

WELCOME TO THE GREATER SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP (CHEP) FUNDING INFO & Q&A SESSION

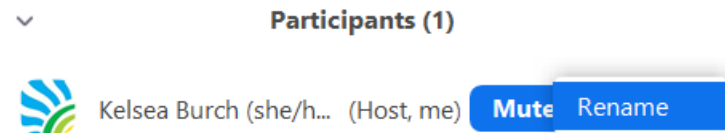
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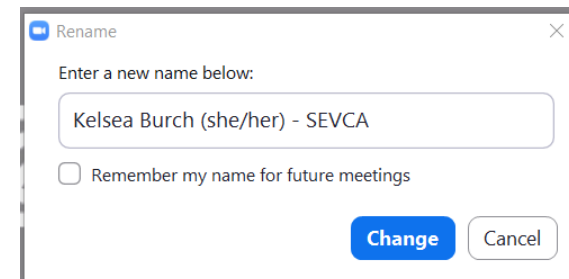


- Rename yourself with the name you'd like to be called, and the pronouns you use

- Click “Participants” on the bottom of your screen
- Find your name, click “More”, then click “Rename”



- Enter your name & pronouns and click “Change”

A screenshot of the Zoom "Rename" dialog box. The title is "Rename". It contains a text input field with the text "Kelsea Burch (she/her) - SEVCA". Below the input field is a checkbox labeled "Remember my name for future meetings" which is currently unchecked. At the bottom right are two buttons: "Change" and "Cancel".

AGENDA



Background & Funding Purpose



Eligibility



Award Details

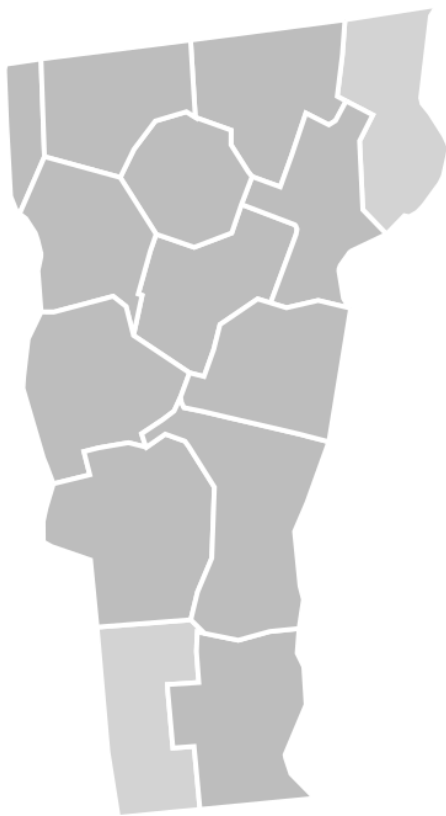


Applying



Questions & Answers

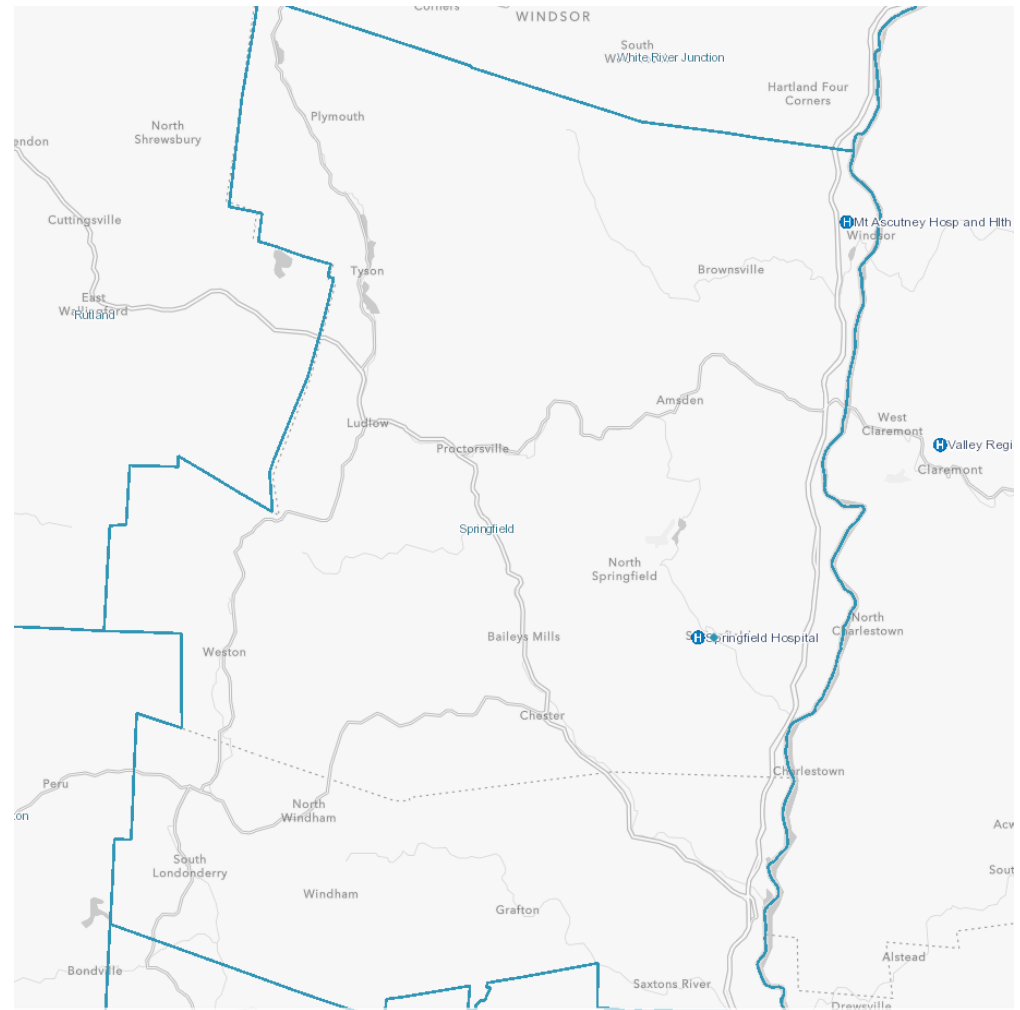
VT CHEP BACKGROUND



- The statewide Community Health Equity Partnership (CHEP) exists to assist the VT Dept. of Health to meet the goals of the CDC Grant to Address Health Disparities – specifically to “mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.”
- Happening in each VT health district (facilitated by a “backbone” organization – SEVCA for Springfield)
- Each district selects a health equity challenge, and funds community projects that are addressing the root causes of the challenge
- Currently funded through May 2023

GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHEP TOWNS

- Springfield District includes N.Windham & S.Windsor counties



GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHEP GROUPS

Learning Collaborative

- Open to anyone, members participate as they are interested & able
- Provides feedback

Working Group

- Smaller group of community members & social/medical service providers
- Drafts district documents & artifacts

Steering Committee

- Smaller group of community members from district towns
- Make decisions (including reviewing applications and making award decisions)

GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHEP HEALTH EQUITY CHALLENGE

“Stigma is a major barrier to health and wellness for residents in our community. Both actual and perceived stigma prevent many community members, including those with substance use disorder (SUD) and those experiencing mental health challenges, from accessing necessary physical and mental health care, social services, community support, housing, transport, employment, and social opportunities. Stigma is also harming many residents’ already strained mental health by negatively impacting their sense of belonging, connection, and hope, leading to feelings of isolation. These experiences and outcomes are particularly acute for our most marginalized and underserved community members.”



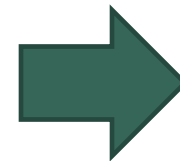
GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHEP PURPOSE OF FUNDING – ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF THE CHALLENGE

Stigma related to chronic health conditions like mental health challenges and substance use disorder (SUD) is caused by and persists due to...

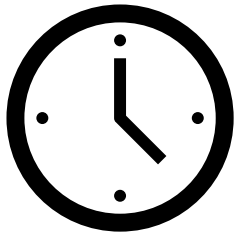
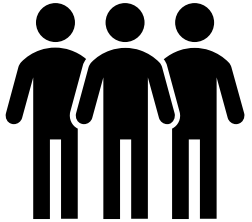
- Contemporary social structures & norms
- Lack of understanding about mental health challenges and SUD
- Mass media messaging

Stigma is also harming community members' already strained mental health because...

- It is often internalized
- It 'others' people, increasing isolation
- People are already experiencing increased isolation



ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?



Anyone with a Tax Identification Number (SSN, ITIN, or EIN) and a plan for a project that...

- contributes to reducing stigma as a barrier to access and a harm to mental health by addressing root causes of the challenge
- serves residents in the Springfield District (applicant does not need to be located in the district, or even in VT)
- can be completed between November and May of 2023

This includes: individuals, community groups, nonprofits, businesses, Native American & Alaska Native tribes & entities, government entities

AWARD DETAILS – AMOUNTS & PAYMENT PROCESS

- \$150,000 in one-time funding
- Awards ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000 (no preset # awards)
- Funds provided to grantees in upfront installments, according to tax ID status and/or annual operating budget (2 payments of 50% of award, 3 payments of 33.33% of award, or 4 payments of 25% of award)

AWARD DETAILS – USE OF FUNDS

Funds CAN Be Used For...

- Any reasonable program or project purposes, including...
- Personnel
 - Travel
 - Supplies
 - Services
 - Program or event space
 - Capital expenses (excluding any item over \$5k, building construction projects, automobiles)

Funds CANNOT Be Used For...

- Lobbying
- Clinical care
- Research requiring Institutional Review Board approval
- Any single item over \$5k
- Automobiles
- Building a construction project
- Generating sales or profits

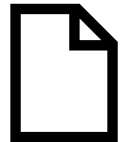
AWARD DETAILS – AWARD EXPECTATIONS



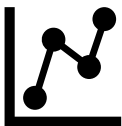
- Paperwork – signed Terms of Award, Tax Form W-9, Electronic Funds Transfer Form (preferably) and an up to date project budget



- Monthly invoices and expense documentation



- Simple monthly narrative reporting and a final Emergent Learning After Action Review document



- Short-term outcome(s) and outcome indicator(s) – support provided
- **OPTIONAL:** Opportunities to share your work and support and learning opportunities

APPLYING: SELECTION PROCESS & REVIEW CRITERIA

Process	Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed by residents from the district (not paid to represent any organization or group applying to funds)• Proposal impact prioritized over application grammar/polish• Anonymous review (names removed from apps)• Consideration given to geographic equity and if/how decisions may replicate injustice and harm• Scores and decision discussions based around clear criteria	<p>Reviewers will prioritize funding proposals that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance health equity• Benefit people with lived experience w/ inequities• Include strategies to build capacity and make systems change• Support meaningful interactions w/ residents• Were identified by/with populations served• Provide resources to people and groups previously excluded from similar funding• Align/coordinate w/ other efforts• Are likely to have sustained impact• Fit within project guidelines

APPLYING: METHODS, FORMATS & SUBMISSIONS

Applications will be accepted in different formats so long as they respond to all of the application questions and include a budget. Accepted formats include:

- Online Google Form
- Word Document
- PowerPoint (no more than 15 slides) or Video (no more than 15 minutes)
- Verbal Responses

Submissions due by Friday, November 4th at 5 pm – can be sent to kburch@sevca.org
Decisions made by Friday, November 18th

Note: We work closely with the UVCHEP and may discuss your application with them if we believe it is to your benefit

QUESTIONS?



CONTACT INFORMATION & THANK YOU

If you have any questions, reach out to me:

kburch@sevca.org or 800-464-9951 ext. 1107

If you'd like to schedule a time for application support:

calendly.com/kelseaburch/45min

Slides/video from today's session available on SEVCA's website: [SEVCA.org](https://sevca.org)

Thank you for joining us today! We look forward to your applications!