

Community Health



Endowment of Lincoln

# **Resiliency Fund Applicant Information**

*May 2021  
for Fall 2021 Grant Cycle*

## Fall 2021 Grant Cycle

July 16, <b>12 noon</b>	Applications Due
October 29, 2021	Grantees Notified
January 1, 2022	Grant Period Begins – Funds Available

## Fall 2021 BUDGET

2021-22 Grant Budget: \$2.5 million

~\$700,000 in current obligations

~\$1.8 million for new grants in 2021-22

## Application

CHE uses an online application. The application form is accessible on the CHE website here: [http://www.chelincoln.org/grant\\_program/ready\\_to\\_apply.html](http://www.chelincoln.org/grant_program/ready_to_apply.html).

CHE recommends that you compose your application in a word document, then copy and paste into the online application. You'll find the online application easiest to use if you use Google Chrome 14, Firefox 9, or Safari 4 or any higher version of those browsers.

## We're Here to Help!

CHE staff want to answer questions about the funding priorities and preferences and the application process. Additional information is also available on the CHE website, [www.chelincoln.org](http://www.chelincoln.org).

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# CHE RESILIENCY FUND

## 2021-22 PRIORITIES

### **Health Equity**

Lincoln is on the heels of an unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic that has revealed health inequities. CHE intends to build and strengthen community resiliency by focusing funds on health disparities that affect people who are most impacted, including those marginalized or excluded due to race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

Areas of emphasis:

- Measurement of health disparities and/or social determinants of health.
- Infrastructure that fosters health equity, and/or
- Programs that promote health equity.

Learn more about health equity here: [RWJF Report](#)

### **Human Connection**

The physical distancing and social isolation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted human connection which could result in long-term, serious consequences to Lincoln residents. CHE will focus funds on addressing the impact of social isolation on vulnerable populations.

Of specific interest to CHE is increased human connection with highly vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders, the elderly or homebound, and/or children/youth experiencing educational achievement gaps.

## Best Practices for Physical Health and Wellness Grant Applications

The Community Health Endowment (CHE) established the following best practices for physical health and wellness programs. Use the narrative portions of your grant application and your workplan to describe how the proposed program and your organization incorporate these practices.

- **Plan to Attract Participants.**
  - How will you attract or encourage individuals to participate in the program?
  - Are individuals interested in this program?
- **Sense of Community Among Participants.**
  - How will the participants develop a sense of community and accountability with one another and the program leaders during the program?
- **Behavior Change.**
  - What elements in the program will go beyond exposure and education and support long-term change in habits and behaviors?
- **Objective Assessment of Real Health Outcomes.**
  - What assessment activities of participants will take place before, during and after the program?

## **Glossary of Terms**

### **501(c)(3)**

The section of the Internal Revenue Code that defines nonprofit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. Some 501(c)6 organizations are also eligible.

### **Authorizing Officer**

The person, often the board chair or agency director, who is authorized to sign official documents for the applicant organization.

### **Employee Benefits**

What it will cost the applicant to pay necessary payroll taxes and provide a benefit package (including FICA taxes, insurance, etc.) to project employee(s).

### **Cash**

Any money that has been fully committed, or that has a great likelihood of being committed, to the proposed project. Examples include grant funds from other sources or private donations.

### **Debt Reduction**

Deficit funding, loan repayment, or retirement of costs incurred before the effective date of a CHE grant. CHE does not fund debt reduction.

### **Dollar-for-Dollar Match**

Applies to capital construction, renovation, and/or equipment grants only. A dollar-for-dollar match may be cash or donated goods or services contributed by a third party. General operating funds or in-kind contributions by the applicant cannot be used as matching funds. Donated goods and services received prior to the grant period may be considered match if the goods and services are fully dedicated to the project funded by CHE.

### **Indirect Costs**

Costs associated with administrative overhead, fiscal/accounting services, and other general, operational support that are not readily assignable to a specific project or program.

### **In-Kind**

Equipment, supplies, staffing, rent, or other non-monetary support that is a direct benefit to the project provided by the applicant or project partners.

### **Letter of Commitment**

A letter of commitment outlines the involvement of your project partners, their collaborations with you, their roles moving forward, and the type of monetary or in-kind support they will give to the project.

### **Multi-Year Applications**

Applications that request more than one year of funding

### **Project Outcomes**

The result of project activities, Project outcomes are often expressed in terms of measurable changes in behavior, knowledge, capacity, skills, or conditions of the people or systems targeted in the grant. A full set of project outcomes should represent the overall goal of the project.

**Revenue**

Money that is generated by the project for which funding is being requested. Examples include program fees or Medicaid reimbursement.

**Sustainability Plan**

A specific plan that shows the ability of the proposed project to continue beyond the CHE grant period.

**Volunteers**

People who are working in a unpaid position to directly achieve project goals. Paid staff or interns are not considered volunteers.