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Vivian Walker, Grants Management Officer – CDC RFA DP11-1103
Department of Health and Human Services
CDC Procurement and Grants Office
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Dear Ms. Walker:

This correspondence serves as formal notification that the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, in collaboration with state and community partners, will submit an application to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Community Transformation funding. Information required in this Funding Opportunity Announcement and other pertinent information is below.

Lead Agency/ Application Type:	State of Connecticut Department of Public Health/State
Funding Opportunity Title:	Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grants
Agency Funding Opportunity Number:	CDC-RFA-DP11-1103PPHF11
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The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Department will allow the above information to be posted on a website accessible to all applicants.

The Department will be responding to the Capacity Building (Category A) component of this funding opportunity. Under this component, the Department will build capacity to address the five Strategic Directions in preparation for statewide implementation. In addition, the Department will pilot strategies in Strategic Directions 1 -3 prior to submission for Implementation funding. (See Appendix G for additional details)

On behalf Connecticut's partnering communities, we welcome this opportunity to further advance statewide efforts towards chronic disease prevention with an emphasis on reducing health disparities and inequities by transforming Connecticut's communities through policy, system, and environmental changes.

Sincerely,

Renee D. Coleman-Mitchell, M.P.H.,
Section Chief

Enclosure – Appendix G

LOI Strategic Directions and Strategies Checklist (Appendix G)

Instructions to applicants: Indicate which strategy/strategies you anticipate addressing in the Community Transformation Grants application from the following table. You may select multiple strategies; however recipients must utilize a minimum of 50% of resources provided through this FOA towards strategic directions 1, 2, and 3. This checklist will be used to facilitate planning the objective review process, but will not be used to limit the scope of strategic directions submitted in the final application. This checklist must be included in the Letter of Intent.

Strategic Direction 1: Tobacco Free Living Goal: Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use		
Strategies		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement evidence-based strategies to protect people from 2nd hand smoke. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase smoke-free multi-unit housing. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement evidence-based strategies to prevent and reduce tobacco use among youth and adults.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase types of outdoor venues where tobacco use is prohibited. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement smoke-free parks. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement smoke-free schools and campuses.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tobacco Free Living Innovative Proposals
Strategic Direction 2: Active Living and Healthy Eating Goals: Prevent and Reduce Obesity, Increase Physical Activity; Improve Nutrition in Accordance with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010		
Strategies		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase availability and affordability of healthful foods in institutional settings, workplaces, senior centers, and government facilities. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farm to Institution strategies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food procurement policies to increase access to low sodium options, decrease access to high sodium options. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase availability of fruits and vegetables to employees in their work places	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase accessibility, availability, affordability and identification of healthful foods in communities, including provision of full service grocery stores, farmers markets, small store initiatives, mobile vending carts, and restaurant initiatives <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carry more low-sodium and no-sodium options <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote healthy food and beverage availability and identification <input type="checkbox"/> Placement and promotion strategies Incentivize new grocery store development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Menu labeling support and promotion for restaurants not covered by federal law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve jurisdiction-wide nutrition, physical activity, and screen time policies and practices in early child care settings.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve nutrition quality of foods and beverages served or available in schools consistent with the Institute of Medicine’s Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase access to fruits and vegetables in schools. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease amount of sodium in foods in schools. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce access to competitive low nutrition foods and beverages. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure availability of plain, cold drinking water throughout the day at no cost to students. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve the quality and amount of physical education and physical activity in schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase the amount of time students spend in moderate or vigorous physical activity during physical education class. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase the total number of physical activity opportunities implemented at school facilities, including daily recess, intramurals/physical activity clubs, and walk or bicycle to and from school. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase number of public places (e.g. schools) accessible to the public for physical activity. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase policies and practices to support breastfeeding in health care, community, workplaces, and learning and childcare settings.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase the number of designated Baby-friendly hospitals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote purchase of fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods through incentives associated with food assistance programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active Living and Healthy Eating Innovative Strategies.
<input type="checkbox"/> Limit density of fast food outlets and other outlets featuring high calorie, high sodium, and low nutrition foods and encourage retail venues to provide access and availability to healthier foods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning: regulate the number of fast food restaurants in a given area. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide incentives to encourage existing stores or restaurants to provide healthier food options or to encourage the development of new retail venues that offer healthier foods. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase opportunities for physical activity in communities and workplaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community-wide campaigns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to facilities and places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint use agreements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flextime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stairwell modification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incentives 	
Strategic Direction 3: Increased Use of High Impact Quality Clinical Preventive Services		

Goals: **Increase control of high blood pressure and high cholesterol**; increase access to and demand for high impact quality preventive services.

Strategies

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to improve delivery of clinical preventive services, consistent with USPSTF recommendations.

Implement strategies to translate known interventions into usual clinical care to increase control of high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to increase delivery and use of treatment for tobacco use and dependence.

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to increase delivery and use brief intervention to reduce excessive alcohol use.

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to increase delivery and use of cancer screening services.

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to increase appropriate testing of HIV and STDs and linkages to care and prevention with positives.

Provide training and technical assistance to health care institutions, providers and provider organizations to effectively implement systems to increase recognition and enhance secondary prevention of chronic Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C infection.

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevent diabetes, especially in high risk populations. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase coverage, availability and use of the National Diabetes Prevention Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase preventive services for pregnant women with gestational diabetes or a history of gestational diabetes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase access to and use of school-based dental sealant programs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide outreach, including paid and earned media, to increase use of clinical preventive services by the population or population subgroups.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase coverage, availability and use of expedited partner therapy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve arthritis, asthma, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes outcomes with chronic disease self management training programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Preventive Services Innovative Interventions.		

Strategic Direction 4: Social and Emotional Wellness

Goals: Increase child and adolescent health and wellness, including social and emotional wellness.

Strategies

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote effective parenting practices.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement effective positive youth development and risk reduction approaches to improve adolescent health.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social and Emotional Wellness Innovative Interventions.
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Strategic Direction 5: Healthy and Safe Physical Environment

Goals: Increase bicycling and walking for transportation and pleasure; improve the community environment to support health.

Strategies

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase adoption of comprehensive approaches to improve community design to enhance walking and bicycling and active transportation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establish community design standards to make streets safe for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and users of public transit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase mixed use zoning and transit-oriented development.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establish community protocols to assess the impact of community changes on community health and wellbeing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Physical Environment Innovative Interventions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce alcohol retail outlet density and reduce illegal beverage service.
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- Change building codes and other important policies to increase safe and healthy homes.
 - Promote changes in community-level building codes to require all new construction to be radon-resistant
 - Promote changes in community-level property maintenance and other codes to improve indoor home environments by improving requirements for smoke-, CO, and radon-detectors in homes.
 - Promote changes in community-level property maintenance and other codes in home environments such as bathrooms and stairs to reduce injury risks.
 - Promote changes in private and public health care policies to provide reimbursement for asthma education and environmental trigger reduction through home visits.
 - Integrate healthy homes principles into home visiting program protocols.
 - Implement community wide campaigns that promote safe and healthy homes.