



THE GREATER SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP

IS SEEKING TO FUND PROPOSALS THAT ADDRESS

*Stigma as a barrier to access and a harm to
mental health*

THE CHALLENGE:

Stigma is a major barrier to wellness for residents, preventing many, including those with substance use disorder (SUD) and those experiencing mental health challenges, from accessing vital services and opportunities. Stigma is also harming many residents' mental health, leading to feelings of isolation. These experiences are most severe for our most marginalized and underserved community members.

THE ASPIRATION:

Greater Springfield will be a thriving community where all members are valued, respected, supported, healthy, hopeful, and have a sense of belonging and connection. Everyone will know how, where, and be able to access what they need, with dignity, free of shame or blame.

THE ROOT CAUSES:

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

More information on the challenge available [here](#).

AVAILABLE FUNDS, ELIGIBILITY, & TIMEFRAME:

Awards ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000

Anyone with a plan to address the root causes of the challenge and a tax ID can apply. This includes: individuals, community groups, nonprofits, businesses, and more.

Applications due: November 4, 2022.

Applicants notified of decisions: November 18, 2022.

Project completion: May 2023

Who are we?

The Greater Springfield Community Health Equity Partnership is a collaborative of community members, leaders, and social and medical service providers, from and serving towns in the Springfield Health District.

What are we doing to make this process equitable and accessible?

- Upfront payment installments to grantees
- Simple eligibility requirements
- Short and simple application & reporting
- Multiple options & formats for applying
- Opportunities for application support
- Community member application reviewers



Want more info? Available [here](#).

Ready to apply? Application [here](#) (see above for other options)

Have questions or need support applying? Contact Kelsea Burch:

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