

2020 Applicant Information

October 2019

Notes



2019 Funding Calendar

Spring 2020 Grant Cycle

Week of October 14, 2019	Stage I Applicant Workshops (Tentative – check website for confirmation)	
January 10, 2020, 12 noon	Stage I Applications Due	
By March 2, 2020	Invitations Extended to Submit Stage II Applications	
Week of March 9	Stage II Applicant Workshop (By invitation only. Date to be confirmed.)	
April 10, 2020, 12 noon	Stage II Applications Due	
May 29, 2020	Grantees Notified	
July 1, 2020	Grant Period Begins – Funds Available	

Fall 2020 Grant Cycle

Week of April 6, 2020	Stage I Applicant Workshops (Tentative – check website for confirmation)	
June 5, 2020, 12 noon	Stage I Applications Due	
By July 24, 2020	Invitations Extended to Submit Stage II Applications	
Week of July 27	Stage II Applicant Workshop (By invitation only. Date to be confirmed.)	
September 4, 2020, 12 noon	Stage II Applications Due	
October 30, 2020	Grantees Notified	
January 1, 2021	Grant Period Begins – Funds Available	

Eligible to Apply

- 501(c)3 organizations
- Government and public agencies
- Dollar-for-dollar matching funds for capital projects

Funding Categories

Targeted

- Must address one or more funding priorities
- Program support, operational support, and matching funds for equipment and capital construction/renovation are eligible
- Up to three years of support
- Any amount

Not Eligible to Apply

- Individuals through direct financial contributions
- Projects outside Lincoln and surrounding area
- Laboratory or clinical research
- Non tax-exempt organizations
- Endowments
- Fundraising efforts
- Lobbying
- Debt reduction

Spark!

- Must address one or more funding priorities
- Ignite, test, take a risk, innovate, transform
- One-time, one-year, non-renewable
- Up to \$20,000



Funding Priorities and Preferences

Priorities

CHE has three funding priority areas for 2019. By inviting applications that address these priorities, CHE strives to tackle recognized community challenges, create lasting impact, and make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation.

Health Innovation

- Helping adults and children stay healthy outside of a clinical setting
- Embracing bold ideas and community-based solutions that enhance traditional models of health care and/or behavioral health care

Early Childhood Investments

- Reducing or eliminating childhood toxic stress
- · Reducing childhood obesity
- Improving maternal health and birth outcomes

Prevention

Fostering healthy behaviors that lead to improved health outcomes

Preferences

Grant requests in the three priority areas have an improved chance of success when certain factors are also addressed. While including these factors in a grant application does not guarantee funding from CHE, applicants are encouraged to consider the following Funding Preferences whenever possible:

Cross-Sector Collaboration

• The application creates intentional linkages between cross-sector partners in areas such as health, housing, neighborhoods, finance/banking, economic development, education, and others.

Impact of Poverty

• The application recognizes the role poverty plays in causing or addressing a community issue.

Evidence-Based Models

 The application uses evidence-based models or proven approaches to inform program design and delivery.

Use of Local Data

 The application uses local data to inform the need, target group, or geographic area to be addressed.



Places to Look for Data

- Inside your organization: Google Maps, My Maps, https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps/
- CHE's Place Matters project: www.chelincoln.org/placematters
 *Currently under construction. Check back after November 1. 2019.
- City Health Dashboard, https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/
- City of Lincoln Open Data and Performance Management Portal: www.opendata.lincoln.ne.gov
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Health Promotion, Data, and Evaluation: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/pde/
- Lincoln Public Schools: lps.org → Departments → Instruction → Assessment & Evaluation → Statistics and Evaluations → Annual Statistical Handbook, https://home.lps.org/assessment/77-2/
- Lincoln Vital Signs: <u>www.lincolnvitalsigns.org</u>
- Nebraska Department of Education: www.drs.education.ne.gov
- Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services: www.dhhs.ne.gov
- Kids Count Data Center: http://datacenter.kidscount.org
- Voices for Children: http://voicesforchildren.com
- U.S. Census Bureau: https://factfinder.census.gov/
- American Community Survey: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs.html



What Goes in My Stage I Application

Application Questions

The following questions are on the the CHE Stage I (LOI) application. The number in parentheses is the number of characters allowed for each answer.

- Project Name (100)
- Project Summary (350)
- Total Request from CHE (20) For Targeted Applications Only:
 - Amount Requested Year 1
 - Amount Requested Year 2
 - Amount Requested Year 3
- Total Project Cost (20)
- Funding Priority (Check boxes select all that apply)
- Funding Preferences (Check boxes select all that apply)
- Project Description (2500) Clearly describe how your project addresses one or more of the funding
 priorities and why you believe this is the best or most innovative approach. Be sure you know your
 target population. Include Lincoln-specific data (demographics, health status, poverty rate) and, if
 applicable, geographic target area (census tracts(s), block groups(s), neighborhood(s)).
- Healthier Community and Outcomes (1500) How will Lincoln be healthier if this project is funded?
 How will you monitor, measure, and evaluate the outcomes of the project and the impact on the target population?
- Partnerships and Sustainability (1500) What other groups or organizations will be involved in the project? If the project is funded, describe how you will continue the project when CHE funding ends.
- Stage I Budget (Excel template downloadable from online application)
- Budget Explanation (500) –Are there budget items that need explanation? Explain any discrepancy between the Revenue and Expense budgets.



Best Practices for Healthy Living Grant Applications

If you are seeking funding for wellness and fitness programs, you must address the following best practices in your application. Use the narrative portions of the grant application and, in Stage II, the work plan to describe how the proposed program and your organization will incorporate these practices.

• Connection to Participant Priorities

How does the project relate to the current life situation of the proposed participants?
 How have you measured the interest of proposed participants?

• Plan to Attract Participants

o How will you attract or encourage individuals to participate?

Sense of Community Among Participants

 How will the participants develop a sense of community and accountability with one another and the project leaders?

• Behavior Change

• What elements in the project will go beyond exposure and education and support long-term change in habits and behaviors?

• Objective Assessment of Real Health Outcomes

o How will participants be assessed before, during and after the project?

• Focus on Long-Term Results

o Describe how this healthy living project fits with other programs and services offered by your organization.

• Demonstrated Commitment to the Wellness of Your Organization's Staff

 What healthy living or wellness programs and services does your organization currently offer to staff?

Demonstrated Commitment to Wellness Programming by Organizational Leadership

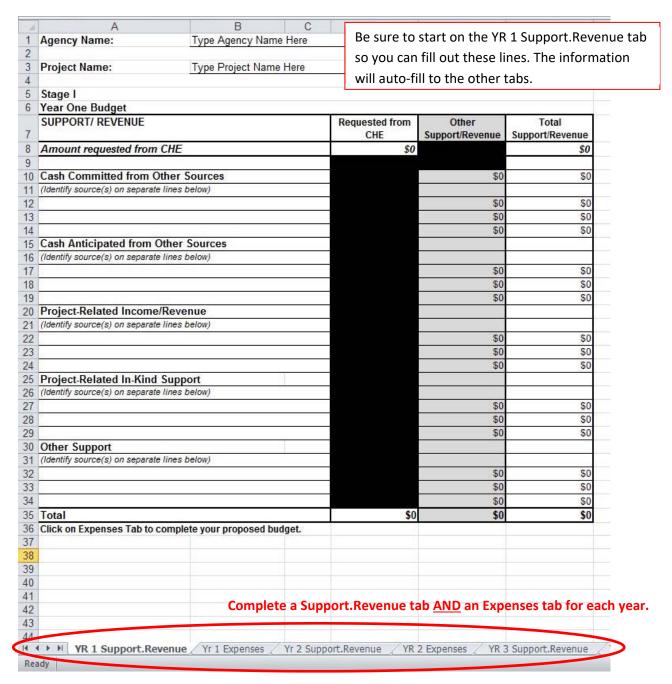
 The signature of your organization's leader on the application verifies that your President, CEO, or Executive Director and Board are committed to healthy living programs and services.



Budget Forms

CHE's budget forms allow you to clearly identify sources of support and revenue. Support/Revenue and Expenses are on separate tabs on the budget form you will download from the online application. Please be sure to complete both tabs for each year of funding requested in your application. The Stage I application requires a less detailed budget than the Stage II application. Make sure to download the appropriate template from the online application form.

Stage I Support/Revenue Budget Form



Stage I Expense Budget Form

If you completed these on the Year 1 Type Agency Name Here Agency Name: Support/Revenue tab, the information will Project Name: Type Project Name Here autofill here. Stage I Year One Budget **EXPENSES** Requested from Total Other FTE Expenses Support /Revenue Personnel Salaries (list positions and FTE) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Payroll Taxes/Benefits (specify) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Subtotal Personnel \$0 \$0 \$0 Operating \$0 \$0 \$0 Office Operations (Telephone, postage, office supplies/equipment, printing, mileage) Training & Education \$0 \$0 \$0 (Professional development, travel, educational materials) Medical Supplies \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Equipment (Equipment, technology) Facility \$0 (Rent/Utilities) Facility Improvement \$0 \$0 \$0 Construction \$0 \$0 Facility-Related Equipment \$0 Professional Services (Architect, etc.) \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (Identify) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Subtotal Operating \$0 \$0 \$0 Subtotal Expenses* \$0 \$0 Indirect (Not to exceed 10% of subtotal expenses requested from \$0 \$0 CHE)* \$0 \$0 \$0 Total Expenses DIFFERENCE TOTAL SUPPORT/REVENUE \$0 \$0 \$0 (TOTAL EXPENSES) \$0 \$0 \$0



DIFFERENCE

Frequently Asked Budget Questions

Do you want to see the total project cost or just the funding we are requesting from CHE?

The application and budget forms provide places for you to show the total project cost <u>and</u> the funding you are requesting from CHE. Please include both.

Should we count in-kind contributions in the total project cost?

Yes. Include equipment, supplies, staffing, rent, volunteers or other non-monetary support that is a direct benefit to the project. In-kind contributions can be provided by the applicant or project partners. In-kind contributions cover costs that are necessary for the project to happen.

How do we show in-kind contributions?

The budget templates for both Stage I and II applications include a column for in-kind contributions. In Stage II, if resources – in-kind or otherwise – are being provided by project partners, make sure you include a letter of commitment from the partner organization(s).

Does CHE fund operating costs?

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Does CHE fund indirect costs?

Yes. CHE considers indirect costs to be costs associated with administrative overhead, fiscal/accounting services, and other general, operational and agency support that are not readily assignable to a specific project or program. The amount you request for indirect costs should not exceed 10% of your total request from CHE.

Does CHE require matching funds?

CHE requires a match for capital, renovation or equipment grants. A match is not required for Spark! grants. Cash or donated goods or services contributed by a third party count as matching funds. General operating funds or in-kind contributions by the applicant do NOT count 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.

Application Process

CHE uses an online application for all applications. The application form is accessible on the CHE website here: http://www.chelincoln.org/grant_program/ready_to_apply.html. CHE recommends that you compose your application in a word processing document, then copy and paste into the online application. Please be aware that character counts can vary between programs; you may need to edit the application after you paste the information into the online form.

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.

CHE uses a two-stage application process. Stage I (LOI) is a short application that will give CHE a good understanding of the proposed project and the difference you hope to make through the project without requiring a full application. Stage II is open to invited applicants only and requires a full application, work plan, detailed budget and supporting documents.



Practical Approaches to Writing a CHE Grant

by Kim Hachiya

Six Big Ideas for Grant Writing Success

- 1. Read all the directions.
 - a. Ask questions if you don't understand or need more information.
 - b. Look for key phrases, etc., that CHE is highlighting.
- 2. Collect all the data CHE requests; learn how to do research using the internet and other research techniques. Use keywords, phrases, and follow suggested links. The good people at the public library can be very helpful.
- 3. Answer the questions that are asked.
- 4. Draw bright and solid connections between your agency and the items the grantmaker requests. No need to be subtle. Be positive, active, and affirmative.
- 5. Write in active voice; edit ruthlessly; remember that spelling and grammar matter. Mistakes indicate sloppy thinking or that you really didn't care enough to sweat the details.
- 6. Meet the deadlines. Noon does not mean 12:01. And, it's an issue of fairness. If everyone else played by the rules, so should you.

Six More Ideas

- 1. Talk through your application out loud with another person; write down the ideas. Then use those as the outline for writing.
- 2. When citing sources from the web, convert long URLs into short URLs with either tinyurl.com or bitly.com.
- 3. Avoid your industry's jargon.
- 4. Have someone less familiar with your agency read your drafts to spot holes or inconsistencies that you missed due to your insider knowledge.
- 5. Have someone else proofread your document to catch spelling, grammar, etc. Do not rely solely on spellcheck/grammar check for this.
- 6. To save characters when doing an application that is character limited, use just one space after a period. Delete words like very or really. Use numerals instead of spelling out numbers.

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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.

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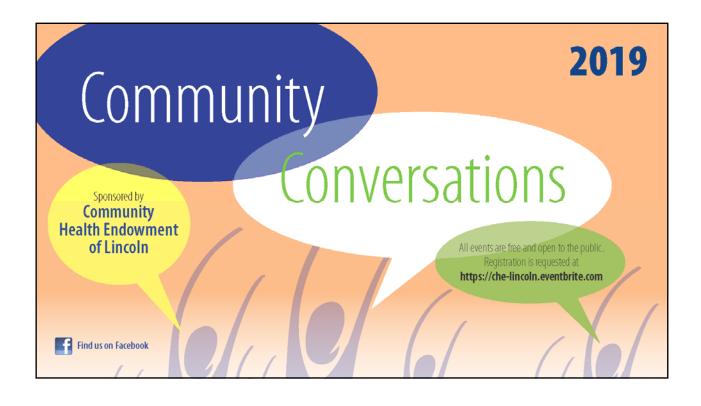
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Funding Budget

Spring 2020 Grant Cycle

- 2019-20 Grant Budget \$2.1 million
- ~\$970,000 in previous obligations (includes pending Fall 2019 applications)
- Up to \$1.13 million for new grants in Spring 2020

Funding Calendar – Spring 2020

Activity	Due Date
Stage I Proposals Due	January 10, 2020, 12 noon
Invitation to Stage II	by March 2, 2020
Stage II Applicant Workshop	Week of March 9
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What Does CHE Fund?

Eligible



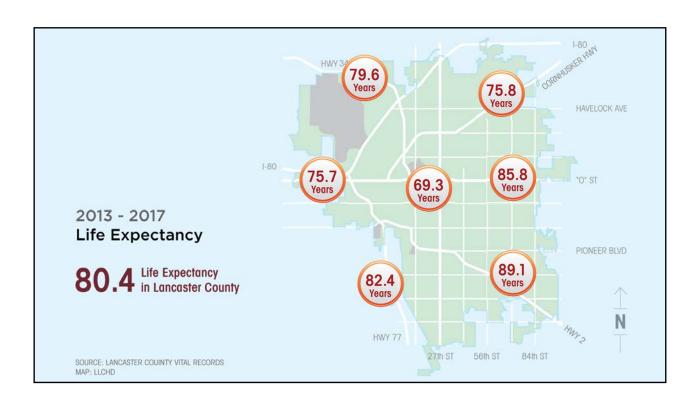


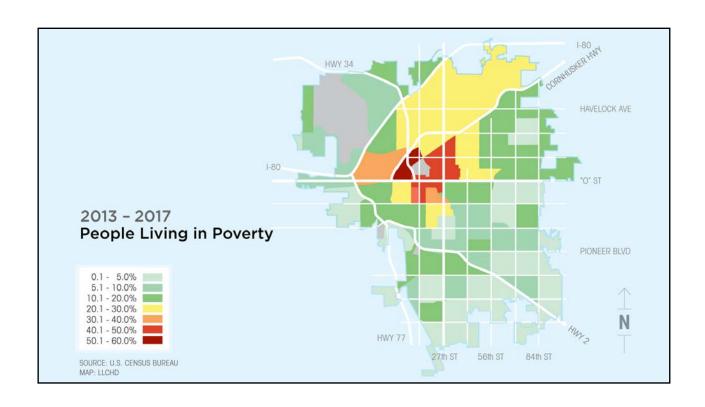


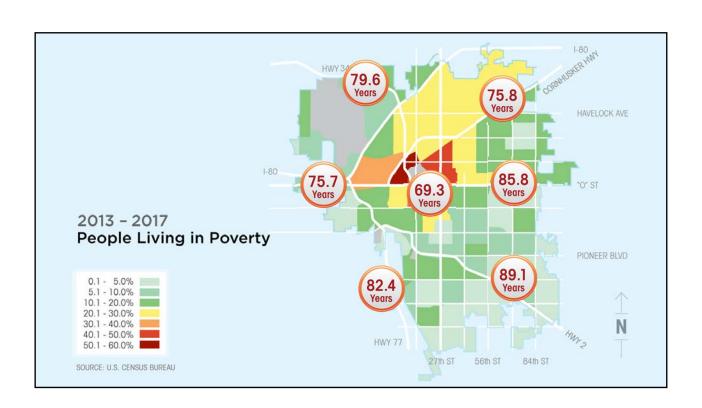
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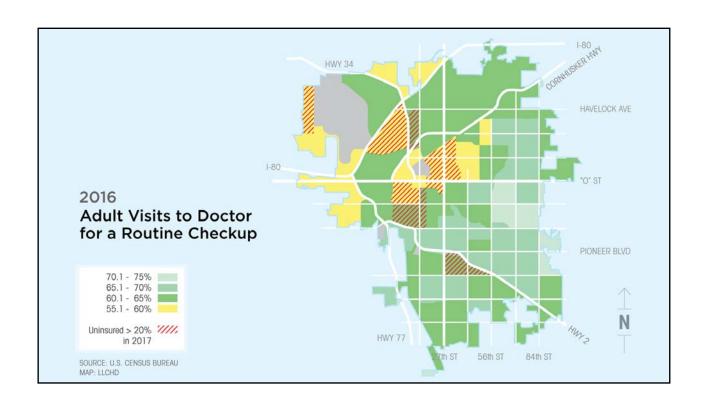
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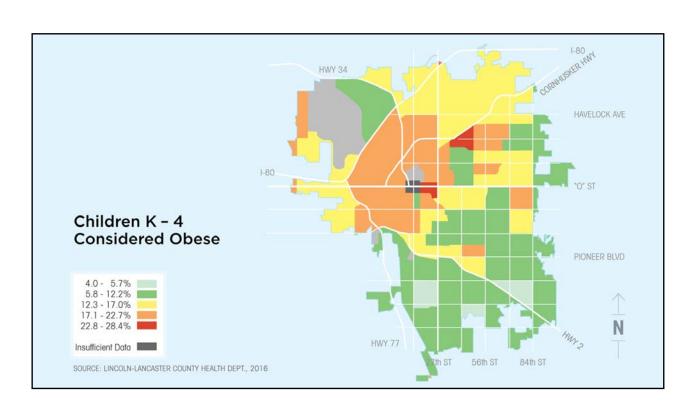


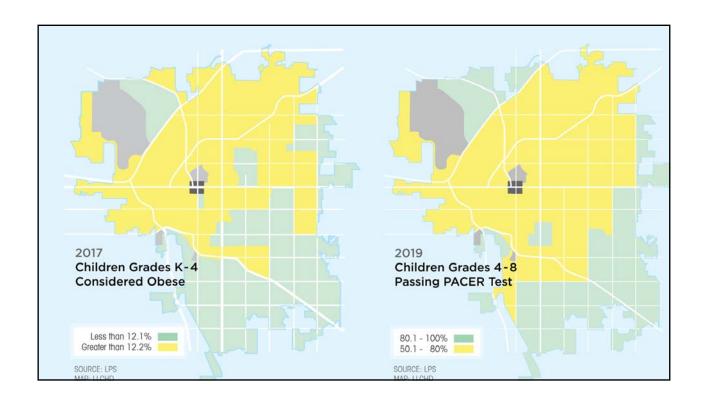


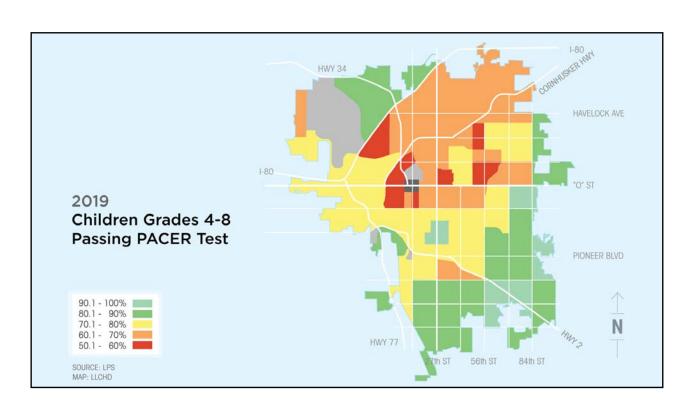


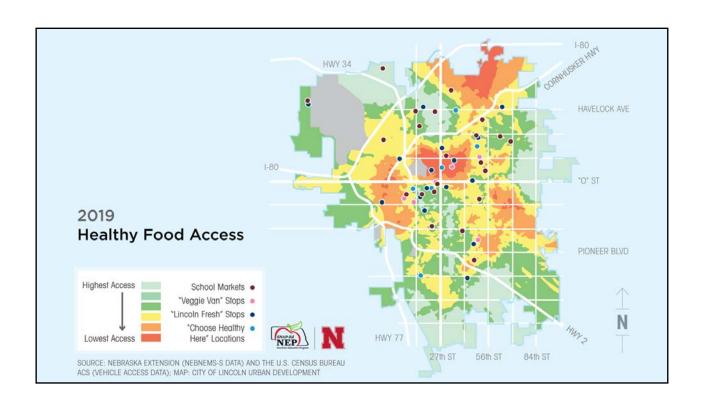






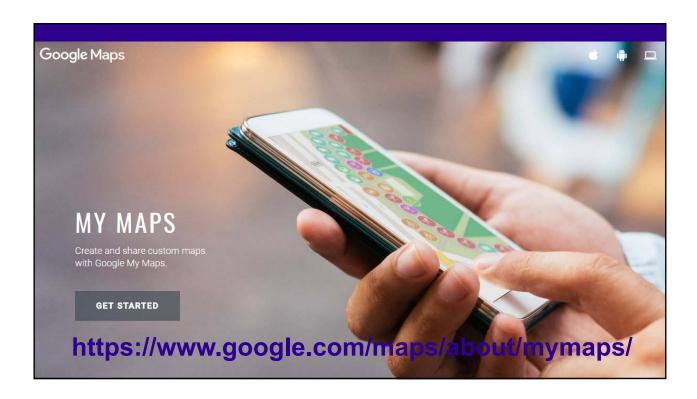


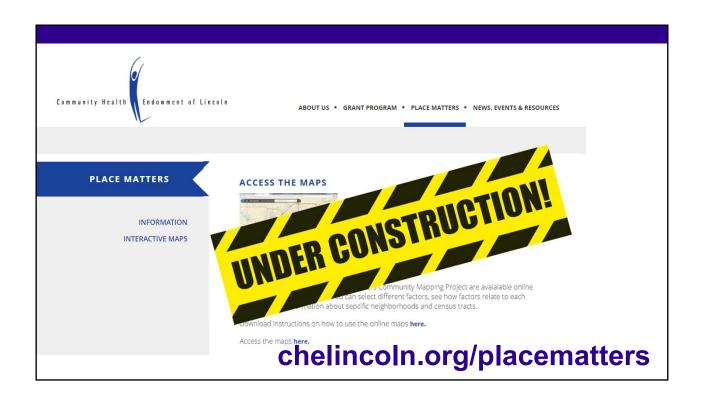


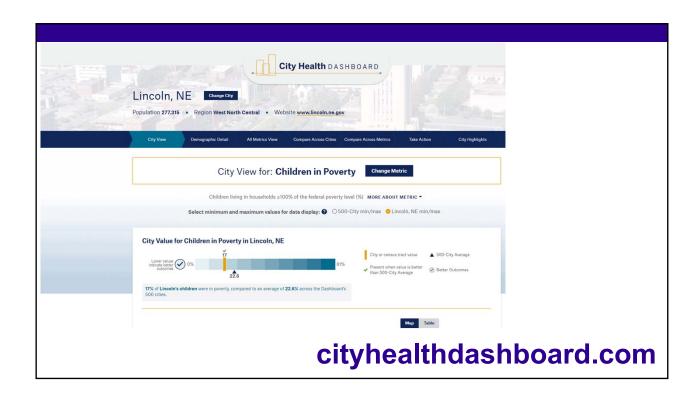


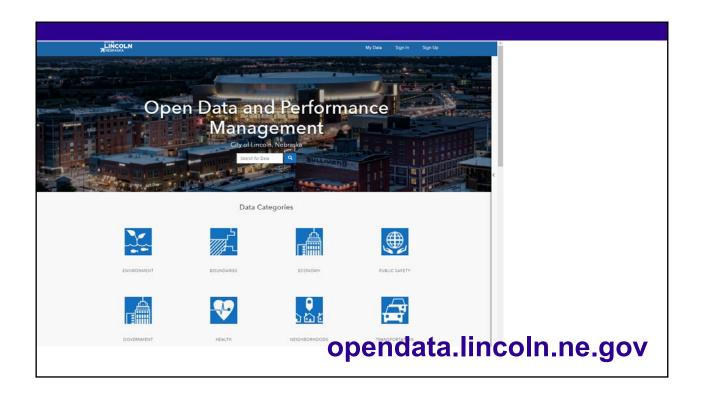
Where can I find local data?

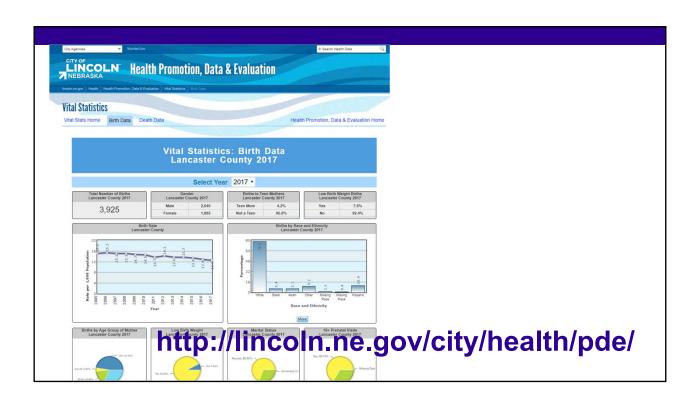


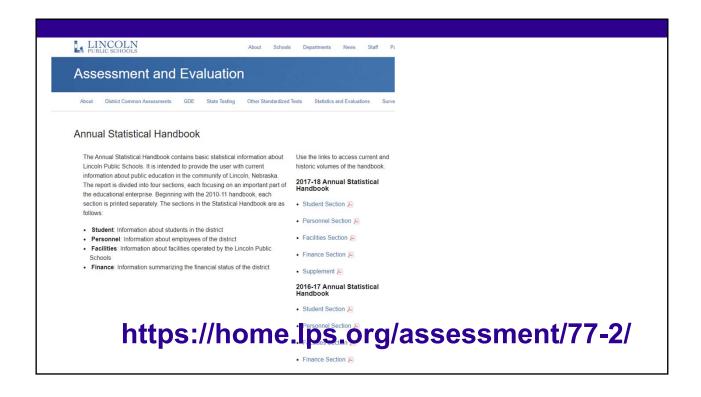


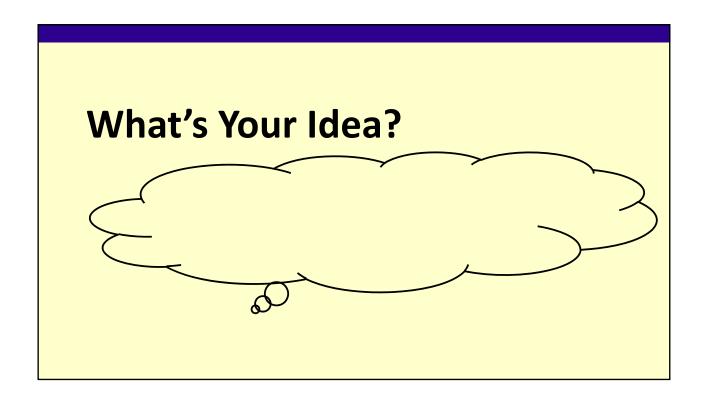








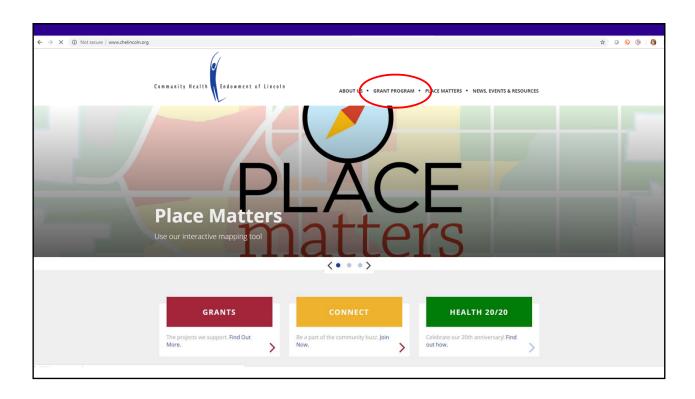


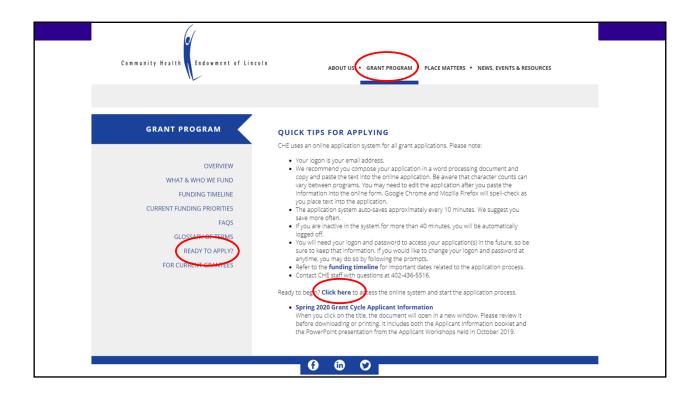


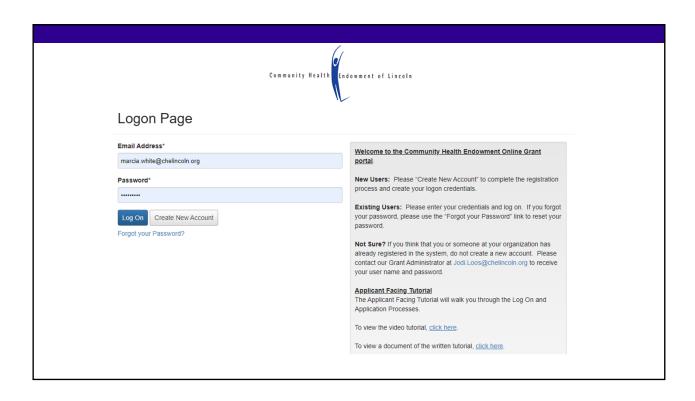
What Goes in My Application?

Budget Forms

- Separate tabs/worksheets
 - Support/Revenue
 - Expenses
- Sample forms







How Do I Apply?

Online Application Tips

- Established users use original account
- Uploaded documents become links
- Bookmark the GLM Logon page
- Save often
- Compose in Word, copy and paste into online form
- Use Google Chrome 14, Firefox 9, Safari 4 or higher

Remember:

- Stage I Applications due Friday,
 January 10, 2020 by NOON
- Give yourself enough time to have someone else read and proof
- · We're here to help

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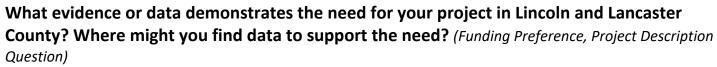
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What's Your Idea?



What specific activities will happen during your project to address the need? (Project Description Question)

How will people in Lincoln be healthier because of this project? What does success look like? (Healthier Community & Outcomes Question)

How will you measure success? How will you track progress? (Healthier Community & Outcomes Question)
(medianier community di duccomes question)
Who else might be able to help you with this project? Does anyone in Lincoln have a similar interest or focus or serve a similar population? Can you work together? (Funding Preference, Partnerships & Sustainability Question)
How will you sustain your project if you need funding beyond a CHE grant? (Partnerships & Sustainability Question)
Which CHE Funding Priorities and Preferences does your project address?

