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**CALL FOR POLICY AND SYSTEMS CHANGES FOR IMPROVED HEALTH**

*SAMPLE APPLICATION*

***AHW is pleased to provide this sample application for applicant planning purposes. Please use this sample application as a guide to prepare your responses for the official application form, found on the AHW website. When filling out the online application, you will not be able to save your submission and return at a later date to finish.***

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# Stage 1 Application

*Stage 1 Application is required before an invitation to submit a full proposal can be made.* ***The deadline for submission is July 1, 2019 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST.*** *AHW will confirm receipt via email to the primary community and academic partners. Following review, select applicants will be invited to move to Stage 2 of the application process.*

# Award Information

Award Title (maximum 100 characters, including spaces):

Award Budget

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| Total Amount Requested: | $ |
| Amount for Academic partner: |  |
| Amount for Community partner: |  |
| Start Date: | January 1, 2020 |
| Duration of Funding (years): |  |
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**Use of Funds** - provide a brief description of how the proposed award budget will be used *(maximum 1,000 characters, including spaces)*

**Goal/Change Statement** - brief statement describing the goal of the proposed systems and policy change, the community and need, and desired outcome for population (maximum 255 characters, including spaces)

# Project Partner Information

**Primary Community Partner –** Projects must designate one (1) eligible primary community partner organization to serve as the fiscal agent for the project. Identify one (1) contact person at the primary community partner organization who will share responsibility with the primary MCW School of Medicine academic partner of transferring all communications, notifications and instructions from AHW to all members of the partnership and will be responsible for the fiduciary and reporting requirements on behalf of the larger partnership. See full RFA for eligibility requirements.

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| Organization Name: |  |
| Contact Name: | Title: |
| Email: | Organization Website: |
| Phone Number: |  |

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| Type of organization:  Non-profit organization (*check the applicable type below*):  health, social service or other community-based organization  faith-based organization  private university or school  other (specify): | **or** | Government organization (*check the applicable type below*)  state or local government  tribal organization  public university or school  other (specify): |

**Primary MCW School of Medicine Academic Partner** – Projects must designate one (1) eligible primary MCW School of Medicine academic partner. Collaboration among partners is expected, but responsibility for reporting the administrative and budgetary aspects of the project to AHW lies with the primary partners. The primary partners share the responsibility of transferring all communications, notifications and instructions from AHW to all members of the partnership.

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| Name: |  |
| MCW Department: | MCW Division: |
| Phone Number: | Email: |
| MCW Standing: |  |
| Full-time faculty | Full-professional effort status |
| Part-time faculty | Full-time MCW academic staff |

For academic staff, an eligible MCW faculty must approve the staff person’s participation on this project and provide oversight throughout the award period. Indicate the MCW faculty member:

Name:

MCW Department:       Email:

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| **Collaborators(s):** Key players from the sectors driving the system, as well as those impacted by the system, must work collaboratively, sharing power, responsibility, and engagement. By bringing these partners together the various sectors, levers and pieces of a system can be truly understood and mapped to identify what is moveable. Please identify project collaborators. | | |
| Name: | Organization: | Role (leader, facilitator, partner) |
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# AHW Five-Year Plan Emphasis Areas

**Focus Areas:** AHW recognizes that the health issues threatening Wisconsin’s communities are complex, interrelated, and multi-faceted. While AHW will continue to support partners in responding to emerging health needs and opportunities, the bulk of its portfolio will be focused around three signature health areas. **Select the primary area of emphasis for this project (select one)**.

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| **Improving Heart Health**  Advancing cardiovascular health by seeking solutions across genetic and biologic factors, health behaviors and the socioeconomic conditions that lead to poor heart health outcomes | **Supporting Healthy Minds**  Advancing brain and behavioral health by seeking solutions across brain conditions, diseases and injuries, as well as the emotions, behaviors and biology of mental wellness and substance use | **Dismantling Cancer**  Advancing improvements in cancer by seeking solutions that improve understanding, prevention, and survival in the fight against cancer and its causes | **All**  Advances all three health focus areas |

If applicable, select additional focus areas(s): (select all that apply)

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| **Improving Heart Health** | **Supporting Healthy Minds** | **Dismantling Cancer** |

Please describe how the proposed work addresses each of the selected AHW focus areas: (up to 2,000 characters, including spaces)

**Determinants of Health:** AHW recognizes that determinants of health are the contributing and risk factors that lead to increased risk for disease, disability, and death within each focus area. While there are many different definitions of determinants of health, AHW is guided by three broad categories of determinants. **Select the primary area of emphasis for this project (select one).**

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| Biological and Genetic  Factors  Including areas such as:   * Genetic makeup (chromosomal, single-gene) * Physical body structure (age, weight) * Bodily function (blood pressure, biochemical function) | Health Behaviors and Health Care Factors  Including areas such as:   * Diet, physical activity, alcohol / tobacco and other drug use, sexual activity * Policies that impact individual and population health * Health services, such as access to and quality of care | Social, Economic and Environmental Factors  Including areas such as:   * Availability of resources to meet daily needs, such as living wage and healthy foods * Social supports and interactions * Public safety * Exposure to toxic substances and physical hazards * Social norms and attitudes, such as discrimination * Exposure to crime, violence and social disorder * Quality schools * Housing, homes and neighborhoods |

If applicable, select additional areas(s) of emphasis for this project: (Select all that apply)

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| Biological and Genetic  Factors | Health Behaviors and Health Care Factors | Social, Economic and Environmental Factors |

Please describe how the proposed work addresses each of the determinant of health areas: (Up to 2,000 characters, including spaces)

**System Declaration:** A system is any type of entity that is made up of parts that interact. Together these parts and their interconnections create a whole and produce their own pattern of behavior over time, which in turn produces some kind of result. A system is typically a social system such as education, housing, or health care.

What system(s) will be changed? (max 100 characters including spaces)

**Geographic Area Impacted** – *choose the area that best reflects the project’s primary geographic activity area:*

Statewide  
 Rural – list the **primary** counties:   
 Urban – list the **primary** counties:

# Narrative Questions

The questions below are designed to allow partnerships to describe their proposed policy and systems change and how it aligns with AHW’s principles, the Community-Academic Partnership Model, and criteria outlined in the call. Please limit responses to a maximum 3,000 characters per question, including spaces.

1. Describe the need for change by explaining the targeted system intended to be changed. What is the gap or problem this partnership is trying to solve? Identify the change to status quo that will occur (i.e. the regulations, rules, priorities, protocols or practices within and/or across the organizations and communities that will be changed).

1. Describe the sector players that interact with the system. Describe the quality of connections and communication occurring among actors in the system, especially among those with differing histories and viewpoints. Describe the power dynamics, or the distribution of decision-making power, authority, and both formal and informal influence among individuals and organizations involved. Describe additional partners needed, but not yet engaged.

1. What are the specific strategies and activities that will be used to achieve the change? What resources are needed? How will resource flows be altered to sustain the proposed change? What barriers are anticipated? How will the collaborative know it has succeeded in implementing the change?

1. How will the proposed change to the system improve health equity? How will it address a disparity? How are those most adversely impacted by the current system going to be engaged in the process of change? What will be the resulting population-level health impact?

1. How will the change be maintained? What is the mental model/narratives that will be changed across the system (i.e. habits of thought, deeply held beliefs and assumptions, and taken-for-granted ways of operating that influence how we think, what we do, and how we talk)?