



Social Care Innovation Application

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At Alliance for Better Health and Healthy Alliance IPA, we believe that by investing in innovative approaches to social care, people will become healthier. As an advocate for the communities we serve, we want to continue to lean into the great work that’s already happening within and across our neighborhoods. We are excited to announce the Social Care Innovation Fund – another round of funding designed to invest resources into sustainable, collaborative, and measurable programs or services that address social needs before they turn into costly medical problems.

Our goal is to have an enduring impact so that the community is provided with social care services that improve and sustain health. We therefore have the responsibility to fund only high-quality submissions that meet our criteria. While we value all partners, not every application will be approved for funding.

Decision Process: Applications must be submitted **no later than July 30, 2021**. Once the application is submitted, the Innovation Fund Committee will respond with a decision within 30 days of submission via email. Please direct any questions you have about the application to Innovation@abhealth.us.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a participating organization of Alliance for Better Health or Healthy Alliance IPA; and
- Provide at least one of the following services: Community Mental Health, Economic Stability (ex. financial literacy, housing, workforce development, employment, etc.), and/or Community Wellness (ex. early childhood development and education, youth success, family support, food security, etc.); and
- Provide services in at least one of the following counties: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Fulton, and Montgomery County; and
- Be an active user of the Healthy Together Referral Platform, submitting monthly client rosters.

Proposals from Alliance and IPA participants who received Alliance Innovation or IPA Growth payments in 2019-20-21 for programs not associated with IPA-MCO initiated programs are not eligible for this round of awards. In other words, if a program you proposed was funded in 2019-20-21, that program is not eligible for this round of awards. However, if you received funding associated with an IPA developed or MCO sponsored program – for example – the COVID Response Program, Transformation, Changemaker, or CDPHP Food Insecurity Program, you are still eligible to submit a proposal for consideration for this round of awards.

Applications are due by **July 30th**

Note: you cannot start the application and save your work; if you exit out before submitting, your answers will be deleted.

Contact Information

1. Organization
2. First Name

3. Last Name
4. Email Address

Part I: Overview

Part I of this application will ask you to tell us about the problem you propose to solve through the eyes of one individual who has experienced it.

5. Please fill in the first name of an individual you have in mind ____.

This application will ask you to explore the problem you propose to solve through the eyes of ____.

6. Tell us about who ____ is as an individual.
7. Problem Statement: What problem does ____ face? How did you first learn about ____'s problem?
8. Current state: What is ____ doing today to solve their problem? Please be specific, noting what happens first, next, last. Also, please indicate any other stakeholders (formal or informal) who are playing a role.
9. Where does this solution fall short for ____'s health?
10. What barriers stand in the way of ____ accessing a better solution?
11. Future State: What better option are you proposing for ____? In what ways would ____'s health improve if they had access to this new solution?
12. What will change after your intervention? Please be specific about changes to stakeholders playing a role in ____'s care. Please also describe which steps in ____'s care will change.

Part II: Evidence and Outcomes

In Part II of the application, we ask you to address your proposed solution for the community in the context of our primary evaluation criteria. Please be concise (no more than 2,000 characters).

Please write your response to each question in the corresponding number box below.

13. The solution proposed in this application is:(1)_____
- Evidence that suggests this solution is effective: (2) _____
- Evidence that suggests this solution is the best when compared to other solutions:
(3)_____

Please write your response to each question in the corresponding number box below.

14. Number of people in the community facing the problem as ____: (1)_____
- Number of people that you can help with your solution and funding requested: (2)_____

Please write your response to each question in the corresponding number box below.

15. The primary health outcome that this proposal seeks to improve is: (1)_____
- The method we use to measure this outcome is: (2)_____
- Currently, the baseline number for that outcome is: (3)_____
- At the end of the project, we expect that number to improve by: (4)_____

Please write your response to each question in the corresponding number box below.

16. The primary avoidable medical service this proposal seeks to reduce is: (1) _____
The method we use to measure use of that service is: (2) _____
Currently, the baseline number for use of that service is: (3) _____
At the end of the project, we expect that number to improve by: (4) _____

Part III: Experience, Collaboration, and Inclusion

In Part III of the application, we ask you to address your proposed solution for the community in the context of our primary evaluation criteria. Please be concise (no more than 2,000 characters).

17. Our experience implementing the solution proposed includes: _____
18. Our solution will be easily integrated into the connected Healthy Together network in the following way: _____
19. Other organizations interested in partnering with us include: _____
20. Please describe how your solution addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion in organizational leadership and/or individuals served.

Part IV: Timeframe, Risks, and Investment Requirements

21. Once funded, how long will this take you to become fully operational? _____ months
22. How much of the initial award will be needed to become fully operational?
23. What are 3 important milestones in your timeframe and their outputs?
24. What are the top 3 risks to achieving the goals of this proposal? What strategies do you have to reduce their impact?
25. What is the total investment request? Are there other sources of funding that support the project?