**2024 Summer funding opportunity**

Hennepin County [**Community Health Improvement Partnership**](https://www.hennepin.us/chip) (CHIP) invites people living, working, and/or organizing in Hennepin County to apply for a mini grant to address health and racial disparities in community mental well-being and housing stability. **Up to $2,000 is available per application and a total of $24,000 is available at this time.**

**Application deadline and notification to those** **funded**

**The deadline to apply is Friday May 17, 2024, at 4 p.m.** We hope to notify applicants selected for funding by June 28, 2024, depending on the number of applications received.

**What we will fund**

We will fund individuals or small teams to complete a project or host an event to address mental well-being, or social connection. Your project or event could also address housing stability or connectedness within your apartment building, housing complex, neighborhood, or block. Your project or event should focus on people in your apartment building, neighborhood, school, or within your spiritual, faith or cultural community. Your project must focus on people living in Hennepin County. Outdoor projects or events must include a backup plan in case of bad weather. **People representing communities of color or indigenous populations are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**Why we’re doing this now**

It is important post-pandemic to rebuild community life and focus on health and well-being. Your partnership is essential for our shared recovery and healing. Our community deals with violence, lack of access to health care, job insecurity and more. We believe that community leaders know the needs of people and have ideas to address these needs.

**Eligibility**

Individual community members, or small teams living in Hennepin County, are eligible to apply. Projects must focus on people living in Hennepin County and be completed by September 28. Funded applicants must complete a short project report within 14 days after the project ends to share what they did and what they learned.

**About CHIP**

[CHIP](https://www.hennepin.us/chip) includes organizations across the county that work on community health issues together for greater impact. Partners include public health agencies, healthcare organizations, health plans, housing developers and providers, schools, human services, mental and behavioral health practitioners, and more. Hennepin County Public Health will manage any funds awarded under this mini grant application.

**If you have questions about this grant**

Contact: Jen O’Brien at [**jennifer.obrien@hennepin.us**](mailto:jennifer.obrien@hennepin.us)

**Submit your completed application by May 17, 2024, at 4 p.m.**

Email your completed application to: [**publichealth@hennepin.us**](mailto:publichealth@hennepin.us)**.**

**If you’d like to apply, please type your responses on the application below and email it to:** [**publichealth@hennepin.us**](mailto:publichealth@hennepin.us)**.** If you do not have access to a computer, you can also complete the application with a pen, take a photo and email it to [**publichealth@hennepin.us**](mailto:publichealth@hennepin.us)**.**

1. **Select one focus area below by checking the box next to it.**

CHIP’s two priorities are listed below. The focus areas are listed under each priority. Please select one focus area (**check only one box**). It’s OK if your project also addresses other focus areas. However, the project you propose and describe in question 7 in the table below must respond to the CHIP priority and focus area selected.

**CHIP Priority 1: Mental well-being within spiritual, faith or cultural communities**

Work within the spiritual, faith or cultural community to address stress, trauma, or violence.

Help spiritual, faith or cultural leaders address their own well-being and trauma through mutual or peer support.

Project examples may include but not limited to: training or education on mental health (MH), MH resources and providers; or violence prevention and trauma; host monthly conversations on mental well-being or violence prevention; discussing and addressing issues important to your community.

**OR**

**CHIP Priority 2: Housing stability**

Help people connect socially and support each other in your apartment building, housing complex, neighborhood, or block.

Provide ideas and solutions that support communities trying to obtain or stay in housing (for example, new immigrants, single parent households, people experiencing violence or families fleeing violence, etc.)

Project examples may include but not limited to; creating and distributing community specific resources which address people’s concerns and needs; hosting an event to connect tenants and residents to resources; creating space where people get to know one another or provide mutual support.

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| 1. Your Project Title |  |
| 1. Your name(s). For more information see the ‘Eligibility’ section in the description above. The main contact person listed in question 3 below is the person or organization who will receive the funds. |  |
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| 1. Name and phone number for the main contact person |  |
| 1. Email for the main contact person |  |
| 1. Total amount you are requesting: (maximum total is $2,000) | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (up to $2,000) |
| 1. Tell us about the community your project will focus on. Include the name and location of the apartment building or the spiritual, faith, cultural, or geographic community.   Do not write more than 75 words \*\*\* |  |
| 1. Tell us specifically what you plan to do for your project or event under the focus area you selected. Please include the number of people you plan to reach.   Do not write more than 100 words \*\*\* |  |
| 1. There is still some risk of people spreading COVID-19/cold/flu at events. We encourage supporting community members that are immunocompromised. Please tell us whether your project will be outdoors, virtual, or indoors. Please describe how you will help people stay safe, especially if your event is indoors.   Do not write more than 75 words \*\*\* |  |
| 1. Provide a budget of how much you would spend on each item you need or service you would like to provide. Small stipends for helpers are allowed. Your total amount cannot be for more than $2,000.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   1. In the space below your table, tell us specifically how you plan to spend the money. Also tell us why you need the total amount you’re asking for to successfully complete your project.   Do not write more than 75 words. \*\*\* | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Item/Service: | Expected Cost: | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | Total expenses: | $ | |
| 1. Describe 2 specific things you will do to evaluate the impacts of your project so that CHIP organizations will know that your project was successful.   Examples:   * Track the number of people who attended activities * Track the number of views or engagements with a social media post * Conduct a brief survey for participants after an event to see if the event was helpful   Do not write more than 100 words \*\*\* |  |
| Many other people are applying for this funding. Tell us why you need this funding to do your project right now.  Do not write more than 75 words \*\*\* |  |

\*\*\* Responses longer than the maximum number of words may not be reviewed for funding.

**This project will prioritize serving residents of Hennepin County. I/we will complete my project by September 28 if am chosen to receive funding and will also complete the project report within 14 days after this project is completed.**

**Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Thank you!