



Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity

Request for Ideas (RFI) Information Session

2/15/24
11am-12pm



Agenda

- **Welcome**-please put your names and, if relevant, the organizations you represent
- **Overview**
- **CARHE Support**
- **Expectations of Selected Teams**
- **Eligibility**
- **Project Focus Areas**
- **Submission Process**
- **Key Dates**
- **Questions**

Overview

The [Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity \(CARHE\)](#) at Dartmouth Health seeks ideas for projects to improve health equity in rural northern New England communities within NH, VT, and ME.

Soliciting project ideas:

- with strong potential to reduce health inequities for people living in rural areas
- from groups interested in receiving project support from CARHE staff and partnering to expand learning and advance equity.
- CARHE will prioritize projects that address food and nutrition security and/or support for pregnant or postpartum populations. Other health equity project proposals will also be considered.
- Ideas could focus on improvement or expansion of an existing program or service, or development of new programs or services. Selected projects will receive project support from CARHE for a period of 9-15 months.

If you are interested in shorter term support, please complete a [brief partnership form](#) on our website.

CARHE Support

CARHE will partner with each selected team to understand their unique needs and create a plan for support. Support for selected projects may include, but is not limited to, the topics below:

- best practices to advance equity
- evaluation planning
- data collection, management, analysis and visualization (quantitative and qualitative)
- authentic engagement of community members, people receiving services, and people with lived experience

CARHE Support Continued

- communications and dissemination of successes and learning (e.g., via the CARHE newsletter, social media, annual CARHE Gathering, etc.)
- coordination of project team meetings
- development and/or coordination of trainings and workshops related to rural health equity
- support with identifying and applying for funding

CARHE can also help identify partners from research, education, health care, community services or other sectors, and make connections with students to support selected projects. CARHE staff can assist with additional project activities based on need and capacity.

Expectations of Selected Teams

- Work with CARHE staff at the start of the project period to identify project needs and develop a plan for CARHE project support, including meeting cadence with CARHE staff
- Work with CARHE to develop project materials that will be helpful to the success of the project (e.g. SMART goals, evaluation plan, plan for engagement of clients/consumers/patients, etc.)
- Work with CARHE to explore opportunities for researchers, clinicians, or students to partner with you on your project
- Complete and submit one interim progress report and a final report about the progress of the project and support from CARHE
- Participate in CARHE supported workshops and events as relevant
- Participate in 2-4 cross-project learning opportunities
- Be willing to share your project results so others can learn from your work

**It is a CARHE priority to be a good partner in this work. We look to project teams as the lead and will be as flexible as possible to support projects based on need and capacity*

Eligibility

We are seeking project ideas from non-profit and community-based organizations located in NH, VT, and ME. Projects must be completed in 9-15-months.

Project Focus Areas

Ideas must be aligned with [CARHE's Strategic Framework](#).

While all ideas aligned with this framework are welcome, we will prioritize project ideas that address inequalities in access to healthy food and nutrition and supportive systems of care for those who are pregnant or postpartum.

Other ideas will also be considered such as ideas that address the needs of specific groups of people who experience unjust health outcomes (LGBTQ, BIPOC, veterans, people with disabilities, older adults, among others); and/or geographic areas experiencing inequities.

** CARHE Strategic focus areas include:*

- *Address inequalities in access to healthy food and nutrition*
- *Improve access to safe and affordable housing*
- *Reduce transportation barriers and make it easier for people to get where they need to be*
- *Improve access to care for rural people with behavioral health needs including substance use disorder*
- *Provide a supportive system of care for those who are pregnant and postpartum in rural areas*

Strategic Framework

www.Dartmouth-Health.org/carhe

VISION

Our vision is that everyone living in rural communities has the chance to thrive, feel safe, and be welcomed.

MISSION

Our mission is to make sure that people in rural areas have the chance to live healthy lives, by learning and acting together in our rural communities.

VALUES

Commitment

Action

Respect

Humility

PRINCIPLES

Equity

Inclusivity

Shared Leadership

Co-Creation

Stewardship

Shared Learning

Transparency and Accountability

STRATEGIES

Act and Learn
Together as
Partners

Positively Impact
the Conditions
that Impact
Health

Improve Access
to Healthcare
Services

Submission Process

Submit your project idea by sending the following materials in a single file (Word or PDF), and a video file if choosing the video option, to carhe@hitchcock.org by **5:00pm on March 13, 2024**:

1. A 1-2 page abstract using template provided (see page 7) that includes the project title; applicant organization; name, title or role, email address, and phone number for lead person; key partners; one paragraph description of the project; and initial thoughts on what types of CARHE support you think would be helpful.
2. Project description: Information can be submitted in one of two ways: a 1-3 page written description (single spaced, 11 pt font) or 2) in a 1-3 minute video. Videos can be submitted as video files or YouTube links (please include video links in the abstract). Project descriptions should follow the instructions below.

Project Description Instructions and Scoring

- Project descriptions should fully answer each of the 7 questions listed, so please read carefully and respond. Let us know if you need clarity on any of the questions.
- The scoring criteria is listed below the questions so you have a sense of how much weight each question has during the review and selection process.

Key Dates

February 12, 2024: Partnership opportunity opens and is posted to our website: <https://www.dartmouth-health.org/carhe>

February 15, 2024: Information session (recording will be posted to our website)

February 16, 2024: We will post questions and responses to additional questions received at CARHE@hitchcock.org to our website <https://www.dartmouth-health.org/carhe>

March 13, 2024: Submit proposal by 5:00pm via email to CARHE@hitchcock.org

April 5, 2024: Selected projects receive notice of CARHE support

May 2024 – April 2025: Project period

Questions