



Request for Interest

Project Name: Community Engagement for Adams County Community Health Improvement Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to support and participate in the 2023-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process. By directly funding community-based organizations who can reach harder-to-reach* populations or populations less connected to the health department and facilitate information gathering, we hope to better partner with local organizations and connect with community. As an important part of our 2023 CHIP process, Adams County Health Department (ACHD) is funding organizations to convene or recruit populations with whom they are already connected and gather important feedback in two ways:

1. Recruit for and convene Focus Groups (with or without ACHD staff support: as you determine). This would include summarizing key themes into a provided template, submitting an audio recording of the Focus Group(s), and providing additional recommendations on how to improve community health and wellbeing. Template recruiting materials, guides, and other resources will be provided by ACHD.
 - a. Spring/summer 2023: Present community health assessment results on 5-6 health topic areas, discuss results with participants, discuss additional health and wellness needs - and ideas for improving community health.
2. Recruit participants who would not take an online survey on their own (e.g., persons with lower literacy; non-English, non-Spanish language persons, those with limited access to the internet or technology) and supporting the entry of their responses into an online survey system.
 - a. Spring/summer 2023: Present community health assessment results on 5-6 health topic areas, ask questions about results, ask about additional health and wellness needs - and ideas for improving community health

Please note that there will be a second, follow-up opportunity coming late summer 2023 to present final 2-3 health topic areas and strategies, goals, objectives to community and receive feedback on areas and draft plans to address the health topic areas.

**For this project, hard-to-reach populations include: populations with less (or less-recognized) power, including Refugees and immigrants, People without documents, Youth, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC (including Latinx), people experiencing homelessness, Persons who've interfaced with the carceral system, Native peoples, persons 65+, People who make lower incomes, people experiencing mental or behavioral health challenges, and geographically-isolated or higher-vulnerability communities (including rural Adams County, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Aurora, and unincorporated Adams County)*



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Desired Outcomes

ACHD hopes to clearly identify community health and wellness needs by listening to community members and building better partnerships with the organizations that serve them. We believe that the CHIP will include place- and community-based strategies. Hearing directly from community is an important step in creating a thoughtful plan for and with Adams County residents.

Deliverables

The Community-Based partner will

- Recruit for and facilitate at least 2-3 Focus Groups with approximately 10 people per Focus Group in the Spring/Summer of 2023;
- Use provided materials to guide the Focus Groups;
- Summarize Focus Group findings and along with key takeaways, and provide these to ACHD through standard template provided by ACHD;
- Provide audio recordings of focus groups to ACHD. Recording will only be used to ensure complete understanding of focus group participants thoughts and discussion; and
- Promote the CHIP Community Survey and, if appropriate, support community members with 1:1 survey entry.

Next Steps

Please complete the Interest Form at the link below. ACHD will reach out on a rolling basis, beginning June 1, 2023 to discuss fit for various options and budgets, if approved. Depending upon interest, the interest form will be open through June 16, 2023. In addition to the various populations with whom a community-based organization is already connected, ACHD will consider the following information in our decision-making:

- does the organization serve people in geographic areas of higher need?
- does the organization have a good reputation in the community?
- does the organization appear to have the capacity needed to complete deliverables?

[Link: Adams County Health Department CBO
Community Engagement Interest Form](#)