



COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION AWARDS

Calling All Mentors!

Support positive change in our shared communities by mentoring a Community Health Innovation Awards (CHIA) team.

CHIA applicants compete for grant funding to help them turn their creative ideas for addressing “on the ground” health challenges in the Birmingham area into sustainable solutions. As a CHIA mentor, you will play an invaluable role in the program, championing a team through the critical stages of competition: project idea development and presentation preparation.

CHIA mentors should plan to attend the Proposal Refinement Workshop on Saturday, November 10, and offer additional time as needed to support their matched CHIA team.

As a CHIA mentor, you will:

- Serve as a sounding board to help refine an applicant’s ideas
- Provide a fresh set of eyes for an applicant’s written proposal
- Help applicants strategize on their live presentation

As a CHIA mentor, you will not:

- Write or re-write applicants’ proposals
- Develop Power Point presentations
- Move project ideas in a different direction than the applicant intends

Learn more and fill out the Mentor Matching Questionnaire

www.uab.edu/ccts/community/chia/mentor

Community Health Concerns

- Empty lots and abandoned houses
- Crime
- Diabetes
- High-blood pressure
- Lack of sidewalks, walking trails, and clean parks
- Teen pregnancy
- High school dropout rate
- Overweight/obesity
- Environmental pollutants
- Elderly shut-in residents
- Traffic safety
- Tornado damage/disruption

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About the CHIA

In 2012, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) One Great Community Council established the Community Health Innovation Awards (CHIA) as an annual grant competition for 501(3)(c) organizations in the greater Birmingham area. At the heart of the CHIA process is the desire to foster novel ways of thinking about challenging local health issues.

CHIA provides a unique opportunity for applicants to design, develop, and implement innovative ideas for solving their most challenging health needs. It is also a chance to demonstrate Birmingham's forward thinking.

The CHIA process includes an intense schedule of workshops, proposal submissions, and a formal presentation to a panel of judges. Those who make it through the entire process receive a grant ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

CHIA is supported by the CCTS (NCATS grant award UL1TR001417). Contributions from UAB's offices, schools, and centers and local groups such as CO.STARTERS also help fund the awards, enabling the program to support more applicants and broadening CHIA's impact in the community.

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**.



Norwood Learning Garden, which provides an environmental summer camp for children in 3rd to 5th grades, started in 2012 with a CHIA grant. Health benefits include increased physical activity and greater access to fresh produce.