



Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative June 2023 newsletter! This month, we are featuring resources that highlight equitable funding practices and financial sustainability for non-profit organizations.

Don't forget to [REGISTER](#) for our first keynote speaker of the year! Dr. Nimali Fernando, pediatrician and founder of [The Dr. Yum Project](#), will be giving a (virtual) Keynote presentation followed by a moderated Q&A on **Thursday, June 22, 12pm-1pm ET!** We encourage you to share the [attached flyer](#) and spread the word to your networks, colleagues and community members!

The Council on Black Health presents a free, virtual webinar about community-academic partnerships, featuring Catalyzing Communities on **Thursday, June 22 at 1pm ET!** The webinar is titled: Walking the Talk: Reflections on Community Engaged Research in Practice. To register, [click here!](#)

We've included several events, toolkits, and funding opportunities that may be of interest. We hope these will be helpful to you and your community partners.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to others in your community who might be interested.

Thank you for your partnership!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

Resources and articles of interest

- READ: [NIH-funded study highlights the financial toll of health disparities in the United States](#). This study is the first to estimate the total economic burden of health disparities for five racial and ethnic minority groups nationally and for all 50 states and the District of Columbia using a health equity approach. Read the key findings [HERE](#).

- EXPLORE: [The Building Movement Project](#) has been advancing the potential for nonprofit organizations to have an impact in building movements for progressive social change. Explore their tools and trainings [HERE](#).
- READ: Echoing Green and Bridgespan recently teamed up to research the depth of racial inequities in philanthropic funding. [Racial Equity and Philanthropy: Disparities in Funding for Leaders of Color Leave Impact on the Table](#) outlines their findings.
- READ: [Financial Sustainability for Nonprofit Organizations Research Report](#) by the RAND Corporation is designed to inform financial sustainability in nonprofit organizations, identify major challenges of financial sustainability that are common among nonprofits, and discuss the implications for nonprofits that serve higher-need communities.
- WATCH: [The Tools to Help Community Based Organizations Access Federal Resources Webinar](#) focuses on best practices for CBO's to influence and access federal resources, including both how to position your organization to receive federal or other government funds, and also how your organization can work with states, local governments, and other recipients of federal funds to ensure these dollars support community-led projects and needs.
- READ: [The Financial Health of Community Based Development Organizations Technical Report](#) by the Urban Institute describes the process of creating the universe of community-based development organizations (CBDOs) used for the financial health study and a planned national survey.
- READ: SPARCC (The Strong, Prosperous, And Resilient Communities Challenge) is a multi-year initiative investing in and amplifying local efforts to ensure that new investments reduce racial disparities, build a culture of health, and prepare for a changing climate. In this report, they assert that [Inclusive Investment Starts with Equitable Community Engagement](#).

Tools and Guides

- [Supporting healthy communities: How rethinking the funding approach can break down silos and promote Building and Funding Healthy Communities | Deloitte Insights health and health equity](#) introduces and explains the Healthy Communities Funding Hub model— a way to bridge a gap in many communities where there is no existing infrastructure for sustainably funding multi-sector efforts to improve health.
- [Effective Strategies for Organizations of Color in Philanthropy](#) by the Building Bridges Initiative offers strategies that White leaders of nonprofit organizations, and White funders and philanthropists can employ to remediate these inequities.

- [Measuring Health Outcomes: Success Measures Evaluation Tools for Community Development and Health](#) developed by Success Measures at NeighborWorks America, offers more than 65 data collection tools to help community development professionals understand the effect housing practices have on resident and community health. These tools assess areas such as an individual's health status, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors; personal and community factors; and access to services.

Events

- [FSG](#), global nonprofit consulting firm that works to create equitable systems change, is hosting a webinar on **Monday June 5 2-3:30 PM ET**, where panelists from both funders and place-based collaboratives will share how they are approaching this historic federal funding and ensuring that community voices are centered in planning efforts. Register [HERE](#).
- The NIH will host the Obesity Research Task Force Seminar Series (virtual) presentation: **Advances in Childhood Obesity Research by The Echo Program on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 1:00 - 3:30 pm ET**. Register [HERE](#).
- The Learning Collaborative presents a (virtual) keynote presentation by Dr. Nimali Fernando, pediatrician and founder of [The Dr. Yum Project](#) on **Thursday, June 22nd 12pm- 1pm ET**. If you want to register in advance, click [HERE](#)!
- Additionally, The Council on Black Health presents a free, virtual webinar about community-academic partnerships, featuring Catalyzing Communities on **Thursday, June 22 at 1pm ET!** The webinar is titled: **Walking the Talk: Reflections on Community Engaged Research in Practice**. To register, [click here](#).
- The National Academies' [Roundtable on Obesity Solutions](#) is hosting a two-part workshop series titled, "[Exploring the Science on Measures of Body Composition, Body Fat Distribution, and Obesity](#)." This workshop on **June 26, 10am - 3pm ET** will focus on strategies for improving communication about body composition, body mass index (BMI), adiposity, and health across diverse groups and sectors. Register [HERE](#).
- The Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab (FSN-IL), in collaboration with [Thriving Solutions](#), will present "[Introduction to Food Loss and Waste](#)" on

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 from 7:30-8:45 AM ET. This webinar will discuss food loss and waste basics while touching upon different drivers and causes that lead to food loss and waste along the value chain. Register [HERE](#).

Funding sources/opportunities

- AmeriCorps VISTA is a program that provides resources and staffing for organizations and agencies working to alleviate poverty and address poverty-related problems in local communities. Through this opportunity, AmeriCorps seeks concept papers for the [AmeriCorps VISTA program](#) from outcome-driven organizations that share the AmeriCorps VISTA mission. **Application deadline:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023. **Apply [HERE](#).**
- Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announces an opportunity to apply for funding under [HRSA-23-112: Maternal Health Research Collaborative for Minority-Serving Institutions \(MH-RC-MSI\) Research Centers \(RCs\) and HRSA-23-113: MH-RC-MSI Coordinating Center \(CC\)](#). The purpose of the Maternal Health Research Collaborative for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) is to establish a multi-institutional research network that is comprised of and supports minority-serving institutions (MSIs) to build their capacity to conduct research addressing disparities in maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health outcomes and to find community-based solutions to address these disparities and advance health equity. **Application deadline:** June 12, 2023. **Apply [HERE](#).**
- The CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) announces the availability of [funds to state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions that are ready to take ACTION](#) (Addressing Conditions To improve population health) in communities to implement policy, systems, and environmental change (PSE) interventions that address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) to reduce chronic disease related disparities, risk factors, and inequities. **Application deadline:** June 30, 2023 11:59 pm ET. **Apply [HERE](#).**
- The NIH announces an opportunity for funding via [Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health and Reduce Health Disparities \(R01 - Clinical Trial Optional\)](#). The purpose of this initiative is to support research to develop and test community-level interventions to improve minority health and reduce health disparities. **Application deadline:** Jul 7, 2023 5:00 pm local time. **Apply [HERE](#).**
- The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is seeking applications for projects funded under the [Healthy Families Community-Based Perinatal Health Initiative \(COPHI\)](#) to develop innovative models for integrating community-based maternal support services (COMSS) into perinatal systems of care. OMH will award up to \$10,000,000 to support up to 10 awards, ranging from \$975,000 to \$1,250,000 annually for a project period of up to four years with the possibility of an optional

competitive fifth year for transition to sustainability. **Application Deadline:** July 18, 2023 6:00 pm ET. **Apply [HERE](#).**

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