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Grant Funding Available for Healthy Food Projects
Applications for healthy food access projects due Nov. 15

YPSILANTI, Mich., Oct. 17, 2019 –Washtenaw County Health Department is seeking proposals for projects that improve access to, and consumption of, healthy foods. Ideal projects will create lasting change and support health equity by engaging residents and investing resources where most needed in Washtenaw County.

“We know health is shaped by where people live and the choices they have,” says Tedi Milgrom, MPH, health educator with Washtenaw County Health Department. “We’re thrilled to support community projects that can create new and lasting opportunities for community members to eat healthy.”

Eligible applicants include any local government department, agency, or other instrumentality of a local government, as well as public school districts, Indian Tribal organizations, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, and community groups (e.g. neighborhood or health coalitions). Project site(s) must be in Washtenaw County. Activities in the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township will be prioritized for funding. Washtenaw County Health Department anticipates awarding a total of \$30,000, with project awards ranging from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$30,000. Applications are due Nov. 15.

For further information, including the Request for Proposals and application requirements, visit washtenaw.org/bhc.

Last year, Washtenaw County Health Department worked with more than 9 local partners on launching a food pantry at Brick Elementary School, promoting local foods and farmers markets, offering healthier choices at food pantries, providing a weekly farm share to food insecure families, and more.

Building Healthy Communities

This funding is through Washtenaw County Health Department’s [Building Healthy Communities program](#). Building Healthy Communities creates policy, system, and environment changes that support physical activity and healthy eating. The program is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and aims to reduce cardiovascular disease, obesity, and other chronic conditions. Washtenaw County Health Department works with partners and residents to implement local projects where they are most needed and can be most effective.

Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

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