

The Clarence “Shaheed” DuBois Exposome Roadshow and Community Grant Program APPLICATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Clarence Shaheed DuBois Exposome Roadshow and Community Grant Program aims to

- 1) Learn what affects community health in Atlanta,
- 2) Support communities in identifying a community health priority, and
- 3) Provide funding and technical assistance to support communities in addressing their priority.

In total, participating communities may receive up to \$6000 of grant funding in addition to technical assistance from HERCULES staff.

WHO WE ARE

The HERCULES Exposome Research Center is an environmental health research center at Emory University funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. We aim to create conversations between the Atlanta community and HERCULES and to increase the capacity of local communities to address their environmental health concerns.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program consists of four phases, and may last up to three years, as outlined below:

Phase One: Exposome Roadshow Community Workshop(s)

We host a workshop (**1-2 days**) in your community where we ask each community member to think of everything that affects their health. From those items, we support the community in prioritizing a particular issue on which action may be taken. Gift cards will be offered to workshop attendees and the Community Liasion will be compensated for their services.

Phase Two: Planning Grant

After participating in a Community Workshop, your community is eligible for **\$1000 (3-6 month)** to develop an action plan to address the community priority identified during the Workshop.

Phase Three: Action Grant

After developing an action plan, your community is eligible for a **\$2500 (1 year)** Action Grant. The purpose of the grant is to implement your action plan and take action on your community's prioritized issue.

Phase Four: Sustainability Grant

After completing the Action Grant, your community is eligible for the **\$2500 (1 year)** Sustainability Grant. The purpose of the grant is to develop and implement a plan to sustain your group's efforts beyond your involvement with HERCULES.

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Benefit to the community

Each community’s results are for the community’s use.

We will support the community with financial and technical assistance to take action on a selected priority. Addressing community priorities involves planning for action, taking action, and planning for sustainability. This program aims to support communities throughout this whole process – from identifying community needs through sustainability – by offering both financial and technical support. In total, communities may receive up to \$6000 of grant funding in addition to technical assistance from HERCULES staff over approximately three years.

Benefit to the HERCULES Exposome Research Center

We will share a combined list of community concerns from across Atlanta with HERCULES scientists in an attempt to incorporate community input into exposome science. This may also result in a scientific publication.

ELIGIBILITY

The Community Group or Organization

Community groups and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. Communities with environmental health challenges are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have:

- A designated Community Liaison who can commit appropriate time to the project (see below).
- Dedicated community members to facilitate project operations and events.
- Either 501c(3) status, or the ability to acquire a fiscal sponsor that does.
While 501c(3) status is not required for the initial phase of the program, this will be required to proceed to the second phase - the Planning Grant.
Note: fiscal sponsors may charge no more than a 10% administrative fee.
- Residents directly involved in the request and, if an organization, active resident-led leadership on the board of directors.

Applicants must also:

- Be located within Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, or Rockdale counties.

Ineligible projects/organizations include:

- Applications from a single person, for-profit businesses, and/or government/public agencies
- Applications and requests that have discriminatory policies and/or practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex/gender, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information or political beliefs.

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Community Liaison

Each applicant community must identify a “Community Liaison” who will receive up to \$500 for their services.

The Community Liaison must be:

- A community leader who is engaged and active in their community and has a vested interest in improving the overall health of their community.
- Age 18 or older.
- Willing to carry out all responsibilities of the Community Liaison role (see below).

Community Liaison Responsibilities

- Recruitment of community stakeholders for the Exposome Roadshow Community Workshops
- Help plan the Community Workshops (e.g., identifying dates, location, catering)
- Attendance at 1-2 Community Workshops
- Willingness to coordinate/host future gatherings of active stakeholders and lead future grant initiatives or identify a replacement
- Submit required financial paperwork
- Keep Emory updated on activities and progress

Requirements and Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed above and submit a short application (pages 4-6) by **July 31, 2018** to elebows@emory.edu.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria. Priority will be given to applications and communities that:

- Demonstrate the community’s need for the program
- Build on the strengths and assets in the community
- Demonstrate broad community interest in participating and engaging with the program
- Have technical merit (e.g., provides specific details, addresses questions, etc.)
- Intend to participate in the entire Exposome Roadshow and Community Grant Program (~3 years: Community workshop(s), Planning Grant, Action Grant, Sustainability Grant)

Please contact Erin Lebow-Skelley at elebows@emory.edu or 404-712-8795 to discuss whether your community or group is a good fit for the Roadshow and Community Grant Program, and for assistance with the application.

(Application found on following page)

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APPLICANT PROFILE

Community Liaison:		Secondary Contact:	
Name:		Name:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Email:		Email:	
Please list any other community members, organizations, or stakeholders who are interested in participating in this program with your group:			
Name:		Contact information:	
Neighborhood/Community name(s) and geographic description:			
Please list all active Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the neighborhood:			
If your group/organization does not have 501c(3) status, please name a potential fiscal sponsor:			
If primary applicant is an existing group or non-profit organization, please answer the following questions:			
Group/Organization Name:			
Date Group/Organization formed:			
Website:			

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please limit responses to 1000 characters unless noted otherwise.

1. Please describe how your community/ies would benefit from participating in the Clarence Shaheed DuBois Exposome Roadshow and Community Grant Program.*

2. What is great about your community? For example, what strengths and assets exist in your community such as engaged residents, businesses, organizations, parks, places to gather, etc.

3. How do residents engage in the community? For example, you might describe resident participation in neighborhood organizations/activities, how residents communicate with each other, where people gather, etc.

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4. What needs to be improved in your community? For example, what concerns do residents have? Please be sure to include any environmental health concerns. *

5. For the Community Liaison:

5.a. Please describe your role in the community, how long you have lived or worked there, how you have collaborated within the community, what specific goals you have worked for in the community, and any relevant experience that you have.

5.b. Part of your role will be to recruit approximately 25 community members and stakeholders to attend the Exposome Roadshow Community Workshop. Please describe how you would do this.

6. Optional: Please provide any other important details not listed above (500 characters max)

*** This information may be shared with HERCULES Stakeholders and the public with any identifying information removed.**

Send your completed application to Erin Lebow-Skelley at elebows@emory.edu by July 31, 2018.