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Detroit URC Small Planning Grant Program

What is the Small Planning Grant Program?

The Detroit URC Small Planning Grant Program facilitates new community-academic research partnerships and new collaborative research efforts aimed at promoting health in Detroit. The program has funded 23 projects since 2010 averaging \$4,000 per award; a total of \$92,000 has been allocated overall.

The Small Planning Grant Program invites proposals that, for example:

- Build equitable relationships between partners
- Explore shared research interests and identify capacity building needs
- Develop partnership infrastructure and collaborative operating procedures
- Conduct community assessment(s) to inform new collaborative research efforts
- Analyze existing data to help inform future collaborative research
- Disseminate and translate research findings
- Evaluate the partnership process

EVALUATION METHODS

During Program:

- Midterm progress reports
- Final progress reports
- Grantee meeting questionnaire

Program Outcomes:

- Questionnaires sent in 2014 and 2018
- Open- and closed-ended questions
- At least one partner from every partnership responded

KEY FINDINGS

Program Outcomes...

- **100% of participants continued their partnerships**
- **79% of partnerships disseminated findings** at conferences, meetings, community forums, and on social media
- **74% of recipients received additional grant funding** totaling \$3,500,000

"What this grant really facilitated was the development of the partnership, specifically the relationship building. It helped us set the groundwork where we were then able to do a first research study that was funded through other sources."

"We believe that the URC funded work played a significant role in our success! Thank you for your critical support."

– Small Planning Grant Recipients



POPULATIONS INVOLVED INCLUDE:

- Youth
- Chronically homeless
- Native Americans
- Hispanic youth
- Elderly
- Formerly incarcerated
- African American mothers
- Latino adults
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities



TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:

- Violence
- Cancer
- Climate change
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Housing
- Health care
- Chronic disease management
- Recovery and reentry
- Breastfeeding
- Hypertension

BY THE NUMBERS

Since 2010, the Small Planning Grant Program has involved....

45 Participants
19 Teams
26 Community partners
19 Academic partners

Small Planning Grant recipients surveyed since 2015 agree that the Detroit URC assisted them in...

building relationships between partners **100%**
submitting proposals for funding **96%**
planning for future research collaborations **93%**
exploring shared research interests **93%**

SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING ACQUIRED BY SMALL PLANNING GRANT RECIPIENTS

\$3.5 million in additional funding acquired by Small Planning Grant Program participants. Funding sources include:

- University:** University of Michigan: Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research, Edward Ginsberg Center, Michigan Lifestage Environmental Exposures and Disease Center; Oakland University Prevention Research Center
- Foundation:** National Research Coalition, Ford Foundation, Pfizer Foundation, Novartis Foundation, Janssen Foundation
- Federal:** National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases



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