

2022: Cycle 2

FUNDING INITIATIVE

Information session: May 25, 2022



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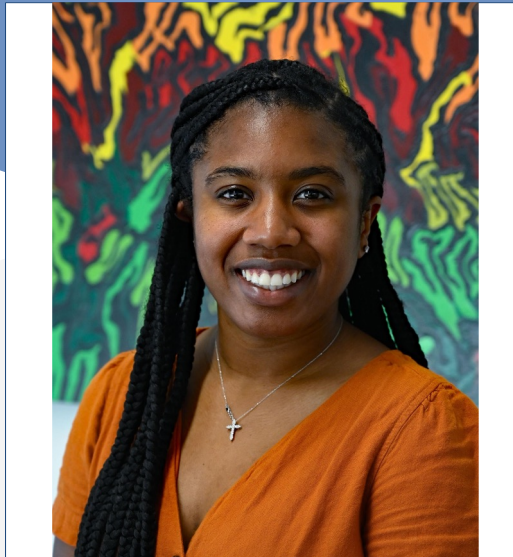
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Introduction

- Established through a state grant to the Rowan University / Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors to integrate the region's medical, educational, research and community assets for the benefit of residents in southern New Jersey
- Improve health and health equity in Southern New Jersey
- Focus on population health, population medicine, public health approaches
- Engaged with the community/community stakeholders



Values

Our values are central to our work.



COLLABORATION

We seek to actively listen, authentically connect and build partnerships that are mutually beneficial to improve health and health equity in the region.



INNOVATION

We approach population health and health equity focused data and projects with an open-mind and seek to explore new ideas that will have a sustainable impact.



IMPACT

We believe that southern New Jersey is a unique and valuable place to live and work. Our work focuses on making an impact that is inclusive and lasting.

Purpose

We serve as a hub for research collaboration, community connection and innovation that improves health and health equity in populations and communities across the region.

1

HEALTH EQUITY

Inaugural funding to reduce health disparities and advance health equity using an academic-community partnership approach

2

EXPAND RESEARCH

Expand research with community impact in the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic and Cape May

3

DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Focus on urban and rural issues

4

NEW IDEAS

An organized snapshot of relevant data

5

PARTNERSHIPS

Teams: New (less than 6 months);
Established (6 months or more);
Previous awardees; Larger Projects

Key Dates

This timeline provides an overview of key dates and deadlines.

KEY INDICATOR	ACTIVITY / PROJECT	DATE
Cycle 2 open	Cycle 2 RFP released	May 19, 2022
Application portal open	Access application	June 1, 2022
Brief Letter of Intent (LOI)	Submit on the portal	June 27, 2022 by 5 pm
Review of LOIs	By committee and staff	Completed by July 20, 2022
Applicants notified	Invited to participate in Sandbox Meeting	mid August 2022
Sandbox Meeting	Select LOIs invited to participate	October 14, 2022
Full proposal	Submitted based on feedback from meeting	November 18, 2022
Award decisions	Review by committee and staff	Mid December 2022
Funding released	Projects begin and continue for 12 months	Mid February 2023
Reporting	Internal reporting for all grantees	Quarterly 2023-2024
Final report	SJIPH to Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors	Summer 2024

Evaluation

Projects DO NOT need to identify all academic or community partners at the LOI stage. The Sandbox Meeting will provide opportunities for collaboration and refining the project idea.

FOCUS

What population does the project focus on?

CAPACITY

Does the project build community capacity?

DISPARITIES

Does the project serve to reduce health disparities or advancing health equity in the region?

DATA HUB

Does the project have the ability to share data?

PARTNERSHIP

Will the project generate new partnerships or strengthen existing partnerships for ongoing collaboration?

Review Process

Highest scoring projects will be invited to the Sandbox meeting in October.



REVIEW

All LOIs reviewed by SJIPH and submitted to reviewers



REVIEW TEAM

Reviewer team:

- 2 faculty from Rowan University,
- 2 faculty from Rutgers-Camden,
- 3 community stakeholders



SCORING CRITERIA

Scoring Categories/criteria (5-point scale):

- Project Idea
- Team
- Data Sharing Capacity
- Impact in the region (community & scholarly)
- Ongoing sustainability
- Budget

Budget

Funding for cycle 2 will consist of two distinct budgeting tracks:

1 Track 1

Will consist of up to 12 projects funded at \$25,000 for a total of up to \$300,000. All project teams are eligible for Track 1 funding.

2 Track 2

Will consist of up to 2-4 larger projects funded between \$50,000 - \$100,000 for a total of up to \$200,000. Only established project teams with preliminary data will be eligible for Track 2 funding. Established teams are teams that have worked together for 6 months or more.



Questions: Sandbox Meeting

What is the Sandbox meeting?

The Sandbox Meeting is for LOIs that have been selected by reviewers to advance to the next stage. These projects are deemed promising and the Sandbox meeting is intended to serve as a incubator for ideas and research partnerships.

Who is required to attend and will it be in-person?

Yes, every project must be represented at the Sandbox meeting by at least 1 team member. The event is anticipated to be in-person event at the Joint Health Sciences Center and all COVID-19 related state guidelines will be prioritized and followed.

Will invited projects require Rowan University and Rutgers-Camden researchers?

All projects will require academic (i.e., Rowan and Rutgers-Camden) and community partner. Priority will be given to projects that include both Rowan and Rutgers-Camden faculty collaborations and/or those that have academic partners from more than one institution.

Questions: Partners

Who counts as an academic partner?

Faculty (tenure-track and NTT), post-docs, staff, doctoral candidates (e.g. PhD, MD, DO, EdD)

What units are eligible as a required academic partner?

Rutgers-Camden, Rowan University, Rowan School of Medicine, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

Are there restriction on funds?

Allowable expenses include: percent effort for PI/Co-PI/project staff (no individual person receiving more than 20% of the grant), hourly student wages, supplies, materials, equipment, mileage reimbursement for study-related travel, travel for students to attend professional conferences, software, data analysis/evaluation.

Non-allowable costs to include: food (except as related to human-subjects research), equipment exceeding \$3000, and publication subvention.

There is a 10% indirect cost F&A cap as the funds for this initiative are New Jersey state government dollars.

Will data collected be required to be shared with SJIPH?

All projects require a data-sharing plan, but not all data collected are required to be shared.

What if I do not know a Rowan or Rutgers-Camden academic partner or individual?

Please look through websites for each university as a first step to identify potential partners. You can also email info@sjiph.org and our staff will do our best to identify potential partners at the universities that you can reach out to in order to explore your ideas. These are only suggestions.



Questions: Funding and Focus

Can this funding initiative support programs (as opposed to Research)?

Funding can support programs if there is a corresponding contribution to research or data supports the broader mission of the SJIPH.

Does my project have to be in Southern New Jersey?

Yes, all projects must focus on populations or individuals from at least one of the seven counties in the southern New Jersey region outlined.

If my project is invited to the Sandbox Meeting, what are my chances of being funded?

Our goal is to fund the majority of projects invited to the Sandbox Meeting provided their full proposals address funding criteria and priorities.

Can previous awardees apply again for Cycle 2?

Previous awardees are welcome to apply to Cycle 2 funding if the following two conditions are met: (1) The Cycle 2 project must be distinct and different from the Cycle 1 project; (2) Teams must demonstrate significant progress on their Cycle 1 projects.

Questions: Misc.

- ***Is the funding for this initiative from federal or state government dollars? If so, are there restrictions/requirements tied to that government agency that applicants should consider?***

The funds for this initiative are New Jersey state government dollars. There is a 10% indirect cost cap.

- ***Are there names of previous grant award winners and the projects they submitted?***

Please see our newly relaunched website for Cycle 1 grant award winners and projects. www.sjiph.org

- ***Does this initiative intend to focus exclusively on research at this stage or would there be an opportunity to fund application-based initiatives that align with the Institute's mission?***

This initiative is looking for projects that engage community stakeholders and academic partners. While this opportunity is open to application-based or programmatic initiatives, there should be a research question and data that can be generated that could advance understanding and exploration of a health-related issue.

- ***Are there health issues the funder is prioritizing?***

No, at this stage all health issues and ideas are welcomed for this initiative as long as it meets the criteria outlined in the LOI. There are no restrictions on type of health issue.

Q&A

Questions can also be submitted to:

info@sjiph.org





Questions & Answers Cont.

- ***How will the collaboration criterion be evaluated if all partners are not identified?***

This funding call is open to NEW and ESTABLISHED teams to encourage all to apply and share project ideas. The project idea and impact will be weighted more heavily than the collaboration criteria for new partnerships or not yet formed partnership.

We recognized in this funding initiative that all projects may not have all of the partners determined, but have ideas that are potentially fundable and that the desire to assemble the right team may take more time and support.

LOI project ideas that are selected for the Sandbox meeting, will have the opportunity to develop their ideas and partnerships further. NEW and ESTABLISHED teams will be evaluated in separate applicant pools.

- ***Are health systems eligible to serve as community partners?***

Yes, health systems are welcomed to serve as community partners for this funding initiative.

Questions & Answers Cont.

- ***On the SJIPH website, there is a statement in the budgeting section that states "Projects that can identify matching funds and/or include in-kind support should be submitted". Please describe this in more detail.***

If you have current funding from another source and you would like the SJIPH funding to build on or expand the work that is already externally funded, then you are allowed to apply for this funding initiative and disclose your other funding sources. If there are in-kind dollars that are part of your project, you can also disclose that as well. Matching funds, in-kind, and other support are not required for this funding initiative and projects that include these types of support will be evaluated in the same way as all projects that do not have these supports.

- ***Are educational institutions (i.e., community colleges, other universities) other than Rutgers-Camden or Rowan University allowed to collaborate with the initiative?***

Yes, other educational institutions are open to be part of teams for this initiative. All final project proposals that will be funded will have identified Rowan University and Rutgers-Camden researchers as well as a community partner on the team. This state funding initiative is designed to enhance the collaboration between Rowan University and Rutgers-Camden and community stakeholders to advance health equity and reduce health disparities in southern NJ. All projects that include other institutions alongside these required partners are welcomed. All projects at the LOI stage do not have to have researchers from Rowan University and Rutgers-Camden identified before the June 27, 2022 deadline.



Questions & Answers Cont.

- ***I am part of a team that is already working together. For this project, we would like to double the number of partners to include new partners we haven't worked with before.***

We also want to launch a new program that has been piloted by one of the existing partners on a small scale. Are we a new partnership or an existing one?

If you have a working partnership and are looking to expand your partnership to add new partners for this funding initiative, your project would be considered an existing partnership.

Existing partnerships include any members of your team that have worked together for over 6 months (i.e., whether funded or not funded). New partnerships are partners who have been working together less than 6 months, have not been funded, or do not have all partners identified at the LOI stage.

Questions & Answers Cont.

- ***If projects are awarded at the full proposal stage, how will the funding flow between entities? Is the funding awarded to the academic institution, or to the community organization, or both (and if both, how)?***

The Rowan University/Rutgers Camden Board of Governors will oversee distribution of funds. Specific details regarding funding disbursement for each partner will be available at the Sandbox meeting on October 14, 2022.

- ***I am interested in this initiative, but do not have a specific project idea but would be open as an individual entity to share my contact information and skillset. Where do I submit my information?***

Yes, we are interested in gathering information from interested individuals, community agencies, etc. that may not have an idea but may want to be matched with another project. Please submit your information in our form that can be found [here](#).

- ***Can an individual researcher or community partner be a member of multiple projects at the LOI stage? Are there any limitations of how many faculty can work together on one project from Rowan and Rutgers-Camden?***

Yes, individual researchers and community partners/stakeholders can be part of multiple projects at the LOI stage. All ideas and projects are welcomed at this stage. Additionally, There are no limits on the number of faculty that can work together on a project. One lead faculty member from each institution will be identified along with a lead community stakeholder for all projects.



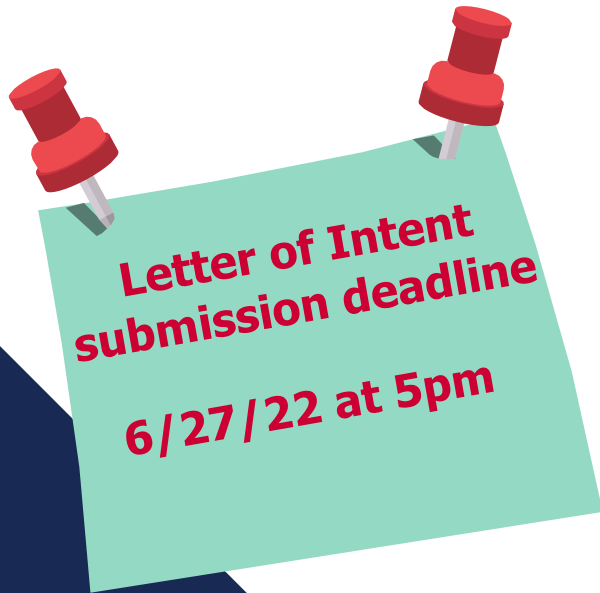
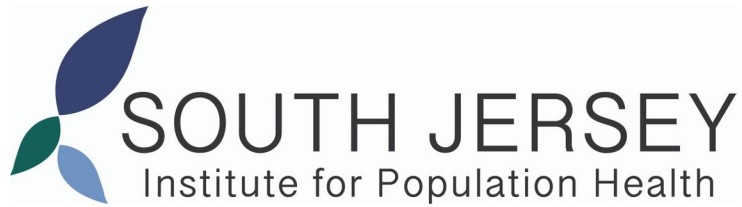
Questions & Answers Cont.

To be eligible for Track 2 funding, are we reading correctly that the team would have to consist of the same members of the team that received Cycle 1 funding?

You do not have to have the same team members as cycle 1 however your team must be an “established” team. Established means, you have worked together on previous projects for 6 months or more.

If the team that received Cycle 1 funding applies for Cycle 2 funding within Track 2, can the project have some crossover with the Cycle 1 project?

If you decide to apply with the same team as cycle 1, you can have some crossover but as indicated you need to have a different research question and the project can not be an extension of a cycle 1 project. The preliminary data can come from another source and you can use cycle 1 preliminary data if you have that available before the LOI is due on 6/27/22.



Thank you.
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