

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

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 an environmental 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.

What do we mean by Environmental Health?

Possible environmental health concerns may include, but are not limited to: air quality/clean air, water quality, soil contamination, built environment, healthy food access, cumulative exposures /multiple risks.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program consists of four phases, and may last up to three years (NOTE: Phase Four is not guaranteed at this point in time, pending renewal of HERCULES federal funding in 2022). Program activities, coordinated with two Community Liaisons, are outlined below:

Phase One: Exposome Roadshow Community Workshop(s)

We host a workshop **(1-2 days)** with your community where we ask each community member to think of everything in their environment that affects their health. From those items, we support the community in prioritizing a particular environmental health issue on which action may be taken. Gift cards will be offered to workshop participants and Community Liaisons will be compensated for their services. **NOTE: We will work with all communities to ensure access to virtual meetings as necessary.**

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 environmental health 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 environmental health issue.

Phase Four: Sustainability Grant *(pending 2022 funding)*

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 environmental health 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 (pending renewal of federal HERCULES funding in 2022).

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.

ELIGIBILITY

The Community Group or Organization

Community groups and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. Communities are defined here as a group of people sharing a common identity, such as a neighborhood(s), a worksite or school, an ethnic group, a patient group, etc. 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.
- Community members directly involved in the request and, if an organization, active community 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 two “Community Liaisons” who will receive up to \$500 total for their services.

The Community Liaisons must be:

- A community member 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

- Works with community members to complete and submit this application.
- Recruitment of community stakeholders for the Exposome Roadshow Community Workshops
- Helps plan the Community Workshops (e.g., identifying dates, location, catering)
- Attendance at 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, including participation in two program evaluation interviews

Requirements and Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed above and submit a short application (pages 4-6) by **August 10th, 2020** to elebows@emory.edu.

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

- Lack equitable access to systems that provide resources and/or face other systemic injustices
- Demonstrate the community’s need for, and interest in, 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)

For a copy of the application, please contact Erin Lebow-Skelley at elebows@emory.edu or leave a message at 404-712-8795 to discuss whether your community or group is a good fit for the Roadshow and Community Grant Program.