



BOSTON CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

BCPH Public Health Grant Program

1. Purpose and Objectives

- **Purpose:** To support and encourage innovative public health projects and initiatives by BCPH members that address pressing health challenges and promote positive community impact.
- **Objectives:**
 - Provide financial assistance to members for impactful public health projects.
 - Encourage BCPH members to engage in community-based health initiatives.
 - Foster innovation and creativity in addressing public health issues.

2. Grant Criteria

- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be a BCPH Essential or Elite Member **for at least 6 months** prior to the application opening date.
 - Individual grant seekers must be BCPH members.
 - Group grant seekers must have at least 2 BCPH members.
 - Open to individuals or teams with a demonstrated commitment to public health.
- **Selection Criteria:**
 - **Project Relevance:** The project addresses a significant public health issue.
 - **Innovation:** The approach is creative and demonstrates innovative thinking.
 - **Impact:** Potential for positive impact on public health outcomes.
 - **Feasibility:** The project is realistic and achievable within the proposed timeline and budget. BCPH encourages projects that can be obtained within 6 months to 1 year of receipt of grant.
 - **Sustainability:** Plans for long-term impact and continuation beyond the grant period.
- **Judging Process:** Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria above, with each criterion receiving equal weight. A panel of judges will review and score each submission.

3. Grant Categories and Amounts

- **BCPH Essential Members:** Eligible for grants ranging from \$250 to \$500.
- **BCPH Elite Members:** Eligible for grants ranging from \$750 to \$1,500.

4. Application Process

- **Submission Requirements:**
 - Completed application form
 - Project proposal (including objectives, methodology, expected outcomes, and budget)
 - Statement of relevance to public health through the lenses of justice and equity
 - Timeline and project milestones
- **Format and Guidelines:**
 - Submissions must be in PDF format and not exceed 2,000 words.
 - Budget should be detailed and justified, showing how funds will be allocated.
- **Application Timeline:**
 - Opens: October 1, 2024
 - Closes: December 31, 2024

5. Judging Panel

- **Panel Composition:** A diverse group of experts in public health, including practitioners, academics, and previous grant winners.
- **Selection Process:** Judges will be selected based on their expertise and experience in public health and related fields.

6. Grant Benefits

- **Funding:** Financial support for public health projects, with grant amounts varying based on membership level.
- **Recognition:** Grant recipients will be featured on the BCPH website and in the BCPH newsletter.
- **Publication:** Results from the research will be published free-of-charge in The Boston Congress of Public Health Review

7. Timeline

- **Application Period:**
 - Opens: October 1, 2024
 - Closes: December 31, 2024
- **Judging Period:** January 5 - January 20, 2025
- **Award Announcement:** February 1, 2025

8. Terms and Conditions

- **Legal Requirements:**
 - Agreement to terms and conditions
 - Consent to publish project outcomes on BCPH platforms
- **Disqualification Rules:**
 - Incomplete applications
 - Non-compliance with submission guidelines
 - Members who have not met the 6-month membership requirement