



## Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities Pilot Grants

### Info Session Q&A

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**1. Q: Do you have a sense of how many proposals will be funded?**

**A:** The number of awards is contingent on the amount of funding availability. We don't have a number at this time.

**2. Q: If fellows will be transitioning from faculty in July 2021, can they apply?**

**A:** Yes, but before we can release the funds, we would need a confirmation of your appointment status, at the Instructor level or above, and a letter from your department stating this transition is in process.

**3. Q: How will you award funds to community partners?**

**A:** Community partners can be paid either through consultant payments or subcontract.

**4. Q: Do recipients receive the entire grant amount or a partial amount depending on their needs?**

**A:** If approved for funding, you will be granted the amount requested for your project. When preparing the budget, be sure to identify all the costs necessary and reasonable for your project.

**5. Q: Any tips for resubmission?**

**A:** You are welcome to resubmit your application one more time for one more cycle. We encourage you to take a good look at the comments provided by the reviewers. If the comments are not clear, you can send an email to Dr. Anisha Patel or Dr. Lisa Chamberlain and Cc: Kim Stern and we can review it with you and answer any questions.

**6. Q: Do you have any guidance about how much of the budget you recommend going to support the community partner?**

**A:** It depends on the role of the community partner. You want to make sure you compensate them for the amount of time they are actually participating on the grant application. It's a good opportunity for you to have that conversation with your community partner and understand your needs as well as their needs and calculate the number of hours for them as we would for any other investigator.

**7. Q: Is there priority given to projects that include, for example, interventions vs. epidemiological studies, or qualitative vs. quantitative?**

**A:** No, we are interested in compiling questions and moving every agenda forward from description to action. If you need qualitative expertise, be sure to build that into your team, and the same for quantitative expertise. We will look for that in the team and what the qualifications are because we want to have confidence on what we are funding. We are open to all approaches.

8. **Q:** On the website, it states that for resubmissions we should meet with a Reviewer- is this still something you would suggest? If so, how can we facilitate this?

**A:** The MCHRI administration can facilitate this. If you submitted in the application last cycle, you can email us at [mchri\\_admin@stanford.edu](mailto:mchri_admin@stanford.edu) and we will set up a meeting with one of the reviewers.

9. **Q:** It sounds like the max award amount per project is \$35K - assuming that the awarded is granted based on need. Is there a minimum amount, or average amount that has been awarded in the past?

**A:** There is no an average amount but the maximum amount of the award is \$35,000. You will need to identify all the costs you think are necessary to complete the project. If you only need \$20,000 and are approved for funding, that is what you will receive.

10. **Q:** Can this grant compliment pending funding? If the funding is still pending and the application went in, but there is a segment that has not been addressed in that application, would it be appropriate to think of this funding mechanism for that? For example, if we wanted to expand the age group to a younger age group. Or, knowing that the other funding is not set yet, would it be better hold off and wait for future cycles?

**A:** The reality is that we never know when funding might come through for what you've already submitted. But, if your topic area fits within the priorities of this research mechanism, you can go ahead and submit the application. We are happy to talk to you one on one about specific questions regarding your project.

If the MCHRI project has enough integrity to stand on its own and could advance your work in another way or advance the field in another way then, yes. If it's totally dependent on the other project or would fall apart without the other project, then no. It should have a stand-alone capacity.

11. **Q:** With other grants it seems that 25% will go to overhead costs, is it the same for this grant as well?

**A:** The maximum ISC charged on any of the MCHRI grants is 8%. MCHRI is charged 8% ISC on all gift funds, which is the source of these funds.