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**Important Dates:** 

Letter of Intent Due: April 1, 2021 Proposals Due: May 6, 2021

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### About the Iowa Cancer Consortium

The Iowa Cancer Consortium is a statewide nonprofit coalition of health care providers, public health professionals, caregivers, researchers, cancer survivors, volunteers and advocates working together to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa.

#### **Iowa Cancer Plan**

The <u>Iowa Cancer Plan</u> serves as a roadmap for cancer control efforts through 2022. Created by the Consortium, the plan provides an evidence-based blueprint that any Iowan can pick-up and implement to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa. The plan includes the following goals:

- Prevent cancer from occurring, whenever possible.
- Detect cancer at its earliest stages.
- Improve the accessibility, availability and quality of cancer treatment services and programs.
- Ensure the highest possible quality of life for all lowans affected by cancer.
- Identify and eliminate cancer health disparities.

Annually, the Iowa Cancer Consortium's Board of Directors invites Iowans to apply for funding to support public health programs and projects outlined within the Iowa Cancer Plan. In FY22, the organization will continue to focus on lessening the burden of cancer in all 99 counties.

The following programs and project areas will receive funding priority:

- Providing support for communities who bear the burden of both cancer and novel coronavirus.
- Identifying creative adjustments to cancer control practices for the mid-to-post COVID landscape.
- Addressing issues of systemic racism and inequities across the cancer continuum.

To read about successful previously funded grants, please visit our website (<a href="https://canceriowa.org/grants">https://canceriowa.org/grants</a>). Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Iowa Cancer Consortium staff to discuss project ideas and receive guidance. Contact: Rachel Schramm, Senior Outreach Specialist (schramm@canceriowa.org).



# **FY22 Invitation for Proposals**

#### **Background:**

In 2021, an estimated 18,900 new, invasive cancers will be diagnosed among lowa residents and an estimated 6,400 lowans will die from cancer. Cancer remains the second-leading cause of death in lowa, and each lowan has a role in reducing the state's cancer burden. The lowa Cancer Plan serves as a roadmap for the work that needs to be completed.

#### **Purpose:**

The Iowa Cancer Consortium Board of Directors intend to fund projects to support the work outlined in the <u>2018-2022 Iowa Cancer Plan</u>. The board has identified the following priority areas:

- Providing support for communities who bear the burden of both cancer and novel coronavirus.
- Identifying creative adjustments to cancer control practices for the mid-to-post COVID landscape.
- Addressing issues of systemic racism and inequities across the cancer continuum.

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to be members of the Iowa Cancer Consortium. Learn more about the benefits associated with being an Iowa Cancer Consortium member <a href="here">here</a>. If selected for funding, project coordinators will be required to join.

#### **Project Period:**

Project period is July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022.

#### **Award Amounts:**

Applicants may apply for a maximum \$25,000 per year in funding support through the Iowa Cancer Consortium. At this time, the Consortium is accepting both Single-Year and Multi-Year Applications. Multi-year applicants may request up to three years of funding (not to exceed \$25,000 per year and \$75,000 over a three-year period) and are subject to an annual renewal process. The total number and dollar amount of grant awards is dependent on funds available and the number and scope of proposals submitted.

#### **Use of Grant Funds**

Grant funds may be used for staff salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, project-related travel, and other direct project expenses. Grant funds may <u>not</u> be used to cover indirect costs (including administrative or overhead costs), for lobbying, to replace dollars currently earmarked for cancer programs, or for clinical care (including the provision of medication, vaccinations, and/or cancer treatment). Service delivery, including radon mitigation and cancer screening, will be reviewed on an individual basis.

#### **Project Reach**

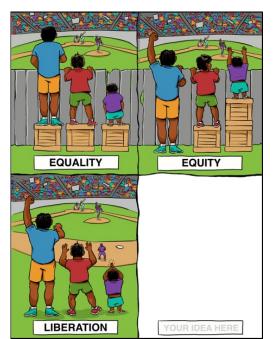
The overarching goal of the Iowa Cancer Plan is to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa. Throughout the proposal, applicants may define 'community' in a variety of ways. For many, the term 'community' takes on some form of geography – such as a specific neighborhood, zip code or census track, city, county, region or even statewide application. Similarly, applicants may also define their 'community' as a group, type of person(s) or special population. All approaches are welcome.

#### A Statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Diversity, equity and inclusion are critical components that align and shape the work our partnership does to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa. Using health equity as our guide, the Iowa Cancer Consortium believes access to health care and cancer outcomes should not depend on race, age, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, national origin, migratory status, ability, political affiliation, veteran status or socioeconomic background.

We believe that differences in backgrounds, ideas, thoughts, experiences, values and beliefs enrich our work and allow our partners to better meet the needs of lowans. Embracing differences makes us better learners, health providers, leaders, researchers, and teachers.

<u>Health Equity</u>: Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. It means obstacles to health (i.e. poverty, discrimination, racism and deep power imbalances) must be eliminated to reduce their negative consequences. This requires creating and sustaining a climate within our partner network where equity and mutual respect are intrinsic, and we attract and retain partners who feel comfortable contributing their unique wisdom, perspectives and experiences.



Inclusion: To be an inclusive organization requires our leadership, staff, and members to respect everyone, value differences, acknowledge the impact of differences and to capitalize on those differences by drawing on the intellectual strength that produces innovative solutions from the synergy of our partnership. Our aim is to foster a culture which every member and partner of the Iowa Cancer Consortium feels listened to, valued, supported and inspired to achieve individual and common goals.

#### **Exploring Health Equity:**

Many of us recognize the two-panel cartoon (to the left) to distinguish the concepts of equality and equity. While this image and others are useful, it is important to note that are

no images to perfectly illustrate health equity within a system. We would encourage all potential

applicants to research additional images and resources that speak to you and show the role of power, privilege and the built environment. To learn more, please visit the following webpages:

- Post from "Cultural Organizing" The problem with that equity vs. equality graphic you're using. <a href="https://culturalorganizing.org/the-problem-with-that-equity-vs-equality-graphic/">https://culturalorganizing.org/the-problem-with-that-equity-vs-equality-graphic/</a>
- #the4thbox Project: <a href="https://www.storybasedstrategy.org/the4thbox">https://www.storybasedstrategy.org/the4thbox</a>

For additional information on cancer in Iowa, read the <u>2021 Cancer in Iowa Report</u> focused on cancer differences by race/ethnicity, produced by the State Health Registry of Iowa/Iowa Cancer Registry.

#### **Evaluation**

All applications will be reviewed and scored by the Iowa Cancer Consortium's Board of Directors. View the rubric on our website, at https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022.

#### Monitoring

The Iowa Cancer Consortium works closely with grantees to ensure they have the tools they need to be successful and to maintain stewardship of state and federal grant funds. Grantees will be required to submit quarterly progress reports including a short grant narrative and financial update. Additional details and reporting dates will be shared with funded applicants upon award acceptance.

## How to Apply

Applications will be considered complete when all components have been submitted to Rachel Schramm (<a href="mailto:schramm@canceriowa.org">schramm@canceriowa.org</a>) by 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2021. All documents must be combined into a single PDF. Late applications will not be accepted.

#### **Checklist:**

- Letter of Intent is submitted to Rachel Schramm (<u>schramm@canceriowa.org</u>) by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2021.
- All projects must support the <u>lowa Cancer Plan</u>.
- Budget items are explained and totals are accurate.
- Letters of Support are included from all collaborators listed on the application.
- Resumes/CVs are included for each staff member if funding is requested for their time.
- Complete grant application is a single PDF.
- Complete application is submitted to Rachel Schramm (<u>schramm@canceriowa.org</u>) by 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2021.

#### **Additional Information about Specific Proposal Components:**

#### <u>Letter of Intent (LOI)</u>

All applicants must submit a simple letter of intent (LOI) outlining the proposed project. View an example LOI on our website: <a href="https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022">https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022</a>.

#### **Budget:**

All applicants must submit a proposed budget. View a sample budget and restrictions on our website: https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022.

#### Letter(s) of Support (LOS)

A letter of support is required for each collaborator listed on the application. View an example LOS on our website: <a href="https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022">https://canceriowa.org/grants/fy2022</a>.

#### **Support through the Application Process**

Support and technical assistance for this grant are provided by the Iowa Cancer Consortium. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Iowa Cancer Consortium staff to discuss or review their proposal. Making contact is not a requirement and your proposals won't be helped or hurt in the scoring process for having a pre-submission discussion (or not).

#### Staff Contact Information:

- Rachel Schramm, Senior Outreach Specialist (<u>schramm@canceriowa.org</u>)
- Kelly Wells Sittig, Executive Director (<u>sittig@canceriowa.org</u>)
- Kelly Rollins, Administrative and Financial Coordinator (rollins@canceriowa.org)
- Sloane Henry, Community Health Educator (<u>henry@canceriowa.org</u>)

#### **Key Dates:**

March 11	IFP Release
March 25	IFP Applicant Webinar @ noon
	Register: <a href="https://iowacancerconsortium.wildapricot.org/event-4210993">https://iowacancerconsortium.wildapricot.org/event-4210993</a>
April 1	Letter of Intent (LOI) Due @ 11:59 p.m.
May 6	IFP Applications Due @ 11:59 p.m.
June 29	Award Notification (tentative)
July 1	Project Period Starts
May 31	Project Period Ends

#### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schramm, Senior Outreach Specialist at the Iowa Cancer Consortium (schramm@canceriowa.org).

#### About the Iowa Cancer Consortium

The Iowa Cancer Consortium is a partnership of more than 450 health care providers, public health professionals, caregivers, researchers, cancer survivors, volunteers and other Iowans who work together to reduce the burden of cancer in our state. Through collaboration, the Consortium enhances partners' abilities to address cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and quality of life in Iowa.

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