

Request for Proposals

IBX Foundation Institute for Health Equity

Health Equity Learning Collaborative Demonstration Grants

To improve health outcomes for historically underserved communities by addressing gaps in medical school training to better meet the diversity of patients' physical, social, cultural, and linguistic needs.

Background

The Independence Blue Cross Foundation (the Foundation) is the private foundation of Independence Blue Cross with a mission to lead sustainable solutions that improve the health and well-being of the community. The Foundation expands upon the 85-year commitment of Independence Blue Cross to improve the health and well-being of our neighbors in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Foundation awards grants to community-based organizations that focus on access to care, the health care workforce, and national health issues.

The Foundation's Institute for Health Equity (the Institute) was announced in 2022 to address policies and practices that have hindered communities from achieving optimal health.

Addressing health equity demands building a workforce that is more reflective of and sensitive to the diversity of the population. To meet this aim, the Institute is seeking to develop and support programs to more effectively care for diverse patient communities, addressing the gaps in medical school training that impact patients facing the greatest barriers to care.

Purpose & Availability

This funding program is designed to support community-based projects that improve health outcomes for vulnerable or historically underserved patient cohorts by working in partnership with health educators – engaging clinicians and students directly through training and/or community field placement and addressing gaps in curriculum, professional accreditation, and licensure.

One-year grants will be provided to support developing programs or existing programs in expansion or evaluation.

Eligibility

Organizations must meet the Foundation's General Eligibility Requirements.

- Must hold promise for scalable solutions toward system-level change in health education through addressing the gaps in training that impact patients facing the greatest barriers to care
- Must meet the Foundation's [general eligibility guidelines](#).
- Must use funds in accordance with the Foundation's [general eligibility guidelines](#).

How to Apply

Letters of Intent from eligible organizations submitted by March 15, 2024 will be considered for invitation to submit a full application.

Letters of Intent, presented on organization letterhead, should be no longer than 2 page(s) and include:

- Project title
- The name, e-mail, and phone for lead contact on the project.
- A description of your organization.
- A description of the proposed project, activities, and objectives, accounting for how this work aligns with the Institute's goals to improve health outcomes through enhancement of medical school training.
- The amount of funds to be requested, any funding already secured as well as how you plan to support the project in the future.

Letters of intent must be submitted through the grants management system via this [link](#). Organizations that submit an LOI will receive notification of the Foundation's decision no earlier than June 3, 2024.

Applications from eligible organizations who are invited to apply must be submitted by the deadline of July 5, 2024 to be considered.

The full application will gather information on current efforts, current partners and institutional support, program goals, outcomes measures and program metrics as well as plans to disseminate findings and grow and sustain the program.

Organizations will also be required to submit supporting documentation including:

- Tax exemption letter
- IRS Form 990
- IRS Form W9
- Most recent audited financial statement
- Operating budget
- Full project budget
- List of Board of Directors
- ACH form

The completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted through the grants management system using the application link.

Questions & Technical Support

Questions can be directed via e-mail to ibxfoundationgrants@ibx.com.

All communications related to this request will be sent via email to the Project Contact at the email provided herein.