

Healthy Youth, Healthy Community Grant Opportunity

Five racial equity grants of \$20,000 each are available to organizations led by Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) that support and work with BIPOC youth in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine or New Hampshire to help create a healthy and equitable community for all.

Applications due **February 1, 2021** via our Grant Partner Portal (link below).

Funding Overview

[Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation](#) will award a one-time grant of \$20,000 to five (5) nonprofit (501c3) BIPOC-led organizations that work primarily with BIPOC youth under 21. Funding is for a year-long project (new or ongoing) that youth design and implement to improve the overall health and racial equity of their community.

Grant funds will be used by and for BIPOC youth to create or enhance an existing project in any medium that they believe will make their community healthier.

Projects should respond to a community challenge identified by youth. Examples include:

- Helping to provide basic needs for community members – food, shelter, health services
- Creating job opportunities
- Fostering community partnerships for advocacy or social justice
- Designing an art installation, music event or other cultural opportunities

Youth must be supported by the grant recipient organization to actualize their ideas. Such support could include staff/volunteer guidance, facilities, materials, stipends, etc.

Guiding Principles:

Through this grant, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation wants to support engaging and advancing future leaders of underestimated communities and the health of these communities as **they** envision it.

The Foundation shares a belief with these young leaders that:

- Supports the unique differences and healthy well-being of BIPOC youth based on culture, ethnicity and race by addressing inequities that create barriers to opportunity.
- Supports youth development and recognizes them as an important part of their community.
- Encourages healthy gender inclusivity beyond the binary categories of male and female.
- Recognizes that advocacy, arts, creative engagement, culture, economic well-being, transportation, and safety are all part of creating a healthy community.
- Advocates on their own behalf to ensure they receive the resources necessary for the healthy development of all.

General Eligibility and Criteria

BIPOC-led *organizations serving predominantly BIPOC youth in CT, MA, ME or NH are eligible to apply. Successful applicant organizations will also work directly with BIPOC youth and have experience in:

- Elevating the ingenuity of BIPOC youth.
- Supporting and promoting the social justice advocacy of BIPOC youth.
- Facilitating healthy BIPOC communities.
- Increasing youth-based thought leadership and action in local communities.
- Reducing the inequitable impacts of [social determinants of health](#) for all communities, particularly BIPOC communities.

* BIPOC-led is defined as having a BIPOC Executive Director/President or Youth Program Director, the majority of Board of Directors is BIPOC, and/or organizations with a demonstrated history of meaningfully engaging and centering the experiences of BIPOC in their decision-making process.

Grant Application Deadline

February 1, 2021 via our Grant Partner Portal (link below)

How to Apply

Click [here to access](#) the Healthy Youth, Healthy Community short grant application (approximately 15 minutes)

Timeline

Proposal released	December 21, 2020
Proposal returned	February 1, 2021
Proposal reviews	February 2 – February 26, 2021
Awards	Week of March 1, 2021
Progress/Final Report (oral or written)	September 2021

What to Expect When you Work with Us

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation envisions this as a partnership. We want to work together, learn from each other, and help support you on this project.

This includes connecting regularly and providing feedback and answering questions about your project, as well as bringing together all of the funded organizations to share and learn from one another. Where possible, we will connect you with other leaders and mentors within our organization for development and leadership opportunities, and we will help provide visibility ideas to amplify your work.

Members of the Foundation staff will attend a progress report/presentation by your group to be scheduled for September 2021.

For any questions, please contact:

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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members”.
– Coretta Scott King