



Center for Community Health & Prevention's Office of Health Equity Research Request for Proposals: Pilot Studies in Health Equity

The Center for Community Health & Prevention's Office of Health Equity Research (OHER) is soliciting grant applications to support up to five health equity research pilot projects in community-identified research priority areas of: 1) safe and healthy housing, 2) prevention of mental health and substance use disorders, 3) prevention of gun violence, 4) prevention of re-incarceration, and 5) prevention and management of chronic disease.. All awards are eligible to be co-sponsored by the following University of Rochester units if they also focus on a priority area of the respective unit:

- [Environmental Health Sciences Center/Institute for Human Health and the Environment](#)
- [Aging Institute](#)
- [Department of Orthopaedics](#)
- Department of Neurology
- [Warner School of Education](#)

The award level is up to \$40,000 for one year per award. The goal of this pilot program is to fund novel collaborative research studies that will support future application for funding from NIH, PCORI, AHRQ, CDC, FDA, or other extramural sources. Collaborative projects that are solution-focused (i.e., interventions, evaluation, dissemination & implementation), incorporate multiple disciplines, involve community members/organizations, and/or focus on Indigenous, Latino, or LGBTQ+ Communities will be prioritized. Projects from emerging investigators who have had less extramural funding are encouraged. Awards will be based on scientific merit, innovation and responsiveness to this RFA.

One pilot will be funded in each of the five community-identified research priority areas. Full time UR faculty will qualify only once as a principal investigator and once as a co-investigator per award cycle, and may only hold a single OHER pilot award as a PI at any given time. In addition, OHER will co-fund one [Quality Institute](#) proposal and one Wilmot Cancer Institute Community Outreach and Engagement (COE) proposal, as they relate to the OHER mission and funds are available.

Proposal

Application is a two-step process. Step 1 consists of a one-page letter of intent (LOI) summarizing the proposed project and NIH format biosketches of the PI and Co-Is involved. The LOI should be submitted in a single PDF document using at least a font size of 11 point, ½ inch margin, single-spaced type. Proposals will be scored by a panel of experts and meritorious applications will be invited for a full submission.

Submission Timeline

Letters of intent are **due February 7**. Invitations for full submissions will be sent by **March 7**.

Full submissions (Instructions will be provided) will be due on **April 4**.

Anticipated start date for successful proposals: July 1, 2025.

Letters of intent should be submitted electronically at <https://redcap.link/2025OHERcfp> and questions can be addressed to ohcr@urmc.rochester.edu.