**University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)**  
**Office of Community Engagement to Advance Research and Community Health (CEARCH)**

**Community Health Connections Application**  
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**Purpose:** To identify community needs and generate ideas and create opportunities to promote community-driven, collaborative efforts to improve community health. The aim of this award is to build or sustain relationships between a community and the university or across communities on community-driven topics.

**Activities:** Community Health Connections funds may be used to support activities related to planning for community-directed research or examining health issues and goals of interest to the community, such as:
- Presentations and discussions about health research on topics of interest to the community
- Development of research or evaluation agendas for community health
- Fostering relationships between community and University researchers

*Funds may not be used to support ongoing service or program delivery.*

Past Community Health Connections projects have included:
- Community meetings and engagement to determine priorities for a health impact assessment
- Collecting and sharing environmental health data in a community newspaper
- Gathering community input on housing needs for families experiencing domestic violence

**Funding and timeline:** Up to $2,000 may be requested for projects of up to 12 months.

**Eligibility and Partnership:** Minnesota-based community organizations (e.g., non-profits, community clinics, neighborhood associations, tribal governments) may apply for Community Health Connections funding. Funding is also available for University researchers partnering with community organizations, or seeking community partners. CEARCH can help identify potential project partners, and Community Health Connections funds can be used to support initial meetings with potential partners.

**Due dates:** Applications are reviewed and awarded on a quarterly basis. Applicants for each quarterly review must be submitted by:
- First quarter: January 1
- Second quarter: April 1
- Third quarter: July 1
- Fourth quarter: October 1

If the above deadline falls on a weekend or Holiday, applications will be accepted until 5pm on the following business day. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions within 45 days of the quarterly submission deadlines.

**Review process:** Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of the CEARCH Council. Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating meaningful community involvement in planning.

**Reporting:** Award recipients are expected to submit a project report upon completion of their projects describing project activities, outcomes, feedback from participants, and next steps.

To submit an application, please visit: [https://z.umn.edu/healthconnections](https://z.umn.edu/healthconnections)

Contact cearch@umn.edu or 612-625-CTSI (2874) with questions.