The Community Health Innovation Awards are supported by The University of Alabama at Birmingham and UAB’s Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (National Institutes of Health Grant UL1 TR000165)
The Community Health Innovation Awards provide a unique chance for participants to design, develop, and implement innovative ideas for solving their most challenging community health needs—an opportunity to demonstrate Birmingham’s forward thinking.

Let’s work together to create new ways to make Birmingham even greater!
We are 23 communities, 99 neighborhoods, the birthplace of civil rights, a historic steel town, and home to a world-class medical center, and we are all in this together. We are One Great Community. We share the same obstacles and want the best for our communities.

We asked our community leaders about the biggest concerns our communities face. We struggle with abandoned homes, lack of sidewalks and walking trails, crime, and various health issues, like high blood pressure and diabetes. Despite these issues, we each continuously strive for community improvement and propose new opportunities for growth in education, advances in health care, safety in our communities, and strengthening the most valuable asset of our community—its people. Instead of tackling these problems alone, we should come together to improve our outcomes. By sharing ideas and imagining new possibilities, maybe we can create the impact we need to make our communities better for our children. Join us as we work toward a brighter future for all of us by trying new things and thinking differently about the possibilities we can create for ourselves.

The Community Health Innovation Awards offer us the chance to work together to tackle the biggest problems that plague us all, our entire Birmingham community.
COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION AWARDS BACKGROUND

About Us
The UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), www.uab.edu/ccts, a NIH-funded center that is part of the Clinical and Translational Sciences Awards national network, was established to streamline new discoveries in order to impact our lives more quickly. The CCTS is organized around several components to address this translational process from drug discovery to community engagement. One Great Community, the community engagement component of the CCTS, was established to build a balanced relationship with the greater Birmingham community with the goal of developing trust around biomedical research.

About the Grant Award
One Great Community established the Community Health Innovation Awards as an annual grant competition for area organizations in the greater Birmingham area. The Community Health Innovation Awards are envisioned as a way for participants to think boldly and creatively about solutions to “on the ground” health challenges communities face, to work in partnership with some of the best minds in our area, and to collaborate with local businesses to complete a project. These awards are a way for UAB, local leaders and our communities to share resources and expertise. Grants ranging from $5,000 to $25,000 will be awarded to local organizations whose ideas creatively and innovatively address community issues.

2013 CHIA Participants engaging in Workshop activities
COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION AWARDS

STRUCTURE

Project Phases
The process of applying for a Community Health Innovation Awards is divided into three phases.

PHASE ONE: Project Team Formation

MON JULY 7  Community Health Innovation Awards Information Available. Informational booklets will be available at www.uab.edu/ccts/chia and can be available by email or mail by request.

WED JULY 23  Community Health Innovation Awards Workshop Registration. All interested participants must submit the Workshop Registration Form by mail or email no later than 5pm on Wednesday, July 23rd. Send email submissions with Workshop Registration Form attached to CHIAteam2014@gmail.com.

SAT JULY 26  Innovation Workshop. This is a mandatory workshop at UAB’s The Edge of Chaos from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Workshop activities include learning more about the award process, understanding innovation, and practicing new ways of thinking about solving community problems.

PHASE TWO: Project Idea Development

SAT AUG 9  Development Workshop. At this workshop, participants will work closely with mentors and CHIA staff to further develop their project ideas, focusing specifically on innovation.

THU AUG 21  Draft of Project Proposal Due. Drafts must be submitted to CHIAteam2014@gmail.com by 5pm on Thursday, August 21st. An external team will review each proposal and assign a score based on the evaluation criteria. Project ideas that strongly demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the awards criteria will move forward and be invited to participate in the September 6th workshop.

SAT SEPT 6  Refinement Workshop. At this workshop, participants will work closely with mentors to develop and refine their project proposal drafts and presentation strategy.

PHASE THREE: Project Idea Presentation

MON SEPT 15  Final Copy of Project Proposal Due. A final electronic copy must be submitted to CHIAteam2014@gmail.com by 5pm on Monday, September 15th.

WED SEPT 24  Presentation to Panel of Judges. Teams will give a 10-minute presentation of their innovative project idea to a panel of judges. There will be a brief Q&A after each presentation.

TBD  Community Health Innovation Awards Ceremony. Recognition of award recipients.
Project Timeline

Please note that this is a rapid process, geared towards translating an innovative idea into a fundable project. Participants should be prepared to work within this timeline.

EVENT DATES

PHASE ONE:
Project Team Formation

PHASE TWO:
Project Idea Development

PHASE THREE:
Project Idea Presentation

DUE DATES
COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION AWARDS _CRITERIA_

All project ideas will be evaluated based on the following five categories.

**INNOVATION**

Projects should:
- Demonstrate creativity and uniqueness
- Provide a new way of thinking about the identified challenging issues

**THOUGHTFUL UNDERSTANDING**

Projects should:
- Be based on reliable data and information
- Provide a deep understanding of existing problems

**INVolVEMENT**

Projects should:
- Be open to general participation
- Demonstrate collaboration

**COMMUNITY STRENGTH**

Projects should:
- Reflect the natural strengths of your community
- Use resources and people in developing project plans

**APPLICATION & RESULTS**

Projects should:
- Have a process in place to monitor progress
- Demonstrate how the idea will be sustained
Project Proposal Guidelines

Draft proposals are due Thursday, August 21st, 2014. Final proposals are due Monday, September 15th, 2014. For the draft and final proposals, all teams are expected to answer the following questions in complete, thoughtful sentences. After the Innovation Workshop, a digital template for completing the final proposal will be made available. All proposals must be typed. Proposal evaluations will be based on your team’s ability to provide detailed answers to these questions. Responses for each question must range between 250 word minimum and 500 word maximum.

INNOVATION
1. Explain what makes your project different and unique.

THOUGHTFUL UNDERSTANDING
2. How does your project demonstrate the use of reliable information to develop your innovative project?
3. How will you share and report any new information that you obtain?

INVolVEMENT
4. How does your project demonstrate community involvement and collaboration?

COMMUNITY STRENGTH
5. How does your project demonstrate the use of the community’s natural strengths?

APPLICATION & RESULTS
6. Clearly explain your project’s plan for delivering results. What does success look like for your innovative project?
7. Provide a timeline and budget plan for your proposed project.
Funding and Requirements

Total budgets for each project can range from $5,000 to $25,000. Proposed budgets cannot exceed $25,000. Final award amounts will be determined by the independent panel of judges.

Project funds **cannot** be applied to the following expenses:
- Activities that are not clearly listed and justified in the applicant’s submitted budget
- Activities that are not advertised and open to the general public
- Accumulated deficits
- Scholarships or endowment funds
- Investments of any kind
- Contingency funds
- Lobbying or political advocacy
- Sectarian or religious activities. An organization that has a faith-based mission may apply for a Community Health Innovation Award with a project that has no religious purpose.
- Awards or cash prizes

Eligibility

Teams and participants who are eligible to participate in the Community Health Innovation Awards are:

- Local 501(c)(3) organizations. In order to receive funding, organizations must have 501(c)(3) designation or the ability to partner with an organization with that status.
- Individuals who are willing to partner with a 501(c)(3) to develop a project idea
- Individuals or organizations who are currently collaborating with interested teams who are applying for a Community Health Innovation Award

Evaluation Guidelines

- Each project idea will be evaluated based on the submitted final project proposal and presentation to the panel of judges. Proposals are worth 50%, and presentations are worth 50% of a team’s final score.

- Written project proposals will be scored by an independent panel of judges using the following criteria:
  - Innovation
  - Thoughtful Understanding
  - Involvement
  - Community Strength
  - Application and Results

- Presentations will be evaluated using the following criteria:
  - Structure & Organization
  - Creativity/Innovation
  - Visual Aids
  - Delivery

- Presentations will occur on **Wednesday, September 24th** at The Edge of Chaos. Each team will have 10 minutes to make a presentation to the panel of judges.
Join us in the CHIA process this year as we create innovative ways to address our most pressing community problems!

UAB’s The Edge of Chaos CHIA Chalkboard Art for 2012 Panel Presentations

CHIA 2013 Innovation Workshop Brainstorming Activity

CHIA 2013 Refinement Workshop Mentoring Session

If you have any questions, please contact the CHIA team.

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