



**2023-2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT 33136—PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH EQUITY**

**AN INITIATIVE OF THE HEALTH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA-COMMUNITY ACADEMIC
COLLABORATIVE**

Important Dates

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| Request for Proposals Issued: | May 29, 2023 |
| Proposal Deadline: | June 30, 2023 5:00 PM via REDCap |
| Notification of Awards: | August 25, 2023 |
| Funding Period: | October 23, 2023 – October 31, 2024 |

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023-2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT 33136—PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH EQUITY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

The Health Foundation of South Florida Community-Academic Collaborative (HFSF-CAC) at the University of Miami (UM) is pleased to announce the Project 33136—Partnerships for Health Equity grant program. The HFSF-CAC offers this funding opportunity to support projects uniting academics and community stakeholders to address ongoing and emerging health and social issues. Projects should aim to break down barriers to health care access by providing evidence-based care to underserved individuals and communities across South Florida.

This project is funded by a grant from the Health Foundation of South Florida.

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PURPOSE

The Health Foundation of South Florida Community-Academic Collaborative (HFSF-CAC) will serve as a locus for robust, community-based, and data-driven research aimed at identifying and addressing health disparities in South Florida. The mission of the HFSF-CAC is to reduce health disparities in South Florida by identifying root causes of inequity and uniting the expertise of University of Miami (UM) researchers, physicians, and leaders with the in-depth knowledge and lived experience of key community stakeholders.

The HFSF-CAC supports Project 33136—Partnerships for Health Equity; this initiative will create a cohort of collaborative community-academic teams charged with developing and implementing data-driven, community-engaged projects to address health disparities and promote health equity. Collaborative teams will present their projects at an annual symposium. Anticipated project focus areas might include:

- increasing access to healthcare in underserved communities by identifying and breaking down barriers, building on the lived experience of community partners;
- addressing social determinants of health such as affordable housing, food security and nutrition, and high-quality early childhood care to increase family wellbeing;
- studying and developing solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change on health;
- and tackling persistent racism and discrimination that lead to inequitable health outcomes.

Projects proposed must address health equity issues identified in the symposium or listed focus area and use evidence-based approaches. Each team will include a UM faculty member(s), working in partnership with a local community organization, to develop and implement a data-driven project. Teams should engage with key stakeholders/affiliated organizations to inform and execute their projects. Further, teams should draw from local/state data and other relevant information which speak to health disparities and barriers to health equity in their target geography and population. Teams are encouraged to engage with HFSF-CAC leadership to discuss their proposals, health equity issue of interest, and available data and other information to inform their projects.

AWARD DETAILS AND CRITERIA

Each Team will receive \$75,000 to support its project; along with the support of a graduate student to collect information and provide research support services (\$17,500 per student, representing 50% of the students' annual stipends). Along with seed funding, each Team will receive:

- Mentoring and technical support from UM subject matter experts, faculty affiliates and community members as projects are developed/executed
- Access to the curated resources compiled through the Health Equity Toolkit
- Opportunities to leverage UM collaborating health systems (UHealth, Jackson) and research resources to integrate projects into existing healthcare delivery programs,

- leading to potential future widespread implementation and sustainability
- Use of the SCAN360 interactive website showing factors that drive cancer burden, and support from SCAN360 data science team to develop data-driven approaches/projects
- Support from UM centers on manuscript and grant development

At the project conclusion, each community partner will receive \$20,000 to implement the work developed in collaboration with the team. Each team will also receive \$5,000 to support publication costs and other costs related to dissemination.

REVIEW PROCESS

Interested faculty teams will apply to participate in this project through a robust selection process.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should focus on addressing health equity issues related to the focus areas and use evidence-based approaches. The application requests the following information:

- Information about the partnering organizations
- Goals of and rationale for proposed project
- Project details
- Evaluation plan
- Budget, including a budget justification for each budget item

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- A. How well does the proposal align with the grant award purpose –
 1. Does the proposal focus on addressing ongoing and emerging health and social issues in the 33136 zip code of the Health District of metro Miami-Dade County?
 2. Does the proposal focus on health disparities and/or health equity, including identifying disparate populations and evidence-based approaches/interventions to be implemented, or the social determinants of health?
 3. Does the proposal provide evidence to substantiate the chosen focus (based on geography, demographics, and population)?
- B. Description of affiliated organizations –
 1. Does the proposal provide a description of the affiliated organization?
 2. Are key stakeholders identified?
 3. What expertise do the affiliated organizations have that will ensure the project aims/objectives are met and measured?
 4. How will community input and engagement be ensured?
- C. Approach –

1. What is the approach?
2. What is the evidence-based intervention or guideline that will be addressed in the proposed project?
3. What prior efforts have the affiliated organizations made in this area?
4. How will the affiliated organizations leverage prior success to support the proposed work?
5. How will the target population/participants and target area (city, county) be identified?
6. How will community needs inform the project?
7. Is the proposed program feasible given the grant period, funding level, and other resources?

D. Evaluation plan –

1. What evaluation metrics will be used to determine success?
2. What is the proposed evaluation methodology?

E. Capacity –

1. Does the affiliated organization have the background and capacity to accomplish the proposed program?
2. What community relationships, faculty expertise, and research infrastructure will be leveraged to investigate and develop solutions for health issues facing residents?

F. Budget justification –

1. Is the budget appropriate and realistic for accomplishing the proposed goals?

Application details and submission requirements are found on REDCap.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2023, 5:00 PM

Budget

| Costs | |
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| Allowable | Not Allowed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies (including screening supplies) • Educational material • Honoraria • Local travel • Promotion expenses • Space rental for events • Postage • Research support services • Publication and dissemination costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of area travel or conference registration • Staff salaries • Clinical services |

If all funds are not used within one year, you can request a “no-cost extension” depending on the availability of future funding and progress during the funding period.

AWARDEE OBLIGATIONS

Awardees will be required to submit a six-month progress report and a final report at the end of the funding period. Awardees will be invited to present their ongoing projects at the 2024 HFSF-CAC Symposium, which will be hosted by the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in Miami, FL. Another symposium will be hosted in 2025. During this meeting, each CAC team will present a final report/progress report on their research project (depending on when funding was received and how far the research project has advanced).

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ATTACHMENTS: APPLICATION, BUDGET**APPLICATION FORM QUESTIONS****SECTION 1: Applicant Information**

- Contact Name:
- Mailing Address (Street, City, ZIP Code):
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

SECTION 2: Project Details

- Title:
- Target audience – Who do you plan to impact? [Character limit: 1000]:
- Goals – What do you plan to accomplish? [Character limit: 1000]:
- Project Plan – What do you plan to do? [Character limit: 1000]:
- Timeline – What do you plan to accomplish in the first six months (by April 26, 2024) and the second six months (by October 31, 2024) [Character limit: 1000]:
- Location - Where will the project take place? (e.g., name and address of all locations, if known):
- Evaluation - How will you measure or evaluate what you have accomplished? [Character limit: 1000]:
- Community Organization – Name of local community organization:
- Collaboration - How will this project implement a focused, evidence-based intervention to foster health equity as well as address ongoing and emerging health and social issues within the community? [Character limit: 1000]:

BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION: OCTOBER 23, 2023 – OCTOBER 31, 2024

| ITEM | JUSTIFICATION Explain how this item will be used and why it is needed. Include per item cost, if appropriate | AMOUNT (Estimates are OK) |
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TOTAL BUDGET: _____ (not to exceed \$75,000)

Food costs cannot exceed 20% of the total budget.