthening research capacity
- Description of goals & activities:
 - engagement/leadership of community members
- Alignment with priority
- Budget & budget justification



Review Process

- Review by experienced community partners
- Quality/feasibility/potential of proposed activities
- Alignment with priority
 - Community lead/org is BIPOC &/or other marginalized community(ies)
- Applicants will receive feedback on their applications



Building Community Research Capacity: Resources to
Support Community Organizations

Assessing Capacity	Example forms/questions for researchers from communities
Developing Action Plan	Establishing research committee or advisory board
Considerations for engaging in research	Template MOUs
CBO Research Principles & Values	Community Org examples
Developing Research Purpose	Funding

Partnership Development Grants arcc

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS FOR
HEALTHY CHICAGOLAND COMMUNITIES

- Intended to support *newly developing partnerships*
- Possible activities:
 - Relationship building/developing trustworthiness,
 - Exploring shared interests/community priorities
 - Learning from community, engaging addtl. partners
 - Defining roles/responsibilities of partners
 - Developing partnership infrastructure/processes
 - Building research/partnership capacity of community & academic partners
 - Planning future collaboration and proposals

Eligibility

- Applications must be developed & submitted jointly by a community-academic partnership (community/faith/public organization and Northwestern faculty member)
- For assistance in connecting with possible partners, contact ARCC as soon as possible



Priorities

- Focus on racial & health equity & addressing root causes
- Community lead/organizations that are communities most impacted by health inequities
 - Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Arab, Asian, LGBTQ, People living with disabilities
- Community or academic lead(s) who haven't received ARCC seed grant before



Health & Racial Equity Defined

- Everyone has a fair & just opportunity to access what they need to thrive
 - Requires removing obstacles
 - Race/ethnicity/community no longer determines one's outcomes

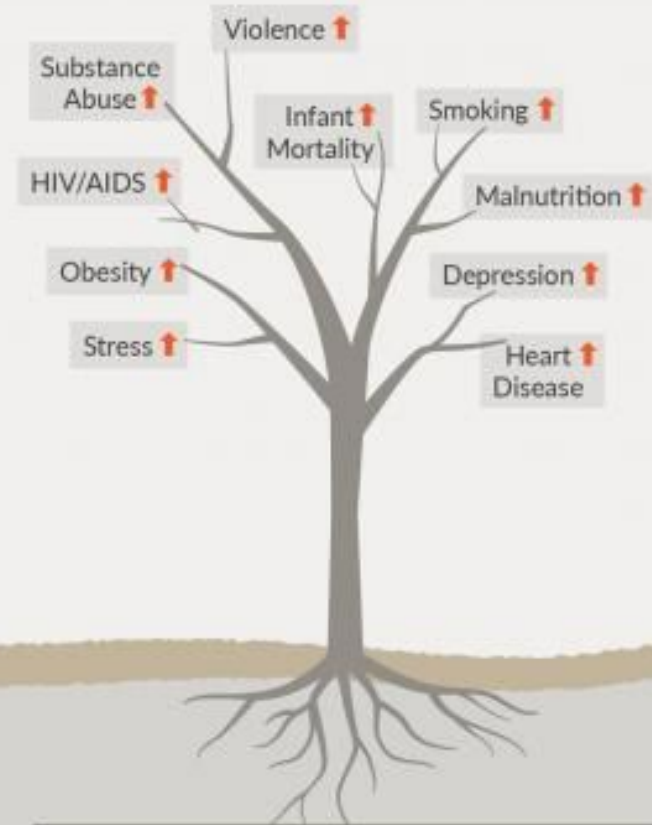


Addressing Root Causes

Community conditions can support – or create barriers to – good health.



Quality Schools, Access to Healthy Foods, Access to Healthcare, Access to Recreational Facilities, Clean Environment, Transportation Resources, Adequate Income, Health Insurance, Quality Housing, Jobs



Adverse Living Conditions, Food insecurity, No Recreational Spaces, Limited Access to Quality Care, Segregation, Poverty, Poor Quality Schools, Occupational Hazards, Environmental Toxins, Marketing for Tobacco and Alcohol, Unemployment

Anti-Oppression & Racism in Research

- Support/structure to integrate anti-oppression & anti-racist learnings & strategies into your partnership development
- Encouraged (not required):
 - Incorporate discussion/use of [ARCC Anti-Racist Community-Academic Research Reflective Practice Tool](#) & other resources



Local resources



[ARCC Racial Equity in Research Engagement: Resource Catalog](#)

[Healthy Chicago](#)



[Northwestern Memorial Hospital 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment](#)



Application

- Significance of partnership focus
- Description of partnership (history/capacity/roles)
- Description of grant aims & activities:
 - how grant will lead to sustained partnership, future research collaboration & funding, community impact
- Alignment with priority(ies)
- Budget & budget justification



Budget

- Must use ARCC budget form- will be linked in application
- No required form for budget justification.
- Split budget (proportions determined by partnership):
 - \$ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic lead
 - \$ for community partner/related expenses go to community lead

Possible expenses

- partnership meetings, training
- participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/collaborators
- project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics)

Review Process

- Review by experienced community & academic partners
- Quality/feasibility/potential of proposed collaboration & activities
- Alignment with priorities
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Research Pilot Grants



- Intended to support *established partnerships*
- Must include some form of data collection or analysis. Continued focus on partnership sustainability & capacity

Funded in 2025 Cycle 2- Spring deadline in April

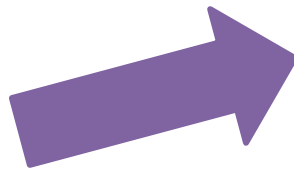
RFA will be released in late fall 2024




Required Info Session

Virtual:

- Today
Oct 14
- Oct 29,
12:30-2
pm




In-Person Nov 8



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- Join us in building connections and dialogue about how research can be a tool for community-driven impact
- Participate in group discussions to learn best practices in applying for our ARCC Seed Grants before 9/22 deadline
- Enjoy lunch and conversation! Community participants who register and attend will receive a \$25 cash card

Register Today
<https://bit.ly/Nov8rsvp>
Lawndale Christian Health Center
3750 W Ogden Ave., Chicago



COMMUNITY
RESEARCH

LEARNING EXCHANGE

DIALOGUE | LEARN | BUILD

November 8, 2024
12 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Details coming soon for March 20, 2025
Learning Exchange

Resources

- Contact ARCC/CCH staff
- Partner matching
- Feedback on drafts (by Nov 11 for Nov 22 deadline, by Apr 7 for Apr 22 deadline)
- Applicant Office Hours: Nov 12 & 18- Reserve [here](#)
 - Apr 9 & 18- registration link soon
- Sample full proposals
- Monthly Resources & Opportunities [listing](#)
- Online ARCC Directory www.ARCCresources.net



Guidance from past grants

- Must have **research** focus- not conducting research but planning, preparing, seeking funding for research
- Clearly show community interest/involvement
- Focus on equity, community leadership
- Don't have overly ambitious expectations
- Build on other support, if you have it
- Connect to future research and opportunities
- Incorporate use of ARCC/CCH resources (training, materials, services, etc.)

Deadlines

Cycle 1

- Application Deadline Nov 22
- Funding decisions communicated January

Cycle 2

- Application Deadline April 22
- Funding decisions communicated June



Grantee Experiences

In 10/14 recording- approx minute 50 to 1 hr 10 minute

In 10/29 recording- approx minute 41 to minute 57





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