



# ILLINOIS PROSTATE SCREENING & AWARENESS

## REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PARTNER APPLICATIONS

### BACKGROUND

The *Illinois Prostate Screening and Awareness* (IL-PSA) program is a statewide initiative to effectively deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate prostate cancer education through local health departments, federally qualified health clinics, and community-based organizations that serve age-appropriate men within African American and Hispanic/Latino communities. The selected community partners will provide prostate cancer education, awareness, and linkage-to-care opportunities for African American and Hispanic/Latino communities. These targeted educational programs around prostate cancer will be followed by referrals to community screenings, navigation to primary care, and collaborative programming with federally qualified health centers, clinics, and hospitals. Selected partners will demonstrate a history of serving African American and Hispanic/Latino at-risk male groups within urban, suburban, and/or rural counties with reported high incidence rates of prostate cancer.

### PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

With generous support from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Asian Health Coalition will select 3-4 community partners to activate the IL-PSA program. Each partner will receive up to \$25,000, along with ongoing technical assistance, capacity building, and programmatic support, to provide education and awareness campaigns, collect completed knowledge assessments, and provide healthcare navigation to community members within their catchment area.

### COMMITMENT BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Working alone, or within a neighborhood collaborative, selected partners will commit to the following activities from November 19, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

- Participate in monthly group or individual calls with staff from Asian Health Coalition on health education, patient navigation, and strategies for connecting individuals to healthcare providers;
- Provide feedback on Asian Health Coalition resources by reviewing language, cultural appropriateness, and content of educational materials, resources, and handouts for community participants such as PowerPoint presentations, pre/post surveys, and posters;
- Using educational resources, lead culturally and linguistically competent health education sessions for individuals that raise awareness and improve knowledge about viral hepatitis, and increase motivation to access preventive care;
- Refer individuals for prostate cancer screenings to local healthcare providers;

- Participate in process and outcome evaluation by collecting completed intake forms, surveys, and other items, such as our demographic form, pre/post surveys and healthcare connect forms; and
- Complete all reporting requirements, such as monthly reports, call logs, and other paperwork, requested by Asian Health Coalition or Illinois Department of Public Health

## OUR COMMITMENT

The Asian Health Coalition will work to expand the capacity of the selected partner organizations to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education, navigation, and patient linkage to prostate cancer interventions. AHC will provide trainings to partner organizations and connect them to healthcare providers, frontline clinic staff, and others to facilitate community-clinic connections. Between November 19, 2021 through June 30, 2022, we will provide technical assistance, expertise, and programmatic support, including:

- Trainings on health education, patient navigation, and strategies for connecting individuals to relevant healthcare providers;
- In language, culturally tailored educational materials, resources, and handouts for community participants such as PowerPoint presentations, pre/post surveys, and posters;
- Ongoing technical assistance, expertise, and programmatic support by Asian Health Coalition staff to assist with implementing prostate cancer education, patient navigation, and outcome evaluation.

## TIMELINE

Date	Event
November 11, 2021, 5pm CST	Deadline to submit <i>IL-PSA</i> program partner online application
November 19, 2021	Notification of community partner selections
December 2, 2021	<i>IL-PSA</i> program launch meeting with selected community partners.
December 31, 2021 – June 30, 2022 <i>[Last Business Day of Month]</i>	Submission of monthly reports detailing outreach, education, and navigation activities
Mid-March 2022	<i>IL-PSA</i> program mid-year meeting
Mid-June 2022	<i>IL-PSA</i> program year-end meeting

## ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA

This opportunity is limited to Illinois-based non-profit 501c3 organizations, local health departments, or clinic-community collaborations that are reaching African American and/or Hispanic/Latino men. Asian Health Coalition will make the final determination of funding for all community partners based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with all application guidelines
- Strong alignment with our grant goals and community priorities
- Experience with community health education that meets the cultural and linguistic needs of your communities
- Experience with referring community members to local healthcare providers
- Capacity to fulfill all grant requirements including participation at coalition meetings, monthly reports, and evaluation requirements

**Please note that submission does not guarantee funding.**

## TO APPLY

Submit your application online at:

<https://redcap.link/IL-PSA>

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