

Teaming Up for Health Outcomes

Request for Proposals

Purpose

The purpose of this mini-grant opportunity is to increase access to healthy choices and community capacity to address health by providing technical assistance and funding opportunities around the state. We believe that lasting change can happen at the community level through partnerships, equitable and evidence-informed strategies, and funding.

Between 2021 and 2024, Wholespire, formerly Eat Smart Move More SC, in partnership with the SC Office of Rural Health (SCORH), will fund mini-grants in amounts up to \$5,000 beginning in the summer of 2021. There will be one grant cycle per year with an application deadline in July. The mini-grants will be used to fund healthy eating and active living projects that support policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes. Grantees will receive technical assistance to help complete projects and to connect with other existing local community health initiatives.

Please email Kelsey Sanders (kelsey@wholespire.org), community relations manager at Wholespire, if you are interested in speaking with a staff person about your project idea.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applicants may be a nonprofit, a community coalition, a faith-based organization, a school or a local government. Please note that Wholespire can only release funds to a current 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, school, local government, or faith-based organization. If the applicant does not fall into one of those categories, they may use a fiscal agent that qualifies.

All grant proposals MUST be related to healthy eating and/or active living and implement, promote, or support a PSE change.

In addition, strong grant proposals will include:

- A project idea that is ready to be implemented.
- A letter of support for the project from partnering organizations.
- Outline of how the project will address health equity in your community.

Examples, not a complete list, of projects that may be funded through this initiative:

- Improvements for schools' outdoor activity spaces, such as water bottle refill stations.
- Bike racks and/or crosswalks to support a complete streets effort.
- Establishment or promotion of SNAP/Healthy Bucks at a farmers' market.
- Support of a local HYPE team civic action project.
- Support for a faith-based HEAL initiative such as Faith Activity Nutrition (FAN).



Funds may not be used for the following:

- Brick and mortar
- Portable play equipment (basketballs, tennis racks, jump ropes, etc.)

Other Information

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions section on our website for additional details about the grant process.

Key Dates

June 1, 2022: Mini grant application opens

July 22, 2022: Mini grant application deadline

August 24, 2022: Awardees notified

September 15, 2022: Funds Released

May 30, 2023: Grant period ends

July 1, 2023: Final reports due

An application can be found online at www.wholespire.org and www.scorth.net. For questions or concerns, please email kelsey@wholespire.org or call 803-667-9810.

Wholespire is a statewide organization whose mission is to provide communities with proven and sustainable approaches that lead to increased access to healthy choices for all people. The organization's approach includes promoting healthy eating, active living as a key component of public health; informing, engaging, and influencing decision-makers to include health in policy decisions; providing support at the local level, through a network of chapters, for communities to achieve healthy change; and championing equity.

South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH) is a non-profit organization with a mission to close the gap in health status and life expectancy between rural and urban communities in the Palmetto State. SCORH has been promoting investment, opportunity, and health within rural communities since 1991. With 27 percent of our state's residents living in rural areas, SCORH believes in preserving the unique character of rural communities without compromising their opportunities and access to critical services.

