

Health in Action builds neighborhood capacity to define and respond to community health needs in East Harlem. Each year, the East Harlem Neighborhood Health Action Center offer funding for community-based organizations through The Fund for Public Health in New York City. Funding proposals are reviewed and selected by a panel of trained East Harlem residents. Outside of funding periods, the East Harlem Neighborhood Health Action Center offers free capacity building workshops for residents and organizations that focus on topics like grant writing, program evaluation, and working with elected officials. To learn more about Health in Action and join our mailing list, contact [email].

1. My organization is not located in East Harlem, but some or all of our work occurs in East Harlem. Are we eligible to apply?

Applying organizations and fiscal sponsors do not have to be located in East Harlem to receive funding. Health in Action funding can only be used to support work that occurs in East Harlem, defined as Community District 11 for the case of these awards. If your organization works across neighborhoods, Health in Action funds cannot be used to support projects outside of East Harlem.

The Health in Action Panel will give preference to organizations located in East Harlem. Strong applications from organizations based outside of the East Harlem will clearly demonstrate an understanding of and connection to the neighborhood, and show a history work in East Harlem.

2. Do schools count as public spaces?

Any space that is accessible and open to the public free of charge is considered a public space for the purpose of these awards. Examples of public spaces include public school buildings, public gardens, parks, city streets and sidewalks, public spaces in residential buildings, playgrounds, and waterways.

3. Can these funds be used to repair my school pool?

Health in Action funds can be used to improve any public space in East Harlem that is free and open to East Harlem community members- including people who live, work, and/or go to school in East Harlem.

Strong applications for built environment improvement projects, such as improving a public pool, will demonstrate that the applying organization has the necessary permits, contacts, and community support to make public space improvements. Budgets for built environment projects should indicate the full project budget and any additional funding sources. Strong applications that include capital improvements will clearly explain how capital improvements will be implemented, and how they will directly engage and benefit the community. Project funds can also be used to cover physical activity programming like swim lessons and fitness classes for East Harlem community members.

4. I work for an organization that works with youth and responds to gun violence in communities. How can we get involved in Health in Action?

The 2019 Health in Action funding is specifically for projects that improve the built environment and/or promote physical activity. The built environment and physical activity are defined broadly for the purpose of these awards, and the East Harlem Neighborhood Health Action Center is interested in projects that cut across issue areas.

The Health in Action Community Panel, who will review all project proposals, will be looking for innovative and collaborative project proposals. Organizations that do not typically work in community health are encouraged to apply for funding, and to partner with health-related organizations to propose collaborative projects.

5. What are the qualifications to apply for 2019 Health in Action funding?

Applicants must work in East Harlem (Manhattan Community District 11) AND be a 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt organization to receive funding for this grant. Community organizations or groups located in East

Harlem that are not registered nonprofits can apply using a fiscal sponsor 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt organization. Organizations that use a fiscal sponsor must provide documentation of this relationship with their proposal.

For more details on eligibility and funding requirements, please see the full RFP available at [website]

6. I would like to put together a proposal for a Kayak & Canoe Dock in East Harlem to promote physical activity. Do you know of anyone else working on this in East Harlem? Please let me know what you think!

All proposals for new programming and/ or infrastructure to promote physical activity in East Harlem should clearly articulate the need for the proposed project in East Harlem and support among East Harlem residents and/or organizational partners for the proposed project. One way to demonstrate support would be to apply for funding in collaboration with at least one other organization. Collaborative projects should include a letter of support from partner organizations. Examples of organizations promoting physical activity and built environment improvements along East Harlem's waterfront include Randall's Island Park Alliance and Friends of the East River Esplanade. All capital/infrastructure projects must include the necessary permits, contacts, and community support to make public space improvements. Budgets for built environment projects should indicate the full project budget and any additional funding sources. Strong applications that include capital improvements will clearly explain how capital improvements will be implemented, and how they will directly engage and benefit the community. Project funds can also be used to cover physical activity programming for East Harlem community members.

7. We would like to apply for a significantly smaller amount – is our small project something you would fund, or if you are only looking at larger organizations and projects?

All proposals must apply for the full funding amount (\$10,000) and funding period (1 year). Proposals for less than \$10,000 will not be considered.

8. Can you provide detail as to what type of information exactly will be sought from grantees for evaluation activities?

The Harlem Neighborhood Health Action Centers will work with awardees to build a monitoring and documentation plan that aligns with the proposed work of the grantee. This may include regular updates in the form of a phone call or meeting at the grant site. At least one update will be an in-person site visit to the grantee. Updates will provide opportunities to highlight project successes and troubleshoot any challenges.