



Collabor**ACTION** Grant Opportunity

Introduction

For more than twenty-five years, Heartland Foundation has provided funding for innovative projects aimed at improving the health of our region's population. These community projects repeatedly demonstrated that the overall health and quality of life benefit when the focus is on educational attainment and work skills development. These experiences led to the forming of a grassroots initiative called (e^2) education emPowers®. This initiative supports collaborative solutions designed to champion new innovations that impact education levels, character development, and/or workforce development. CollaborACTION Grant Funds are awarded to projects furthering this goal.

Criteria for CollaborACTION Grants

CollaborACTION Grants Projects or Initiatives must have the following components:

- Include two or more collaborative partners,
- Involve more than one community sector,
- Utilize a new approach to meet an education or workforce development need,
- Identify a targeted audience (i.e. Pre-K, K-12, workforce training programs, etc.),
- Develop an actionable pilot or prototype,
- Be replicable, and
- Engage a tax-exempt organization or public entity as the fiscal agent.

Ineligible Requests

Proposals that replicate existing programs will not be considered. This includes general operations, program continuation, new construction, endowment, debt reduction, projects that fall outside the intent of the program, or projects that duplicate a program unless a significant innovation is proposed.

Timeline

Guidelines will be accessible beginning October 8, 2018. Interested parties must pre-register and attend a briefing session to review eligibility guidelines prior to submission of an application. Applications will be sent out after attending a session. Call or email Dr. Sandra Pettit Weber at 816-271-7571 or sandra.pettitweber@heartlandfoundation.org for locations and to register to attend.

October 8	Application Announcement
November - December	Briefings (Call for additional information)
January 16, 2019	Applications Due <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be postmarked no later than January 16, or• dropped off at Heartland Foundation office no later than 4:00 p.m.
February (Date TBD)	Announcement of CollaborACTION awards

Timeline

Projects within the following counties only will be considered: In Missouri - Atchison, Andrew, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Platte, Ray, and Worth; or in Kansas - Atchison, Brown, and Doniphan.

Additional Information

Awardees are eligible to receive one-time funding for seed money, with an expected range of grant funds from \$5,000 to no more than \$50,000. All proposals must provide a 50:50 matching source (may include in-kind services) and a proposed sustainability plan.

Call 816-271-7571 to register to participate in a briefing to learn more about submitting a proposal.

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