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Visualizing Healthy Lives

Data Visualization for Better Life Outcomes

Visualizing Healthy Lives is a \$1 million grant initiative that will select 3-5 projects committed to narrowing the gaps in life expectancy by effectively and powerfully visualizing USALEEP data for a wider audience.

Applicant Eligibility Checklist

What types of projects are eligible?

Visualizing Healthy Lives encourages applicants to submit cross-sector and interdisciplinary ideas. This funding opportunity seeks to support collaborations that create innovative data visualizations, leveraging USALEEP data to explore how communities can address disparities in health.

Visualizing Healthy Lives seeks to fund projects that can be conducted expeditiously using valid and appropriate research designs and analytic strategies. The project approach and methods used may be drawn from outside those commonly used in health. New sources of data can also be proposed and mined (e.g. health and social service records, other public records, social media data, or marketing data) to be used in partnership with USALEEP data. Given that restricted data can be often hard to access, applicants using data already available to them or public data will be given preference.

What kinds of applicants should apply?

Visualizing Healthy Lives welcomes submissions from all eligible applicants, especially those with:

- Interdisciplinary or cross-sector teams,
- Expertise/experience across a variety of areas and disciplines, including but not limited to those not traditionally considered health-related such as education, transportation, criminal justice, housing, urban planning, and other sectors
- Experience creating and maintaining data visualizations (either exploratory or explanatory)

Applicants submitting proposals for Visualizing Healthy Lives must:

- Be led by one of the following organizations:
 - Nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as “not a private foundation” under Section 509(a).
 - Universities are ineligible to apply as lead applicants **but can serve as a partner to other eligible applicants.**
 - Organizations may also submit applications through a sponsoring organization if the sponsor has 501(c)(3) status, is not a private foundation under 509(a), and provides written confirmation of its willingness to act as the fiscal sponsor.
 - Public entities (such as government agencies or departments)
- Be based in the United States or its territories
- Not apply to Powering Healthy Lives
- Not be an individual, for-profit organization, or private foundation
- Not serve communities in Maine and Wisconsin (areas where USALEEP data is unavailable)
- Not include staff at the Urban Institute in any capacity (as lead applicants or in partnership with other eligible applicants)
- Apply for funding for a period of up to six months
- Have access to an internal or contracted Institutional Review Board (IRB) if proposed project includes research that involves human subjects (Costs related to this requirement may be incorporated into proposed budget.)

Applicants selected to receive a grant award for Visualizing Healthy Lives must:

- Use non-proprietary, open-source software in the development of the proposed data visualization
- Make all code used to develop the proposed data visualization publicly available as a part of this contract
- Host the proposed data visualization for three years post launching the visualization

Deadline: Call for Ideas are **due on or before Friday, November 16th by 3PM EST**. For a detailed timeline of the application process, please visit usaleep.urban.org.

If you have additional questions about the eligibility of your application, please feel free to email us at: USALEEP@urban.org