

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING (CCB)

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Abstract:

The aim of this project is to identify a cadre of Grass Roots (GR's), Faith Based (FBO's) and Community Based Organizations (CBO'S) that would benefit from a pilot training program developed to prepare community organizations (from within) to develop collaborative engagement partnerships to successfully pursue grant funding by better understanding the components and the requirements of completing successful collaborative grant applications.

Office of University-Community Partnerships (OUCP)/Center for Health Equity and Community Engagement (CHECE) will fund five seeds grants to help grantees establish the foundation to seek a full funding opportunity.

Primary Stakeholders:

- The Office of University-Community Partnerships RU-N
- The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs
- Faculty Members
- Student Interns

Key Steps/Activities:

OUCP/CHECE will fund five seed grants to help grantees establish the foundation to seek competitive funding opportunities. The initiative's core structure would rely on participant attendance and participation in workshops and training sessions and the ability to be a collaborate in a team environment. (OUCP)/CHECE would be responsible for managing the programs framework. The program's framework would consist of pairing Rutgers University-Newark (RU-N)resources i.e., faculty, staff & student interns with a community partner. Once paired, each team would consist of 3-4 individuals, 1-2 representatives from the community organization, a faculty advisor, and a student intern. After the community partners complete the workshops and training sessions, the teams will convene together to identify a need within the organization or community and submit a competitive grant application.

Effectiveness Measures:

Individuals who complete the CCB Pilot Training Program will :

- Demonstrate Grant Seeking Readiness
- Be able to identify effective strategies for partnership building by way of the Transdisciplinary Integrated Community Engagement Model (TICEM)
- Demonstrate Grant Writing Skill Acquisition
- Obtain Funding for a State Funded or Foundation Grant

Proposed Timeline:

Implementation of the CCB Pilot Training Program will begin with participant and workshop leader recruitment September 2022

Phase 1

Workshop Sessions October – December 2022

Phase 2

Team Grant Writing Period January - June 2023

Communication/Engagement:

OUCP will coordinate the initial internal meetings with The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, RU-N faculty/staff members and student Interns. This group of individual will than be recognized as the CCB Internal Team. The team will be divided to work with specific organization during phase 2 of the project.

Current Status/Future Directions:

The CCB Pilot Training Program is currently in the planning phase. Items such as developing the curriculum, exploring potential workshop leaders and designing evaluation tools of the program's implementations and outcomes is the immediate task at hand. Throughout summer 2022 we will begin developing the evaluation tools such as pre and post program surveys and pre-program interviews.

Lastly upon completion of the CCB Pilot Training Program an analysis of the effectiveness of the program will be conducted and recommendations will be provided for future planning.