





New Jersey Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program

Round 4 Request for Proposals

Applicant Virtual Workshop

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025 &

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025







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ASL Interpreter

• ASL interpreters have been spotlighted for all users.

Cameras on for lip-reading

• All speakers will keep cameras on at all times for lip-reading

Q&A

- Please place any questions in the Q&A
- Please use chat only to contact John Gattuso or Andrea Lubin if you require assistance

Access Notes







Round 4 Workshop

Purpose

Provide participants with an overview of the IHC program

Provide participants with an overview of the IHC 4th Round Request for Proposals (RFP).

Answer questions that 4th Round applicants may have regarding the RFP process.

Important Notes

There are 2 identical workshops occurring: January 24 and January 30

Attendance is recommended for all partners but not mandatory

Meetings are being recorded and will be posted at: www.inclusivehealthycommunities.org/apply

IHC RFP can be found at: https://bit.ly/3Woae02

Supporting materials and a link to the application portal are available at:

www.inclusivehealthycommunities.org/apply



Agenda





Welcome and Introductions

Overview of IHC Grant Program

Summary of IHC Round 4 RFP

Orientation to Resources

Q&A

Introductions











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Overview of the IHC Grant Program







Access. Equity. Inclusion.

DDS Mission

DDS serves as the lead state agency representing the interests of individuals with disabilities by providing information and support to enhance health, education, employment, recreation and social engagement, while also ensuring representation in policy and decision-making.

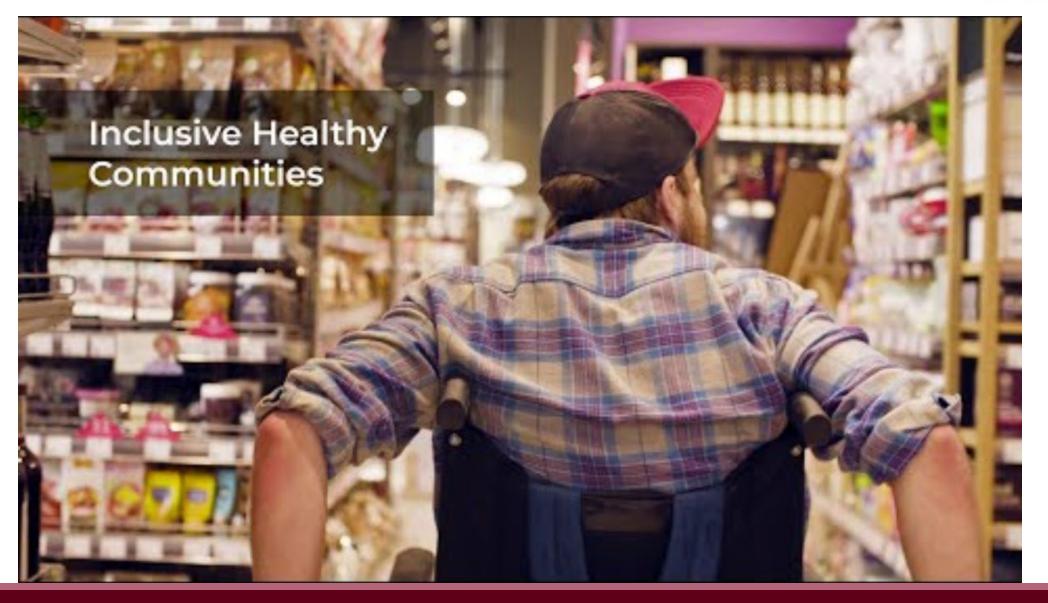
Goals

- Increase visibility
- Expand our reach
- Ensure a seat at every table: "Nothing without us!"
- Advance employment & health equity















IHC Stats

First awarded in 2021

41 grant awards

31 unique lead grantees

Have kickstarted new partnerships and movements beyond IHC



(Photo credit: City Green, Cohort 1)







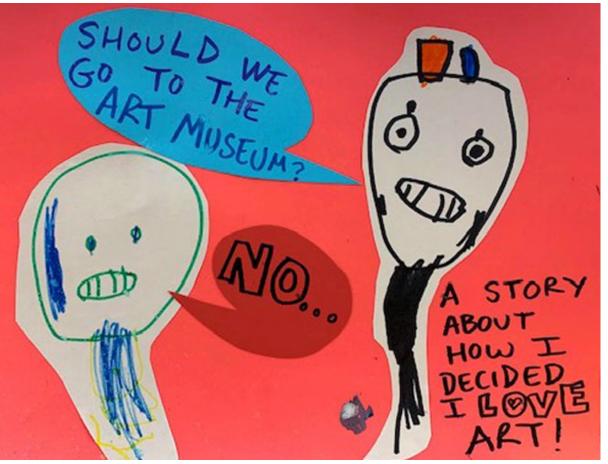
IHC Essentials

Referred to as "**initiatives**" because they are meant to create sustainable, longterm change

Focus on **policies**, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes to address disparities in the social determinants of health

Involve cross-sectoral partnerships focused on meaningful inclusion

Grantees engage in capacity-building activities and receive technical assistance in support of their initiatives



(Photo credit: Young Audiences, Cohorts 2 & 3)



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IHC Orientation

Vision

The Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program vision is to advance New Jersey as a national leader in embodying the ideals of true and universal inclusion, where people with disabilities enjoy opportunities to lead full, healthy, and meaningful lives free from stigma and barriers. Through innovative and lasting solutions developed with the leadership of people with disabilities and supported by crosssectoral partnerships, New Jersey will serve as a beacon to inspire other states to tackle inequities in the social and structural determinants of health by prioritizing intersectional disability justice within their own communities.

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The mission of the Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program is to advance initiatives that seek to address unjust societal systems that cause and exacerbate disparities in health and wellbeing among people with disabilities. By centering the expertise of people with lived experiences of disabilities, creating a cross-sectoral community of practice united toward universal inclusion, and targeting changes to policies, systems, and environments, IHC initiatives work to ensure sustainable, meaningful change toward the development of fully inclusive healthy communities throughout New Jersey and beyond.







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IHC Guiding Principles

Inclusive Healthy Communities NJ Division of Disability Services











Why IHC Targets Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change

Summary of IHC Round 4 Request for Proposals











Overview

- 1. Who's eligible:
 - County or municipal government entity, including local and county authorities
 - An organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status at the time of application
- 2. Funding level:
 - Up to \$3.5 million
 - Grants not to exceed \$250K over 24 months with \$125K for each of 2 years
- 3. Grant period: 24 months Anticipated July 1, 2025 June 30, 2027







Allowable Costs

Salaries and fringe benefits

Strategic planning consultation services and data collection

Stakeholder engagement consultation services

Training and facilitation

Provision of direct services

In-state travel

Business meeting costs

Translation services, including American Sign Language

Services and supplies to facilitate engagement of people with disabilities

Community planning and capital investment design

Equipment purchase(s)

Capital improvements that are in direct service to the proposed program or activity. For the IHC Grant Program, allowable capital improvements include those that are permanent installations on property that increase the capital value or useful life of the property.







Application Requirements

- 1. Applicant MUST submit Letter of Intent
- 2. Applicant MUST use online application process
- 3. All fields and uploads are required!

New IHC Application Portal

Inclusive Healthy Communities NJ Division of Disability Services



IHC Application Portal



Welcome to the IHC Application Portal!

To begin your application process, please register below.



Upload Letter of Intent (LOI) by February 14 at 5 pm ET

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Dashboard

If you require technical support, please contact ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu

Letter of Intent Submission ends: 2/14/2025, 5:00:00 PM

21 Days 07 Hours 33 Minutes 24 Seconds

Application Submission ends: 3/7/2025, 5:00:00 PM

42 Days 07 Hours 33 Minutes 24 Seconds

Please upload your Letter of Intent (LOI). Upon completion, the rest of the application will become available.

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Documents Available to Assist in Preparation





Word doc for preparation for questions you will answer in text boxes within the application portal

Budget template required for submitting the budget, and instructions for use

<u>Checklist</u> of all of the documents you must submit for your application to be considered complete







Grantee Requirements

If your proposal is selected to receive an award, you must:

- Submit all additional paperwork outlined in the RFP in a timely fashion
- Submit quarterly progress reports throughout the grant period
- Meet remotely with the Bloustein Administrative Team on a quarterly basis
- Participate in capacity building activities
 - Self-directed
 - Provided by the Bloustein Administrative Team
- Engage in activities essential to developing a community of practice with other cohort members
- Participate in an evaluation study







Capacity Building/Community of Practice Activities

In-person convening in July, 2025

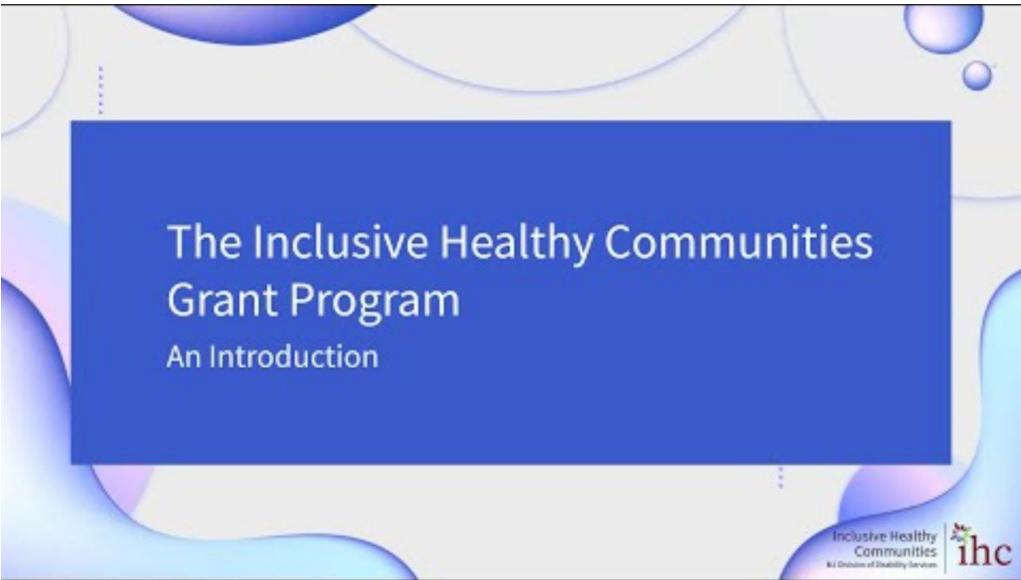
IHC Training Webinars

Virtual Grantee Gathering Workshops











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Tips for a Strong Application

- 1. Carefully read and understand the RFP
- 2. Utilize the IHC web resources, including the Disability Profile Snapshot Tool and IHC Training Webinars and information about previously funded IHC initiatives
- 3. Consider full costs of the initiative including:
 - Potentially attending annual in-person convenings
 - Providing ASL and other accessibility services
 - Space rental if your facilities include barriers for people with disabilities
 - $\circ~$ Staff timing to participate in the development of capacity and community of practice
- 4. Ensure your proposal aligns with the IHC Guiding Principles
- 5. Identify PSE Outcomes
- 6. Discuss sustainability of your initiative beyond the period of the grant







Tips for a Strong Application (continued)

- 7. Tell a clear, logical story
 - The solution you are proposing should flow from the problem you've presented
 - Include who, what, where, when, why, and how
 - Tell us how you will measure success
- 8. Highlight the role of people with disabilities within your initiative
- 9. Target systems of power, now workarounds that leave oppressive systems intact

* A scoring advantage will be given to proposals which specify lead organizations who have not acted as lead organizations for previously funded IHC initiatives.

Criteria	# of Points
Alignment with IHC Principles	30
Alignment with IHC program priorities	10
Scope and work plan	20
Collaboration and Partnerships*	15
Budget	20
Communications	5







Important Deadlines

Letters of Intent must be submitted by 2/14/2025 at 5 pm ET

Applications must be submitted by **3/7/2025** at **5 pm** ET

Late applications and incomplete applications will **not** be reviewed.

We recommend you **submit** your applications at least **24 hours in advance** of the deadline.







Overview of the IHC Website

Begin your application at <u>www.inclusivehealthycommunities.org/apply</u>









Grant administrative staff cannot answer substantive questions about your specific grant proposals.

For questions about the Request for Proposals, email your questions to: <u>ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu</u>



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