NCCARE360 Community Organizations and Network Support Agencies Health Equity Grants

Request for Applications Announcement

The Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation (FHLI) invites organizations that are committed to delivering health and equity using NCCARE360 as a tool to foster community connections to apply for two separate grant opportunities currently available. Applicants must deliver services in one of the following counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Vance, or Wake.

NCCARE360 is the first statewide coordinated care network to better connect individuals to local services and resources, allowing providers, insurers, and community organization (COs) to collaborate and coordinate care for their shared patients in real-time. NCCARE360 began implementation in early 2019 and was fully rolled out statewide in July 2020. NCCARE360 is a critical infrastructure that puts North Carolina in a stronger position to address the devastating impact of COVID-19 is having on so many residents and to help recovery efforts.

Since January 2020, NCCARE360 has grown its network to more than 2,500 organizations with more than 4,700 programs. In 2020, NCCARE360 was able to serve more than 41,000 unique individuals. As the need for services hasn't slowed, neither has the work of the organizations who use NCCARE360.

Purpose

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to build on the work accomplished since the statewide rollout of NCCARE360, and through strong, local partnerships, help North Carolinians connect to the resources they need to be healthy and well.

This grant seeks to support the growth and network of health of NCCARE360 by strengthening the NCCARE360 network of community organizations that can respond to referrals and provide community services. Funding should be used as proof-of-concept for longer term sustainable partnerships and financing between healthcare and community organizations. This grant may also fund Network Support Agencies that serve as community activators, provide additional technical assistance, and work to strengthen cross-sector partnerships between healthcare and community organizations.

FHLI is seeking applicants for the following grant opportunities. FHLI anticipates that most organizations will apply for one grant opportunity; however, organizations that fit the eligibility and functions of both grants may submit separate applications for each opportunity listed below. An applicant organization may only submit one application per grant funding opportunity listed below.

<u>Community Organization Grant</u>

Under the Community Organization Grant, funds will support plans for organizations to either onboard onto or increase the use of NCCARE360 to connect the people they serve to other community services, as well as foster deeper cross-sector partnerships. Organizations may apply for grants in the range of $25,000 - $100,000 to support this goal.

This grant will allow for the strengthening of the NCCARE360 network of community organizations that can respond to referrals and provide community services by providing funding and other resources to reduce barriers to onboarding onto NCCARE360 and/or provide funds to better sustain additional referrals or needs. Funding should be used as proof-of-concept for longer term sustainable partnerships and financing between healthcare and community organizations.

Eligible activities for this grant are those that grow the NCCARE360 network (adding additional organizations) and/or to grow use of NCCARE360 among organizations already onboarded. A detailed list of eligible activities is available on the website and in the Request for Applications.

Network Support Agency Grant

Under the Network Support Agency Grant, funds will support organizations that are interested in serving as a "Network Support Agency," that works to grow and support the organizations on the NCCARE360 network in their region through meaningful technical assistance and other strategies. Organizations may apply for grants up to $250,000 to perform these functions.

This grant will provide grant funding to up to three (3) organizations that can support implementation and network growth of NCCARE360 in their community/region, as well as ensure NCCARE360 is understood and utilized effectively and sustainably through technical assistance and other strategies. Network Support Agencies are defined as organizations or agencies that execute strategies and activities which improve the organizational infrastructure of community organizations. In addition to providing technical support on NCCARE360, Network Support Agencies may serve as a bridge between healthcare and community organizations and work to create successful partnerships that address common needs related to service models, financial relationships, and data.

Eligible activities for this grant are those that work directly with the FHLI and the NCCARE360 Community Engagement Team to perform 'backbone' functions in community engagement and technical assistance to bring more organizations onto the network, improve workflows, and build long-term sustainable multi-sectoral partnerships. A detailed list of eligible activities are available on the website and in the Request for Applications.

In early 2022, up to $2,000,000 will be disbursed across both grant opportunities for a grant period of March 14, 2022 – May 2023.

Detailed information and application are available on our website at nccare360.org/community-funding

Grant Application Process

Organizations must submit an electronic copy of their application in PDF format to RFP@foundationhli.org by 1:00 PM on Monday, February 28, 2022. Submissions will be confirmed by reply email. Late proposals will not be evaluated.

Recipients of the NCCARE360 Community Organizations and Network Support Agencies Health Equity Grants must comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention General Terms and Conditions. https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/General-Terms-and-Conditions-Non-Research-Awards.pdf