



## HEALTHY CHICAGO SEED GRANT 2021

### Project Overview

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), guided by its principles of deconstructing racist systems, preventing trauma through trauma-informed practices, cultural responsiveness, and health equity has subcontracted The Network Advocating Against Domestic Violence to manage awards of Healthy Chicago Seed Grants.

The goal is to build internal capacity and to work on racially equitable strategies designed to improve overall public health of the city by addressing racism as a root cause of underlying health conditions. These Seed Grants will build upon the information and strategies that CDPH and our partners collected through our 2016 Healthy Chicago 2.0 and Healthy Chicago 2025 community health assessments and community health improvement plans. The Network will further establish and support a diverse learning cohort of the Seed Grantees, building community capacity to promote policy and systems-level initiatives that follow the Healthy Chicago 2025 guiding principles and change approach.

As part of CDPH's commitment to racial and health equity, The Network will award Healthy Chicago Seed Grants to ten neighborhood agencies. Each agency will receive a grant of up to \$20,000 to use for internal capacity building strategies and to cover the cost of having two staff members/volunteers participate in the learning cohort. The Network will provide technical assistance to enhance the internal capacity of nonprofit agencies (the "Seed Grantees").

Capacity building is increasing effectiveness and future sustainability of a nonprofit and can include the following:

- **Building Civic Engagement & Political Power** – strengthening and/or building neighborhood 501c3 and 501c4 (as defined by the Internal Revenue Service rules)
- **Communications Narrative & Social Power** – learning to create and amplify community “narratives” that strengthen media and strategic communications
- **Community Organizing & People Power** – increasing power sharing and networking between current and new community organizing groups and networks.
- **Economic Development & Economic Power** – strengthen and connect community leaders and organizations to expand businesses and increase their access to credit and operating capital.
- **Leadership Development & Strategic Convening's** – expanding the leadership pipeline of social change leaders across a wide spectrum of issues and sectors through skills building.
- **Policy Advocacy & System Reform** – capacity building to support legislative advocacy to influence, develop and disseminate policy and model legislation, assess impact on the community, and support multi-issue/multi-sector approaches to address the complexity of structural and institutional racism's impact on overall public health.
- **Research & Intellectual Power** – build stronger connections to researchers with expertise in community-partnership research strategies within communities, research organizations, and think tanks.

The Network and CDPH will finalize topics in conjunction with Seed Grantees as the learning cohort participants identify areas most important to their agencies’ development. The cohort will also be part of a community co-development and implementation plan for the strategies of Healthy Chicago 2025.

**For more information about HC 2.0 and 2025, visit**

[https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy\\_communities/svcs/healthy-chicago-2025.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_communities/svcs/healthy-chicago-2025.html).

Applicants should be leaders in exhibiting CDPH’s guiding principles in their own organization’s people and practices, demonstrate commitment to health and racial equity. Seed Grants are for neighborhood agencies with offices physically located or that provide services in at least one of the qualifying community areas.

**Table 1: Qualifying Community Areas**

Archer Heights	East Garfield Park	North Lawndale
Armour Square	East Side	Riverdale
Auburn-Gresham	Fuller Park	South Deering
Austin	Gage Park	South Lawndale
Belmont Cragin	Hermosa	South Shore
Brighton Park	Humboldt Park	West Elsdon
Chicago Lawn	New City	West Garfield Park
		West Lawn

**Requirements**

- Be a not-for-profit organization with a 501(c)3 status
- Have an office physically located in the qualifying community areas **or** perform work that primarily serves residents in these communities as identified in the application
- Have an operating budget not to exceed \$500,000, not including in-kind expense
- Have completed a 990-tax return or audit for the previous fiscal year

Co-development strategies will ensure that public partnerships with community organizations move along the spectrum of community engagement from simply keeping residents informed toward collaboration and empowerment.

## HEALTHY CHICAGO SEED GRANT 2021 APPLICATION

All organizations committed to health and racial equity are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be completed in full and submitted no later than the deadline of **July 16, 2021**.

Please email completed applications to: [aperez@the-network.org](mailto:aperez@the-network.org)

Organization Information	
Organization Name:	
Address:	
Contact Person Name:	
Contact Person Title:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
What is your organization mission statement?	
<p><b>Limit response to 300 words</b></p> <p>Please provide a brief description of your organization's program and/or services.</p>	
<p><b>Limit response to 300 words</b></p> <p>Please explain your organization's commitment to diversity and inclusion, including organizational leadership.</p>	
<p><b>Limit response to 300 words</b></p> <p>Explain your organization's experience supporting community-driven strategies that lead to social change designed to dismantle systems of oppression.</p>	

### Geographical Information

Do you have an office physically located or serve residents in at least one of the qualifying neighborhoods listed in Table 1 above?

Yes  No

**Please indicate community/communities served: Select all that apply**

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archer Heights | <input type="checkbox"/> East Garfield Park | <input type="checkbox"/> North Lawndale     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armour Square  | <input type="checkbox"/> East Side          | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverdale          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auburn-Gresham | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuller Park        | <input type="checkbox"/> South Deering      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gage Park          | <input type="checkbox"/> South Lawndale     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belmont Cragin | <input type="checkbox"/> Hermosa            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Shore        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brighton Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Humboldt Park      | <input type="checkbox"/> West Elsdon        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Lawn   | <input type="checkbox"/> New City           | <input type="checkbox"/> West Garfield Park |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> West Lawn          |

### Governance

Does your organization currently have 501(c)3 status or a fiscal sponsor?

Yes  No

Did your organization complete a 990-tax return or audit for the previous fiscal year?

Yes  No

Has your organization had an operating budget not exceeding \$500,000, not including in-kind expenses, during the most recent or current fiscal year?

Yes  No

### Cohort Learning Experience

As a grantee, you are expected to have two staff as active participants in the Learning Cohort. The sessions will meet once a month approximately 2-hours each. Describe why this learning is important to your organization and how you anticipate utilizing the information learned. **(Limit response to 500 words)**

Which capacity building strategies are you interested in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Development                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Training and Development          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising and Financial Planning            | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning for Reach and Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance Structures and Succession Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Advocacy                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Leadership                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Data Analysis              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Range Planning                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____                   |

**Timeline and Budget Information**

Provide a timeline with expected start and completion dates of activities related to the project:

No.	Date	Activity
1.		
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Each grantee is expected to receive up to \$20,000 to use toward capacity building strategies. Describe how you would use this funding to build agency capacity. Be as specific as possible, provide as much details about what problem, how it will be solved, when will it happen, and why it is important? **(Limit response to 750 words)**



Please detail how the funding will be spent. **Submit a budget not to exceed the maximum amount of \$20,000.** Funds must be spent by **December 31, 2021.**

Activities (Budget Item)	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Funding Amount Requested</b>	\$ _____