

Housing & Health Innovation Grant

Grant Overview:

The Housing and Health Innovation Grant, funded by the Department of Housing, seeks to identify visionary projects that support high-quality, affordable, and accessible housing while simultaneously enhancing the health and well-being of Connecticut's communities. Project ideas should focus on advancing a healthier, more vibrant future for our communities through innovative thinking and statewide collaboration. Three awardees will be selected, who will together receive a total of **\$500,000**.

Objectives:

The Housing and Health Innovation Grant is designed to:

- Advance high-quality, affordable, and accessible housing options for CT residents, while also improving health outcomes within individuals, communities, or neighborhoods.
- Encourage partnerships and collaborations among diverse stakeholders to drive innovation at the intersection of housing and health.

Eligibility Criteria:

DOH welcomes applications from a wide range of individuals and groups, including but not limited to:

- Non-profit organizations
- Community associations
- Developers
- Hospitals
- Other stakeholders with a vested interest in improving housing and health outcomes

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Innovation:** The uniqueness and creativity of the proposed solution at the intersection of housing and health.
- **Impact:** The potential to drastically improve housing quality and public health outcomes in Connecticut.
- **Collaboration:** Cross-agency collaboration is a requirement for this grant. All applications should demonstrate partnerships across various agencies and sectors. Only organizations that work directly with CT residents will be eligible to apply. No third party organizations are eligible to apply.
- **Feasibility:** The practicality and sustainability of the proposed project beyond the funding term.
- **Integration of Housing and Health:** How well the project integrates housing and health solutions, and provides a comprehensive plan to track those outcomes.

Timeline

- **Phase 1:** Letter of Intent due **Friday, December 1st, 2023**
 - See DOH website for more information
- **Phase 2:** Full Application (Invitation Only)
 - Invitation to submit a comprehensive application with detailed project plans, budgets, and supporting documentation.
 - Detailed application instructions and templates will only be provided to selected applicants
- **Phase 3:** Pitch Off
 - Finalists will be invited to participate in a pitch competition, presenting their projects to a panel of judges.
 - Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the pitch competition.
 - **First** place team will receive **\$300,000**
 - **Second** place team will receive **\$150,000**
 - **Third** place team will receive **\$50,000**