

October 16, 2019

To: CLHO Board
From: CLHO Staff

Re: County Health Rankings Funding Opportunity

Background

As of October 15, the 2020 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR) funding application is available with applications due November 22, 2019. Up to \$4,900 will be available to a single state team application to support improving health and advancing equity at a state, regional, or county level. CHR is emphasizing inclusion and engagement of lower ranked counties.

The four focus areas (in an abbreviated summary) are: 1) Build and strengthen partnerships; 2) Develop concrete strategies to advance equity; 3) Build capacity to take action; and 4) Bring groups together for shared learning.

Applicants will be notified of their status by December 2, 2019 and project activities must be completed by June 30, 2020.

Proposal

CLHO Staff determined that the focus area to “Develop concrete strategies to advance equity” aligns with the Coalition’s plans to “Develop a local public health agreed upon definition of health equity and apply it in the daily work of the Coalition (and potentially the Conference).” Additional funding requirements for this focus area include: working to advance equity in lower ranking counties; advancing equity in counties, regions, or the state; and incorporating findings from the [Actions Toward Equity report](#). Insights from the report highlight the importance of “authentic engagement” and having “interconnected, mutually reinforcing processes that are practiced regularly across community initiatives rather than as discrete or isolated activities” (p. 4).

Pursuing this funding opportunity from CHR would support the Coalition’s work to establish shared definitions, practices, and processes for health equity. CLHO Staff will work on a proposed budget that supports the aforementioned activities, and supports the inclusion of lower ranked counties.

Staff Recommendation to the CLHO Board

Please approve CLHO Staff’s request to submit a grant application to 2020 County Health Rankings. If CLHO is awarded a grant, the funds will support statewide equity engagement work with local public health authorities.